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(60 Speakers from 16 Countries)

FIRST WASHINGTON, DC PUBLIC TEACH-IN
ON GLOBAL *TRIPLE CRISIS*

*Climate Change • Peak Oil (The End of Cheap Energy)
Global Resource Depletion (including Species Extinction)*

FALSE SOLUTIONS & REAL SOLUTIONS

George Washington University
Lisner Auditorium, September 14-16, 2007

San Francisco CA & Washington, DC:

60 prominent policy leaders, activists, scientists and scholars from 16 countries will gather for a unique three-day public Teach-In co-organized by San Francisco-based International Forum on Globalization (IFG) and the Washington, DC-based Institute for Policy Studies (IPS). The Teach-In will begin on Friday evening, September 14th and run through Sunday afternoon, September 16th, 2007, and take place in the 1600-seat Lisner Auditorium on the campus of George Washington University at 730-21st St. NW, in Washington, DC.

The Teach-In is unique in four important aspects:

- 1) **The Teach-In represents the first merger of three major issues, essentially, the “Triple Crisis” of our time — Climate Change, Peak Oil, and Global Resource Depletion — that will be presented and considered as one, interconnected problem.** Speakers will make the case that the current crises derive from the same causes and can be solved with the same solutions. This Teach-In will help to create and launch a combined (larger) international movement for planetary survival.
- 2) **It is the first public gathering in the United States – whose way of life is one of the key drivers behind the global crises we face – of so many international leaders working to get on the same page strategically.** The IFG has a successful history generating international social

movements. It was IFG Teach-Ins that provided energy and concepts to the global citizens' movement's critique of the World Trade Organization's Ministerial meeting in Seattle, Washington, in 1999.

3) The Teach-In will be the first time that solutions and alternative policies offered will be far more fundamental than those presently being publicly discussed: "Powering Down" (less power/less consumption); a new "Global Grand Bargain" including alternative economic paradigms and systems; new ways of living; new ways of thinking about global resource flows and economic growth; etc.

4) Two landmark documents will be released over the course of the weekend:

1. A Major Report on the False Promises of Industrial Biofuel Production as a panacea for the impending global fuel shortage crisis as driven by Peak Oil, diminishing access to oil reserves and geopolitical conflicts.

2. An International Call to Action entitled "Manifesto on Global Economic Transitions," which lays out the current situation (the Triple Crisis), the conceptual framework (the solution to one is the solution to all), and the proposed way forward: *Powering Down for the Future; Toward a Global Movement for Systemic Change: Economies of Ecological Sustainability, Equity, Sufficiency and Peace*

**Over 60 international experts from
16 countries and indigenous nations will participate.
A complete list of speakers is attached at the end of this release.**

**Advance and on On-Site Interviews and
Photo Opportunities are Available**

Advance tickets and information are available through Brown Paper Tickets at: www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/17923 or by calling 1.800.838.3006 or through the GW Lisner Box Office at 202.994.6800.

Scholarship and volunteer opportunities are available, for application and information call the International Forum on Globalization in San Francisco at 1-415-561-7650, on the web at

www.ifg.org

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