

COME TO THE EDGE

EDGE Conference 2018

Full Agenda

TUESDAY	17 April
9am-6pm	Registration, Barnett Reception, Ace Hotel
9am-noon	Gender Justice Strategizing Session @ Center for Philanthropy <i>By invitation only</i>
9 am	Hidden History African Life in the French Quarter Truth Walking Tour <i>French Quarter, New Orleans</i>
1pm-4:30pm	EDGE Members Assembly, Barnett Hall, Ace Hotel Box lunches provided from 12:30pm onwards
1pm-4:30pm	Allies Assembly, Barnett Music A/B, Ace Hotel A parallel "funder-free zone" for movement partners attending the conference
5pm-6:30pm	Opening Reception, 2nd floor deck, Ace Hotel
7pm	Community Meetings, around town in New Orleans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner with New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice First Grace Church, 3401 Canal Street, New Orleans• Dinner - Peace by Piece New Orleans & Ubuntu Village NOLA Topics: juvenile justice, food insecurity, Palestinian liberation, youth organizing Ubuntu Village NOLA, 426 N. Galvez, New Orleans. RSVP writing to vgreen@afsc.org• Dinner with Big Class, Young Writers' Council and editorial board of <i>There is No School Without Us</i> Crescent City Boxing Club, 3101 Erato St, New Orleans
Wednesday	18 April (All day sessions take place at Ace Hotel)
7:30am-	Registration, Barnett Reception
7:30am-9am	Breakfast & Ad Hoc Discussions, Barnett Reception <i>Musical Selections by Michael Watson (trombone)</i>

9am-9:30am	<p>Welcome by Amanda Gigler, Mama Cash, Conference Co-Chair</p> <p>Honoring Leslie Lowe (conference co-chair in memoriam) by Charmel Gaulden, Baptist Community Ministries</p> <p>Decolonizing Philanthropy Journals Presentation by Jayeesha Dutta, Artist, Working Films, Another Gulf Is Possible Collaborative</p>
9:30am-10:45am	<p>“Come to the EDGE” Opening Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zohra Moosa, Mama Cash • Regan Pritzker, Libra Foundation • Marnie Thompson, Fund for Democratic Communities • Tanya Dawkins, CarEth Foundation (Moderator)
10:45am-12pm	<p>Table Talks</p>
12pm-12:30pm	<p>Mini-Plenary</p> <p>Politics of care: a transformative practice in social movements and philanthropy</p> <p>Tatiana Cordero, Urgent Action Fund Latin America & Ledys Sanjuan, FRIDA The Young Feminist Fund</p>
12:30pm-2pm	<p>Lunch</p>
2pm-3:30pm	<p>Workshops - Round 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating Hostile Contexts: different approaches to effective protection of defenders and civic space • #ShiftThePower • Reinvestment, Reparations and Human Rights to Land & Capital • Disaster Capitalism and Recolonization, or Just Recovery/Just Transition? • Racism, Wealth Accumulation, and Our Role in Funding Racial Justice • Shaping a Just Future of Work in a Global Economy
3:30pm-4:30pm	<p>Break</p>
4:30pm-6pm	<p>Workshops - Round 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ethics and Challenges of Funding and Partnering with Social Movements • Democratizing Access to Resources and Power with Participatory Approaches • Fearless: From the Streets to the City, Urban Systemic Change • Indigenous People’s Principles into Grantmaking for Just Transitions • Racial Equity in Arts and Environment Philanthropy • Taming the Bull –Financialization & the Wall Street takeover of the commons
6pm-6:30pm	<p>Closing the Day with Story</p> <p>Coumba Touré, TrustAfrica and Africans Rising</p>

