

CHAT from June 8, 2023 ONE WILPF Call – Featuring Vijay Prashad.

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 6:05 PM

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ROLL CALL, invitation to add name and location.

peggy dobbins to Everyone 6:06 PM

Peggy Dobbins, Atlanta

Julie Leak to Everyone 6:06 PM

Julie Leak, Raleigh, NC

Lucille Eckrich (*with Alliance for Just Money*) to Everyone 6:06 PM

Lucille Eckrich, Bloomington IL

Randa Solick to Everyone 6:06 PM

Randa Solick. Santa Cruz

mike caggiano to Everyone 6:06 PM

Mike Caggiano san mateo ca.

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:06 PM

He/him

Mario Galvan to Everyone 6:06 PM

Greetings to all from Sacramento, CA!

Rowan Fairgrove to Everyone 6:06 PM

Hi I'm Rowan (*she/her*). I'm on unceded Tamien land in San Jose, CA.

cheryl VanDeVeer to Everyone 6:06 PM

Cheryl VanDeVeer Santa Cruz, CA

Janet Slagter to Everyone 6:06 PM

Jan Slagter Fresno CA

Harriet Heywood to Everyone 6:06 PM

Harriet Heywood, Homosassa Florida, she, her

Betty Traynor-San Francisco to Everyone 6:06 PM

Betty Traynor, San Francisco, CA

Judith Hand to Everyone 6:06 PM

Judith Hand, San Diego, CA

Barbara Blong to Everyone 6:08 PM
Barbara Blong, San Francisco, CA

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 6:09 PM

AGENDA

Welcome & Instructions Ashley & Marybeth

FEATURED SPEAKER: Vijay Prashad

Mini Presentations: Middle East, DISARM, UN Practicum

ANNOUNCEMENTS - WILPF US, Cuba, W\$D,

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SOAPBOX

Vijay's Article we reference:

<https://popularresistance.org/world-bank-brics-bank-new-leaders-and-different-outlooks/>

Cherrill Spencer DISARM Cttee to Everyone 6:10 PM

Cherrill Spencer Palo Alto/Peninsula Branch and co-chair of DISARM/END WARS ISSUE Committee

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:11 PM

“Developing” is a fraudulent reference

Why again did former colonies go into debt? What initiated it?

Ellen Mass to Everyone 6:15 PM

VIJAY'S Tricontinental NEWS:

<https://thetricontinental.org/>

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 6:20 PM

One of our earlier ONE WILPF Calls (audio only) featured a wonderful African historian who presented a breathtaking summary of the similar kinds of resource theft that Vijay is describing as it happened in Africa. Check out the recording of Maurice Carney:

<https://wilpfus.org/documents/one-wilpf-calls/OWC-August18.mp3>

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:24 PM

Can US citizens invest their 401k's in BRICS bank?

Julie Leak to Everyone 6:26 PM

I did not see homeless people in Cuba.

Lucille Eckrich to Everyone 6:26 PM

Can you please explain in more detail how the BRICS Bank ends poverty and operates differently than the World Bank and IMF? In particular, what is the nature of money in and monetary exchange relations within and among and between the BRICS countries of Brazil, China, India, Russia and South Africa?

Virginia Pratt to Everyone 6:27 PM

What can we do to dial back the call to war with China by the US?

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:27 PM

There is no homelessness in Cuba. No kidding. It's not there.

Ellen Thomas to Everyone 6:28 PM

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You can type at the bottom of the checkpad if you have information you want to share.

John Engelbrecht to Everyone 6:29 PM

Appreciate the conversation.... sorry I have to split for another meeting. <3

Judith Hand to Everyone 6:29 PM

How do the efforts of the United Nations to end poverty fit into this picture?

mike caggiano to Everyone 6:29 PM

The book by John Perkins, Confessions of an economic hitman about financing infrastructure in order to create unpayable debt and increase indebtedness

Cherrill Spencer DISARM Cttee to Everyone 6:30 PM

Lucille- raise you hand to ask your question

Julie Leak to Everyone 6:32 PM

Book Launch, China's Revolution and the Quest for a Socialist Future at People's Forum in NYC July 1

Janis Richards to Everyone 6:33 PM

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has shown the courage to take on the neoliberal and neo conservative war mongering.

robin lloyd to Everyone 6:33 PM

Vijay: Greeting from Robin Lloyd. Remembering your appearance in Burlington vt several years ago, sponsored by Toward Freedom. Wonderful to hear your trenchant analysis again. Does Africa have a chance to escape the pressure of the US and Africom to install neocolonialism?

Rowan Fairgrove to Everyone 6:34 PM

I'm listening to the book Fevers, Feuds, and Diamonds by Paul Farmer which starts out talking about health deserts and racist Ebola responses and moves into colonial African history and has a lot of interesting info on the topic of loans and monetary policy toward Africa.

Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 6:34 PM

What US & corporations are doing to Cuba is VERY OBSCENE..

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:35 PM

I recall then President Bill Clinton made an announcement in a speech to forgive debt. Did he ever forgive debts anywhere?

Janis Richards to Everyone 6:35 PM

Is sovereign money a pathway to end poverty?

Harriet Heywood to Everyone 6:36 PM

All of our many free trade agreements are designed to fleece the global south. Do you see a way for these countries to escape the legal repercussions should a country decide to leave the IMF, WTO stranglehold?

Ellen Mass to Everyone 6:36 PM

Vijay, Do you see ANY worthy peace movement initiatives making a difference in US Policy. What useful opposition statements or activities gets through from peace initiatives to decision-makers both national and international.

Virginia Hammon to Everyone 6:36 PM

Janis, It depends on what you mean by sovereign money. Some use the term to refer to national money that is created by private commercial bankers when they make loans. IF you mean money that is created by government as an asset —Just Money, no one privileged, and no debt involved, then the answer is YES! **Check out the video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7QK7Yy9jwQ>

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:37 PM

Can you speak about national recourse through the courts?

Janis Richards to Everyone 6:38 PM

Public money ala the Greenback.

Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 6:41 PM

How is China helping the BRICS poverty situation?

Cindy Domingo to Everyone 6:41 PM

LOL, the great American philosopher, Marco Rubio!!

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 6:42 PM

Good question!

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 6:44 PM

We have many hands up, many questions in the chat. We will not be able to get to everyone....

Pamela Richard to Everyone 6:45 PM

What is the intersectionality between the banks and the weapons industry?

peggy dobbins to WILPF US Call Team (Direct Message) 6:48 PM

q for Vijay: do you think US \$ as reserve currency depends on US military spending and mil development and marketing of US private capital invested in military corporations. Employment of work force, including scientists and much univ. faculty.

Gloria mcmillan to WILPF US Call Team (Direct Message) 6:50 PM

Sorry I had to be late. I am learning a lot!

Julie Leak to Everyone 6:54 PM

Thanks for great presentation. Must leave but will listen to the recording.

Shilpa Pandey to Everyone 6:54 PM

Can you please elaborate why China is opposing India's permanent membership into UNSC when opposing factions of Russia and America is supporting India's campaign ? whereas both China and India are BRICS members and share a large border and worlds largest population.

Susan Cushman to You (Direct Message) 6:55 PM

Marybeth, Mike Caggiano had his hand up for a really long time - just wanted to let you know in case you missed him.

Patricia Wells to Everyone 6:55 PM

Thank you very much Vijay for this, and Mary Beth for inviting Sr. Prishad. Muchas Gracias!

Julie Leak to Everyone 6:55 PM

Great talk Mr. Prashad. See you at People's Forum soon.

Ashley Carrington | she/they to Everyone 6:56 PM

Last questions everyone!

Julie Kabukanyi to Everyone 6:57 PM

A must read book about the Uranium from the Congo that was used to manufacture the Atomic Bomb during world war 2: "**Spies In The Congo**" by Susan Williams

Virginia Hammon to Everyone 6:57 PM

The current global money system, in which the money supply is created as someone's debt, must value profit over people. It imposes a 'logic' of exploitation and degradation, making our efforts for peace and equity an uphill battle. Changing to a money that does not privilege any individuals or nations is a critical foundation for change. **Watch the video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7QK7Yy9jwQ>

Harriet Heywood to Everyone 6:58 PM

Thanks so much for this informative talk by Vijay Prashad. Very much appreciated.

robin lloyd to Everyone 7:00 PM

Julie: Susan Williams has come out with a new powerful book **White Malice** about the CIA intense determination to destroy the passion for independence in Africa...Im halfway thru, and its appalling...

Robin Sunbeam to Everyone 7:00 PM

I spent 14 months in the PRC about 35 years ago. My husband studied Traditional Chinese Medicine and I taught English to high school students and to exchange scholars who had done their PhD theses in English or Russian but couldn't speak or hear English. At the time, there was construction 24/7 building 6 floor walk-ups with modern plumbing and gas stoves. It was obvious that the Chinese government was working overtime to raise their population out of poverty. The most remarkable thing was the 99% literacy rate. An English economist told me you can predict the economic future of a nation by the literacy rate. Adult literacy is widespread in the USA especially among inmates in prison. When I returned to the USA from the PRC and realized that the PRC would economically overtake the USA, I asked my friends if they cared if they were spending Yuan rather than dollars. My friends were shocked at the concept. I tried to get a jointly authored study of Chinese public health called the "Home Bed. No publisher would take my article. The American Xenophobia universally demeaned the PRC.

