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## TEACH-IN

# *Confronting the Global Triple Crisis*

CLIMATE CHANGE ♦ PEAK OIL (*The End of Cheap Energy*)  
GLOBAL RESOURCE DEPLETION & EXTINCTION

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September 14-16, 2007

The George Washington University Lisner Auditorium  
730 21st Street, NW, Washington D.C.

*60 Speakers ♦ 25 Workshops*

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Richard Heinberg



Frances Moore Lappé



Bill McKibben



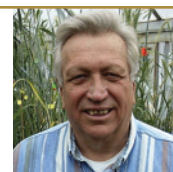
Vandana Shiva



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• \$8 for Friday, September 14 • \$10 for Saturday, September 15 • \$10 for Sunday, September 16

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# TEACH-IN SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS (Partial list—schedule subject to change. See [www.ifg.org](http://www.ifg.org)):

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14  
7-10PM

## DIMENSIONS OF THE GLOBAL TRIPLE CRISIS

**Vandana Shiva** (India) director, Navdanya; author, *Monocultures of the Mind* and *Earth Democracy*

**David Korten**, Positive Futures Network; author, *When Corporations Rule the World*, and *The Great Turning*

**Jerry Mander**, co-director, IFG; co-editor, *The Case Against the Global Economy* and *Alternatives to Globalization*

**Michael Klare**, author, *Resource Wars* and *Blood and Oil*

**Ann Leonard**, Funders Working Group for Sustainable Consumption and Production

**Simon Retallack** (UK), head of Climate Change Team, Institute for Public Policy Research

**Sheila Watt-Cloutier**, (*Inuk*), Inuit Circumpolar Conference

**Maude Barlow** (Canada), chair, Council of Canadians; co-author, *Blue Gold* and author, *Too Close for Comfort*

**Stuart Pimm** (UK), prof. of conservation ecology, Duke U.; author, *World According to Pimm: A Scientist Audits the Earth*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15  
10 AM-10PM

## 10am-11:30am FALSE SOLUTIONS (1)

BIOFUELS:

**David Pimentel**, prof. of ecology and ag sciences, Cornell U.; author, *Biological Invasions*

**Tad Patzek**, professor of geoen지니어ing, University of California, Berkeley

**Victoria Tauli-Corpuz** (*Igorot*, the Philippines), chairperson, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**Lúcia Ortiz** (Brazil), Friends of the Earth

**Debi Barker**, co-director, IFG; author, *The Rise and Predictable Fall of Globalized Industrial Agriculture*.

## 11:30am-1pm FALSE SOLUTIONS (2)

“CLEAN COAL”; TAR SANDS;

CAP AND TRADE:

**Mary Anne Hitt**, director, Appalachian Voices

**Jeff Goodell**, author, *Big Coal: The Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*

**Tony Clarke** (Canada), director, Polaris Institute and co-author, *Blue Gold: Corporate Theft of the World's Water*

**Jutta Kill** (UK), climate change coordinator, FERN (Forests and the European Union Resource Network)

## 1-4 pm VIEWS FROM THE SOUTH: DIRECT IMPACTS FROM TRIPLE CRISIS

**Meena Raman** (Malaysia), chair, Friends of the Earth International

**Sara Larrain** (Chile), director, Chile Sustentable

**Dale Wen** (China), visiting scholar, IFG

**Q'Orianka Kilcher** (*Quechua/Huachipaeri*), actress, indigenous activist, star of “The New World”

**Owens Wiwa** (Nigeria), director, African Environmental and Human Development Agency

**Atossa Soltani**, executive director, Amazon Watch

## 4-7pm TOWARD A GLOBAL GRAND BARGAIN

**John Cavanagh**, director, Institute for Policy Studies, co-editor, *Alternatives to Globalization: A Better World Is Possible*

**Jennifer Morgan** (Germany), Third Generation Environmentalism

**Walden Bello** (Thailand), director, Focus on the Global South; author, *Future in the Balance*

**Hermann Ott** (Germany), Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

**Victor Menotti**, program director, IFG

**Tom Athanasiou**, director, EcoEquity; author *Dead Heat*

**Dave Batker**, director, Earth Economics

**Daphne Wysham**, Institute for Policy Studies

## 7-10 pm INGREDIENTS OF SYSTEMIC CHANGE (1)

**Bill McKibben**, author, *Deep Economy* and *The End of Nature*

**Richard Heinberg**, author, *The Party's Over*, *Powerdown*, and *The Oil Depletion Protocol*

**Helena Norberg-Hodge** (Australia), director, Int'l. Society for Ecology and Culture; author, *Ancient Futures*

**Megan Quinn**, outreach director, Community Solution

**Rob Hopkins** (UK), Transition Towns Movement

**Josh Farley**, professor, Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, University of Vermont

**Thomas Princen**, author, *The Logic of Sufficiency*

SUNDAY SEPT. 16  
10 AM-7PM

## 10 am-1 pm WORKSHOPS

*Schedule/participants to be announced; see [ifg.org](http://ifg.org)*

## 1-4 pm IMPACTING U.S. POLICY

**Betsy Taylor**, Center for a New American Dream

**Randy Hayes**, pres., Rainforest Action Network

**Arjun Makhijani**, president, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research; author, *Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free*

