



THE *Alison J. Des Forges* MEMORIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

AN INTERNATIONAL HYBRID SYMPOSIUM ON

Today's Socialisms and Human Rights

In the United States, the term “socialism” has been widely misunderstood and used to discredit even modest reforms. This symposium will explore achievements and missteps in implementing socialism in China, India, Scandinavia, and Latin America. It will weigh socialism’s value in addressing global challenges of climate change, economic inequality, and human rights abuses.

FREE EVENT

**THURSDAY
APRIL 7, 2022
9AM – 3:30PM**

**CAPEN HALL 10
NORTH CAMPUS
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO**

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SYMPOSIUM**

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9:00 IN-PERSON CHECK-IN

9:15 WELCOMING REMARKS**9:30-11:30 UNDERSTANDING SOCIALISM: ACHIEVEMENTS AND MISSTEPS****Socialism in China: Past and Future**

Ying Chen, Assistant Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

Experiments with Socialism in India: Comparing Kerala and West Bengal

Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Would Democratic Socialism Be Better?

Lane Kenworthy, Professor of Sociology and Yankelovich Chair in Social Thought, University of California San Diego

11:30-12:30 LUNCH

12:30-1:50 SOCIALISM AS A RESPONSE TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS**Eco-Socialism and the Green New Deal**

Robert Pollin, Distinguished Professor of Economics; Co-Director, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Why 21st Century Socialism will Focus on Democratizing Workplaces, not Government Economic Interventions

Richard Wolff, Visiting Professor, The New School; Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2:00-3:20 SOCIALISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS**Latin America's "Left Turns": Socialism, Democracy, and Social Citizenship Rights**

Kenneth Roberts, Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Government, Cornell University

Rethinking Economics for Social Justice: The Radical Potential of Human Rights

James Heintz, Andrew Glyn Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

3:20-3:30 CLOSING REMARKS & WRAP-UP DISCUSSION

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This symposium honors the life and work of human rights activist Alison Des Forges (1942-2009).

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