Moon "Luna" Vázquez to Everyone 7:02 PM
Great discussion and lots of information Gracias Vijay !
Thanks Mary Beth great job!

Janet Slagter to Everyone 7:03 PM
Thanks to Vijay Prashad for spending this time with us!

Lucille Eckrich to Everyone 7:03 PM
Thank you, Vijay!

Gloria mcmillan to Everyone 7:04 PM
Thanks for a great talk!

Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 7:04 PM
EXCELLENT PRESENTATION

Ellen Thomas to Everyone 7:04 PM

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Robin Sunbeam to Everyone 7:06 PM
Now that the Capitalists have offshored manufacturing to nations with cheaper labor giving the PRC an economic boom. Now that the PRC is an economic powerhouse and the USA is lacking a significant manufacturing base, our government would rather threaten to destroy China's infrastructure with saber rattling and military investment rather than build up our domestic manufacturing base.

Joe Polito to Everyone 7:07 PM
Very informative. A great example of banking being predatory.
It would be interesting to know Vijays position on the Ukraine .
It would also be interesting to have an IMF rep here to answer this troubling info.

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:08 PM
Here is the Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act info that Tura Campanella Cook mentioned in her Middle East Committee report.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/31/2023-06749/2022-global-magnitsky-human-rights-accountability-act-annual-report#:~:text=Sanctions%20under%20the%20Global%20Magnitsky%20program%20aim%20to%20target%20systemic,incidental%20acts%20by%20individual%20targets> .

Gloria mcmillan to Everyone 7:10 PM
Robin Sunbeam is correct! We lack a robust manufacturing base, but alos are automating jobs out of existence as much as possible. So well spoken, Robin. Looks like she may be gone.

Tura Cook to Everyone 7:10 PM
Comment on the MEPJAC Enews and Peace and Freedom articles! Send to **MEPJAction @wilpfus.org**.
Thank you for all the work you do on issues that are important to you.

Gloria mcmillan to Everyone 7:16 PM

Hi! I am in a team of three writing the Media Advisory and Press Release for the Brussels Women for Peace in July

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:18 PM

We'll be sharing the CHAT and this TEXTPAD on our One WILPF Call webpage:

<https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

Will be posted within a week of this call.

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 7:18 PM

Can these links be made accessible outside of this format? I can't select them here.

Lucille Eckrich to Everyone 7:19 PM

Whew, that is a huge to-do list!! I thought I was already busy...! But all important things to do. Thanks.

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:19 PM

Paul... we will share the whole Textpad which has all the links at our ONE WILPF Webpage within a week of this zoom. Find it here: <https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 7:20 PM

I used to stand with a sign Health Care Not Warfare 35 years ago in Berkeley —Odile

Ellen Mass to Everyone 7:20 PM

Need to copy this page as live.

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:21 PM

Odile....Thank you for your activism all these years.

Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 7:22 PM

Code Pink is doing an international Peace conference about Ukraine with the International Peace Bureau on June 10-12 2023

robin lloyd to Everyone 7:22 PM

thank you , cherrill, for your excellent summary of all our Disarm activities...

Duncan Nichols to Everyone 7:23 PM

thanks for this excellent presentation, and your work.

Ellen Thomas to Everyone 7:23 PM

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Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 7:24 PM

Cherrill can you send you calendar to my email please Thanks

Cindy Domingo to Everyone 7:25 PM

Thank you Shilpa for relaunching this program. going to the CSW is an amazing experience.

Shilpa Pandey to Everyone 7:25 PM
Thanks Cindy!!

Cherrill Spencer DISARM Cttee to Everyone 7:26 PM

Lobby for the Norton bill in DC and online , look here:

July 12-13, 2023 in Washington, DC: Lobby Members of Congress to support the Norton Bill, H.R.2775, the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and [Climate] Conversion bill.

Please register now:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlZvltVxoMuzwxPwmSWNNRZTLQYSZksoajZgM3qJ7D7Z19Q/viewform>

Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 7:26 PM
My Friend Ken Parks just came back from Cuba

Shilpa Pandey to Everyone 7:27 PM

My email is emailtoshilpa@yahoo.com

Please reach out to me if you have more questions about these UN Practicum programs.. although we plan to promote these programs through enews and branches listserve as we get closer to August and September this year.. thanks all

Cindy Domingo to Everyone 7:28 PM

WILPF's Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee and US Women and Cuba Collaboration has also developed a statement about Trans Rights are Human Rights. Contact Cindy if you would like a copy. CindyDomingo@gmail.com

