

# Climate Change | Social Change

*A conference to strengthen radical social action to stop climate change*

April 11-13, 2008, Sydney, Australia

Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo St, Redfern, day sessions Friday April 11  
Sydney Girls High School, Anzac Pde, Surry Hills, Friday night, April 11 – Sunday April 13

## AGENDA

### Friday April 11 Redfern Community Centre

10–10.30am Registration

10.30–12 noon **Major workshop: Indigenous communities, climate change and the struggle for country**

**Sam Watson**, Biri Gubba, Munnejarl man from the Brisbane Murri community; activist since high school

**Pat Eatock**, Kairie community elder, Aboriginal Rights Coalition, Sydney, secretary National Aboriginal Alliance

12noon – 1pm Lunch

1– 2.30pm **Major workshop Nuclear is still not the answer**

**Jim Green**, Friends of the Earth anti-nuclear campaigner

**Wenny Theresia**, Australian Student Environment Network

**Genevieve Kelly**, anti-Lucas Heights reactor campaigner, lecturer University of Western Sydney

2.45–4.15pm **Concurrent workshops**

**Chiapas media project**, Alexandra Halkin

**Elite co-option of the environment movement**, Mike Barker – doctoral candidate, Australian School of Environmental Studies, Griffith University

**Camp for Climate Action**, Wenny Theresia

### Sydney Girls High School

6 for 6.30pm: **Public meeting: Climate change and its social roots**

**John Bellamy Foster**, editor of *Monthly Review*; author of *Marx's Ecology: Materialism and Nature*

**Patrick Bond**, University of KwaZulu-Natal; editor of *Climate Change, Carbon Trading and Civil Society*

**David Spratt**, Carbon Equity, co-author *Climate Code Red*

**James Goodman**, social researcher, University of Technology in Sydney

### Saturday April 12 Sydney Girls High School

8.30–9.15am Registration

9.15am **Welcome to country & conference opening**

**9.30–11am Plenary Climate change solutions: what role for the market?**

**Patrick Bond**

**Sylvia Hale**, Greens NSW MLC

**Stuart Rosewarne**, co-editor *Journal of Australian Political Economy* and *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*

**Renfrey Clarke**, *Green Left Weekly*

**11.15am – 12.45 pm Major workshop**

**The Cuban experience: the challenge of fossil fuels and climate change** **Roberto**

**Perez**, Cuban biologist and permaculturalist, Antonio Núñez Jimenez Foundation for Nature and Humanity, Cuban NGO

**Concurrent workshops**

**Equity in energy consumption: Getting the prices right for people and the environment**, Patrick Bond

**Critical anthropology of global warming**, Hans Baer – Anthropology lecturer, Melbourne University

**On the precipice: why climate is an emergency**, David Spratt

**Protecting jobs and the environment**, Tim Gooden – Secretary Geelong Trades and Labour Council; Ben Courtice – AMWU Victorian branch environment activist; Cam Walker – Friends of the Earth Melbourne; Steve Phillips – Rising Tide; Chris Cain – Maritime Union of Australia (tbc)

**12.45–1.45 pm Lunch**

**1.45–3.15 pm Plenary Ecology, capitalism and socialism**

**John Bellamy Foster**

**3.30 – 5pm Major workshop Power privatization and the environment**

**Matt Thistlethwaite**, Unions NSW deputy assistant secretary

**John Kaye**, Greens NSW MLC

**Dick Nichols**, author *Environment, Capitalism, Socialism*, Socialist Alliance national coordinator

**Concurrent workshops**

**Marxism and the environment**, John Bellamy Foster

**Are liveable cities just a dream?** Dave Holmes, *Green Left Weekly* and managing editor Resistance Books; Peter Droege – professor, Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, University of Newcastle, author, *Urban Energy Transition: from fossil fuels to renewable power*

**Climate change and the global South – beyond Third Worldism**, James Goodman, Ian MacGregor, University of Technology, Sydney

**Biomass, biofuels and meat production: shifting to sustainable, low emission agriculture**, Zane Alcorn and Trent Hawkins – Resistance; Katrina Byrne – Animal Liberation

**6pm Conference dinner**

**Roberto Perez: Cuba – from economic collapse to sustainability** **Roberto** is a

Cuban biologist and permaculturalist, Antonio Núñez Jimenez Foundation for Nature and Humanity, Cuban NGO

**Sunday April 13 Sydney Girls High School**

## 9–10.30 am **Plenary Transitions to sustainability**

**Mark Diesendorf**, Institute of Environmental Studies, University of NSW

**Adrian Whitehead**, Zero Emission Network

**Stephanie Long**, Friends of the Earth Australia's international climate justice spokesperson

**Roberto Perez**

## 10.45 am – 12.15pm **Major workshop Sustainable energy solutions**

**Mark Diesendorf**

### **Concurrent workshops**

**Why we must ration the future**, Damien Lawson

**Climate refugees, adaptation issues in the global south**, Stephanie Long

**Individual and collective solutions: getting the balance right**, Terry Townsend – Democratic Socialist Perspective and editor of *Links*; Lauren Carroll-Harris – Resistance

**Cutting emissions, ditching coal**, Graham Brown – former coal miner; Angela Nagle – Rising Tide

**Food security, eating oil and the future of agriculture: permaculture solutions**, Robyn Francis – international permaculture design and sustainability consultant, educator and facilitator

## 12.15–1.15 pm Lunch

## 1.15– 2.45pm **Major workshop: Radicalising the Australian climate change movement**

**Simon Cunich**, Resistance

**Vanessa Bowden**, Climate camp

**Mel Barnes**, Students Against the Pulp Mill

**Ben Courtice**, World Environment Day, Melbourne

### **Concurrent workshops**

**Adelaide ecosocialist network**, John Rice

**Securing water in a warmer Australia**, Renfrey Clark – *Green Left Weekly*

**Drought-resistant plants and fart-free pastures: can GM crops save us?** Adam Breasley – former researcher, Australian Gene Ethics Network; Frances Murrell – Mothers Against Genetic Engineering (MAdGE); Louise Sales – Greenpeace

**Energy revolution: Cuba and Venezuela**, Tim Anderson – political science lecturer, Sydney Uni, Marlene Obeid – solidarity activist

## 3 – 4.45 pm **Plenary & resolutions Strategies for winning**

**Dick Nichols**

**John Rice**, Adelaide Ecosocialist Network

**Patrick Bond**

## 4.45 – 5pm **Conference close**