7pm onwards

Funder-hosted Dine Arounds (optional) and Free time

- **Medicines as Public Goods** (Open Society Foundations) - [Sign-up here](#)
 - 7:30pm, Restaurant August, 301 Tchoupitoulas St, New Orleans
 - **Polarisation. Bots. Decentralised organising. Key trends impacting change-makers in 2018** (Mobilisation Lab & Open Society Foundations) - [Sign-up here](#)
 - 7pm, Meril Restaurant, 424 Girod St., New Orleans
 - **Sex Workers Rights in a Changing Economy** (NEO Philanthropy, Mama Cash, Third Wave Fund, Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center, BARE NOLA & BreakOUT!) - [Sign-up here](#)
 - 7pm, Bennachin Restaurant, 1212 Royal St.
 - **Systemic Approaches to Environmental Justice: The gender question** (Prospera International Network of Women's Funds & Global Greengrants Fund) - [Sign-up here](#)
 - 7pm, Cafe Carmo, 527 Julia Street, New Orleans
 - **Gender dimensions of the impact of the extractives industries on women** (Urgent Action Fund-Africa) - [Sign-up here](#)
 - 7pm, Cafe Carmo, 527 Julia Street, New Orleans
 - **Can Philanthropy Really Scale Impact? A Reconsideration of Systems Thinking** (Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and systems thinking expert, Steve Waddell)
 - 7pm, Meril Restaurant, 424 Girod St - [Sign-up here](#)
 - **Urban systemic change seeking fearless funders** (European Cultural Foundation, Chorus Foundation, OSIFE, Bertha Foundation, Guerrilla Foundation and FPH). [Sign-up here](#).
 - 7pm, Rusty Nail restaurant, 1102 Contact: nicolas.krausz@fph.ch
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Thursday

19 April

7:30 am

Registration

7:30 am

Breakfast & Ad Hoc Discussions, Barnett Reception
Musical Selections by Michael Watson (trombone)

9 am

Welcome

by Amanda Gigler, Mama Cash, Conference Co-Chair
Preview of Open Space Sessions, Tobias Troll, EDGE Funders Alliance

Introduction of Mwende Katwiwa by Sage Crump, National
Performance Network
Spoken Word Performance by Mwende Katwiwa

9:30 am

Plenary Discussions - Global Engagement Lab Learnings: Systemic
Change Philanthropy in Action
Pablo Solon, Solon Foundation Bolivia
Members of the Global Engagement Lab
with Arianne Shaffer, Indie Philanthropy

10:30 am	<p>Plenary Discussions 2 Feminist Organizing School</p> <p>What is the importance and role of gender justice in bringing about systemic alternatives? Why is gender justice crucial to progressive philanthropy? Cindy Wiesner, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance Paris Hatcher, Black Feminist Future</p>
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Open Space/Engagement Lab Organizing
2 pm	<p>Small Group Engagement Labs Discussions Round 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Labs (for moving ahead with existing collaborations) - Exploration Labs (for developing potentially new collaborations)
3:30 pm	<p>Small Group Engagement Labs Discussions Round 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Labs (for moving ahead with existing collaborations) - Exploration Labs (for developing potentially new collaborations)
5 pm	Sharing of Lab Outcomes
5:30 pm	<p>Closing Keynote</p> <p>Atila Roque, Ford Foundation Rio</p>
6:00 pm	<p>Summation, Acknowledgments, Looking toward Brazil in 2019</p> <p>Amanda Gigler, Mama Cash, Conference Co-Chair Maria Amália Souza, CASA Socio Environmental Fund</p>
6:30 pm	Adjourn
7 pm	<p>Closing Celebration</p> <p>Contemporary Art Center, 900 Camp St, New Orleans Featuring members of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra</p>

Friday	20 April
8am onwards	Post Conference Activities & Ad Hoc Discussions
9 am to 1pm	Hidden History Truth Black History New Orleans Bus Tour of NOLA
9 am to 1pm	Hidden History Truth Environmental Racism Bus Tour of NOLA

9 am to 1:30 pm

Community visit - A Blights out walking tour organized by Imani Brown, New Orleans cultural agitator

Sessions descriptions

Community Meetings | 17 April - 7 pm and 20 April

Dinner and Round Table

Big Class and Young Writers' Council and the editorial board of There is No School Without Us

When: 17 April, from 7 pm

Price: USD 40/person - includes book + all proceeds go directly to youth

Crescent City Boxing Club - 3101 Erato St, New Orleans, LA

Come join Big Class, The Young Writers' Council, and New Orleans students and teachers as they sit down for a candid panel discussion, share a meal, and celebrate the publication of There is No School Without Us (TINSWU).