**Ross Gelbspan**, author, *The Heat Is On* and *Boiling Point*

**Michael Northrop**, director, Rockefeller Brothers Fund

**Joe Mendelson**, legal director, Center for Food Safety

**Jared Duval**, Sierra Student Coalition

**Steve Kretzmann**, director, Oil Change International

**Tom Goldtooth**, Indigenous Environmental Network; Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative

**John Passacantando**, director, Greenpeace U.S.

## 4-7 pm INGREDIENTS OF SYSTEMIC CHANGE (2)

**Martin Khor** (Malaysia), director, Third World Network

**Wes Jackson**, president, the Land Institute; author, *New Roots for Agriculture*

**Frances Moore Lappé**, author, *Diet for a Small Planet* and *Hope's Edge*

**Jack Santa Barbara** (Canada), Sustainable Scale Project

**Carl Pope**, executive director, Sierra Club

**Susan George** (France), chair, Transnational Institute; author, *Fate Worse Than Debt*

**Smitu Kothari** (India), director, Intercultural Resources, India; professor, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

**Tom Butler**, editor, *Wild Earth*

**Wolfgang Sachs** (Germany), research director, Wuppertal Institute; author, *Greening the North* and *Fair Future*

Plus Other Speakers and Workshops see [www.ifg.org](http://www.ifg.org)

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# THE WAY FORWARD—Toward New Economies of Sustainability, Equity, Sufficiency and Peace (“Less and Local”)

THE PLANET’S ECOLOGICAL systems are on the verge of *catastrophic* change for which few societies are prepared. So far, responses by governments to this emergency are inadequate, or counterproductive.

We call it the “Triple Crisis,” the convergence of three advancing conditions:

- ▼ Planet-wide climate chaos and global warming;
- ▼ The end of the era of cheap energy (“peak oil”);
- ▼ The depletion of many of the world’s key resources: water, timber, fish, fertile soil, coral reefs; and the expected *extinction* of 50% of the world’s species.

All are rooted in the same systemic problem—*massive overuse of fossil fuels and the Earth’s resources*—all driven by an economic ideology of hyper growth and consumption that’s beyond the limits of the planet to sustain.

*Every crisis also brings great opportunity.* The seriousness of the situation offers new incentives to make profound shifts toward more viable economic and social choices. But we are already at the 11th hour.

We must start today building new economic paradigms, systems and practices that live within ecological limits while serving the needs of all peoples. The solutions to each of these problems are the solutions to all.

## KEY QUESTIONS

SEPTEMBER 14-16, IN WASHINGTON D.C.

SIXTY SPEAKERS WILL EXPLORE THE MAJOR ISSUES:

**HOW DID WE GET INTO THIS AND HOW DO WE GET OUT?**—How can we protect a natural world that sustains us, and still maintain a decent life for all people? Is the emphasis on corporate-driven growth any longer desirable or *possible* on a planet with diminishing cheap fuel and resources? Can economic globalization continue when pollution, and energy costs for global shipping of resources, oil, and commodities are sharply rising? If globalization ravages the earth, can it be reformed? Or, are *localized economies* more sensible now? (Many communities are starting to shift.) Can nations come together for a Grand Bargain that might save the day?

KENT KESSINGER/APALACHIAN VOICES



*The U.S. government is pushing “clean coal” but this photo shows where it comes from. Four Appalachian states are being devastated by mountain top removal, a kind of coal mining where you blow up the mountain tops, dump them into rivers, drive local people out, and cart the coal away. Giant U.S. subsidies help pay for it; companies like Peabody Coal take home the profit.*

**FALSE SOLUTIONS?**—Some governments, like the U.S., say the answers lie with new technologies—“clean coal” or “safe nuclear” or mass conversion to biofuels. But won’t those technologies cause more problems than they solve? Is there such a thing as “clean nuclear” or “clean coal?” (See photo.) As for biofuels, for them to have a meaningful impact would mean converting half of the planet’s *food* growing lands to *fuel* growing, destroying the livelihoods of millions of small farmers around the world. Not to mention massive forest destruction, to plant all the biofuels. Are these solutions? Or just desperate holding actions for an unsustainable, bloated system?

What about other renewables: solar, wind, wave, hydro? Are some better than others? Can they really be expected to sustain the industrial system at its present scale? Do we want that?

If consumption addiction is a problem, is “green consumerism” an answer? Do we solve the crisis by buying the latest Prius, or buying “eco-friendly” fashions? Or, are we continuing old habits that deplete the planet’s scarce materials?

**POWER DOWN?**—Will the best answer finally be to “*power down*”? *Less consumption of energy; less consumption of materials; more conservation; greater efficiency; more localization.* Respect nature’s limits, and break with the idea that personal and corporate wealth accumulation are the means to happiness.

But as we power down, what of people in the world who don’t have enough? What are the steps to *equity* in a resource-scarce world? What economic values can sustain the earth, and still begin to approach economic equality among nations and within nations?

**HOW SHOULD WE LIVE NOW?**—These are a few of the kinds of questions that our Teach-In is designed to explore. 60 powerful speakers from 16 countries, over three days and 25 interactive workshops.

**Join us in Washington D.C., at GW Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University, September 14-16.**  
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