Leni Villagomez Reeves to Everyone 7:30 PM

<https://nnoc.org/offthelist-campaign/>

<https://nnoc.org>

National Network on Cuba

<https://nnoc.org/offthelist-campaign/>

Moon "Luna" Vázquez to Everyone 7:32 PM

The US Women and Cuba Collaboration's Lesbians and Allies Project will be hosting film Director, Peggy Gilpin on Sunday July 9th screening her film "Butterflies on the Scaffold" a LGBTQI@S+ film celebrating Gay Pride Month... More information to come. Thanks, Moon Luna Vazquez (member)

Cherrill Spencer DISARM Cttee to Everyone 7:32 PM

DISARM welcomes new members , we have many projects that need workers , write to DISARMCHAIR@WILPFUS.org

Marybeth Gardam to Everyone 7:34 PM

Women, Money & Democracy Committee webpage:

<https://wilpfus.org/our-work/women-money-democracy>

Contact us for more info at wmad@wilpfus.org

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 7:34 PM

Pls mention the Golden Rule sailboat that is spreading the Ban Nuke message to over 100 cities and town along their navigable route. They are coming to Boston One 17-21

Laura Dewey to Everyone 7:35 PM

Excellent meeting!

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:35 PM

Next One WILPF Call Oct 12th.

Virginia Hammon to Everyone 7:35 PM

The breadth and depth of WILPF activity is impressive! Thank you all!

Betty Traynor-San Francisco WILPF to Everyone 7:35 PM

See textpad for **PFAS event 6/27 at 6 pm via zoom**--Register at btraynor@att.net

Joe Polito to Everyone 7:35 PM

The Wilpf team worked to produce great event

Moon "Luna" Vázquez to Everyone 7:35 PM

Good meeting

Leni Villagomez Reeves to Everyone 7:36 PM

Wish I could hang out but this is the same day as the Fresno WILPF meeting and time is short. Wonderful speaker!

Lucille Eckrich to Everyone 7:36 PM

Impressive how much you fit into 90 min!

Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 7:37 PM

Can we get a recording?

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 7:37 PM

Thank you Margaret!!!

Hello Mario!

Regina Sneed to Everyone 7:38 PM

Trump indicted in classified doc case turns himself in Miami next Tuesday

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 7:40 PM

Can I ask a question re. Our talk to everyone here?

Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 7:49 PM

Welcome, Mario.

Lucille Eckrich to Everyone 7:49 PM

Corporations are more powerful than governments because the most powerful corporate sector of all is the one (namely banks) that creates what the rest of us (consent, by our inaction, to) use as money: privately-created interest-bearing credit that enters circulation when any of us, companies, or units of government agree to pay them the principal amount plus interest and fees over an agreed upon time. We, the people, need to take back the money power. Not easy, but necessary.

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:49 PM

Here is a prior recording about indigenous populations in Ukraine and constant war over resources there. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iF_yYWDPIk

Mario Galvan to Everyone 7:51 PM

If anyone cares to contact me, mario@zsc.org or 916 224-4400

WILPF US Call Team to Everyone 7:52 PM

And another past recording about US imperialism with indigenous people in the US. This is an old story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDDKeI3KcZs&t=2467s>

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 7:54 PM

Great points! Thanks Nancy!

Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 7:56 PM

Can you send us the recording

Janis Richards to Everyone 7:56 PM

Thank you, everyone, good night.

Gloria mcmillan to Everyone 7:56 PM

I guess I need to take off and make dinner...Bye everyone. Great session!

Paul Flansburg to Everyone 7:56 PM

Yikes, I gotta go. Night all!

Ellen Mass to Everyone 7:57 PM

Paul, I heard Vijay say that "Resources" and "Financing" are the future economic international focuses, not Trade agreements so much. But he did not promote that approach to development at all. Also, AMLO in Mexico is doing an amazing social justice and development job as the Mexican people have made it very very clear. His railroad is to bring prosperity to hundreds of thousands throughout the undeveloped lands.

Dee M. to Everyone 7:58 PM

Agreed with Joe that it's good to hear alternative perspectives. Any alternative perspective. It doesn't have to be theirs.

Odile Hugonot Haber to Everyone 8:01 PM

Do you know about Special Drawing Rights, if we speak to our representatives it can be given to poor nations from the IMF, it is not well known.

Ellen Schwartz and Darien De Lu to Everyone 8:07 PM

Hey this was a great program! including the afterchat. Thanks to Ashley and Marybeth for your hard work gotta go now. Ellen and Darien.

Dee M. to Everyone 8:08 PM

Great meeting! Thanks to Marybeth and Ashley and all who contributed!

Eileen Kurkoski to Everyone 8:09 PM

THANK YOU, MB, AND ALL WHO STAYED

Odile Hugonot Haber 8:09 PM

Thank you all