

# HOTSPOTS: Key Issues in Contemporary Globalization

## Conference at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

April 16, 2008 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Ballroom, Student Union Building II

By looking at both specific cases and broader policy and political contexts, this conference will address the following questions:

- What are the cultural consequences of neoliberal globalization?
- If, as the slogan goes, “another world is possible,” what are the most important issues and campaigns at this point in time?
- What strategies will simultaneously meet local needs AND promote structural change?
- What coalitions are necessary and possible to address current global concerns?
- How does the university contribute to neoliberal practices? How can it contribute to the development of alternatives to neoliberalism?

## PANELS and PARTICIPANTS

### Gendered Labor in the Global Economy (10:00 am - 11:30 am)

Radha Hegde (New York University): gender and global work environments

Heather Hindman (Northeastern): outsourcing and expatriates in the global economy

Patty Kelly (George Washington University): neoliberalism and sex workers in Mexico

### Sustaining the Environment, Consuming Ethically (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

Bama Athreya (International Labor Rights Forum): ethical consumerism

Martha Honey (Center on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development): setting standards for ecotourism

Steve Kretzmann (Oil Change International): oil, politics and the environment

Lunch (1:15 pm - 2:00 pm)

### Right Now!: Resisting and Creating Alternatives to Neoliberal Globalization (2:15 pm - 3:45 pm)

Charlie Cray (Center for Corporate Policy): monitoring multinational corporations

Jeff Vogt (AFL-CIO): safeguarding workers' interests nationally and internationally

Lori Wallach (Global Trade Watch): wrestling with the trade agreements

Reception (4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)