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# Latin America & Asia Pacific International Solidarity Forum

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**We call on all individuals,  
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committed to building a  
better world to join together  
at the Latin America and Asia  
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## Today, cracks are beginning to appear in the neo-liberal capitalist ruling system.

In the Asia-Pacific there is a growing crisis of legitimacy for neo-liberal governments and mass movements of resistance are on the rise. In Latin America a people's rebellion is growing across the continent. An echo of the massive independence struggles against colonialism and imperialism can again be heard.



Old ideas are being re-examined and new ways experimented with. Discussion and debate have been revived among whole communities -- on issues such as workers' control and management; indigenous autonomy and self-determination; building trade unions and social movements; electoral campaigning and counter-power strategies. These discussions have given birth to some of the most dynamic and successful social movements and political organisations in recent decades.

There is great diversity among these movements. Some are working to achieve power, while others, such as the Zapatistas, aim to completely re-define and recreate the notion of power. Some have formed links with political parties and are constantly adjusting how they relate to the government of the day.

Popular governments have won elections with the support of social movements, and in countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador we are seeing progressive and radical changes. The Venezuelan idea of socialism for the 21st century is giving renewed hope and energy to other liberation processes.

Many of these movements and political organisations are winning. They are strengthening people's participation, strengthening their communities, developing people's power and inspiring a new generation of political activists.

Another world can only be realised if people like you and me also commit to this emerging project of struggle against neoliberalism.

We hope that this Forum will be a contribution to popular global resistance and struggle against neoliberalism, war and injustice. We hope for a continued renewal of the solidarity movement around the world and for projects such as these to become more than isolated events.

**The Forum will include featured guests from: Aotearoa New Zealand, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Venezuela and West Papua.**

## The main aims of the conference are:

★ To facilitate the sharing of ideas and experiences and generate political discussions between Latin American, Asia-Pacific and Australian social movements, political organisations and individual activists, thereby helping to create spaces for global coordination and campaigning, as well as strengthening mutual ties.

★ To build support for and solidarity with grass-roots movements and political organisations fighting neoliberalism and resisting the plunder of natural resources by capitalist transnationals and governments.

## Major conference themes include:

- ★ The histories and experiences of struggles and movements of resistance
- ★ Campaigning and organising strategies
- ★ Anti-capitalist and revolutionary theory and practice
- ★ Emerging alternatives to neo-liberalism
- ★ Saving our planet from ecological collapse
- ★ Indigenous struggles and resistance
- ★ Cultural action and liberation
- ★ Organising international labour movement solidarity

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