TINSWU is a literary conversation between current teachers and students from first to twelfth grade, around the current state of New Orleans Schools. Containing nearly 100 student and teacher reflections, TINSWU offers varying, unedited accounts of their experiences. This book is for anybody who works, attends, or cares about elementary and secondary schools in New Orleans.

[Dinner with New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice](#)

When: 17 April, from 7pm to 9pm

Price: USD 30/person - voluntary contribution

Join us for a special dinner to learn about the [New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice](#). Hear from [Jose Torres](#), a Salvadoran reconstruction worker who joined the organization after being held in forced labor on a ranch in Texas. He later escaped and came to New Orleans where became a leader for immigrant worker rights. He organized day labor corners, and secured agreements with local officials to protect the workers. Last November, Torres took sanctuary at a New Orleans church rather than obey an ICE directive to leave the country and his children.

On April 17th Jose and other NOWCRJ members will lead an informal conversation about their fight for dignity and liberation.

Dinner - Peace by Piece New Orleans & Ubuntu Village NOLA

When: 17 April, from 7 pm

Price: USD 30/person - Limited to 10 funders

Learn more about local efforts to address issues including juvenile justice, food insecurity, Palestinian liberation and youth organizing. To RSVP, contact Dee Dee Green, vgreen@afsc.org or by calling +1 504.565.3596. This dinner only has space for 10 funders

Community visit - A Blights out walking tour organized by Imani Brown, New-Orleans cultural agitator

When: 20 April, from 9:30 am to 1pm (lunch included and offered) - Limited to 20 people

Departure from Ace Hotel. To RSVP, contact nicolas.krausz@fph.ch

The tour will map the undulating landscape of neighborhood sustainability in New Orleans, highlighting

1. the history of Treme and Mid City through a racial and economic justice lens;
2. the psychogeography of development and gentrification, refusal and resistance;
3. the use of blight and demolition as weapons to condemn, disrupt and displace people from place in

the pursuit of turning geography into an asset class for speculation;
4. historic and living solutions to capitalism and neoliberalism that have grown up through the cracks in the system.

Dine Arouds | 18 April | 7 pm

Medicines as Public Goods

Open Society Foundations - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, from 7:30 pm

Restaurant August, 301 Tchoupitoulas St, New Orleans, LA 70130

During the dinner we aim to discuss the following:

- Why are medicines so expensive? Should they be?
- How do we build a world in which everyone has fair and equal access to the medicines and treatments they need as essential elements of social and economic justice?
- How to challenge the current profit-driven system of medical research and development, which depends on public financing but fails to produce public goods.

Polarisation. Bots. Decentralised organising. An exploration of key trends impacting change-makers in 2018

Mobilisation Lab & Open Society Foundations - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, from 7pm

Meril Restaurant, 424 Girod St., New Orleans

The Mobilisation Lab surfaced 6 key trends impacting social change this year from its global network of campaigners, leaders, and activists. From mobiles overtaking social media to growing safety risks for advocates, this table is an opportunity to explore major shifts in the social change landscape. How can we help grantees stay at the cutting edge? We look forward to swapping strategies and ideas for providing the support our orgs and networks need to stay strong and achieve their missions.

Systemic Approaches to Environmental Justice: The gender question

Prospera International Network of Women's Funds & Global Greengrants Fund - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, from 7pm,

Cafe Carmo, 527 Julia Street, New Orleans

Join Prospera International Network of Women's Funds and Global Greengrants Fund to celebrate the US launch of Our Voices, Our Environment: The State of Funding for Women's Environmental Action. Together, we will unpack findings from this landmark report, share lessons from funding at this intersection, and collectively brainstorm next steps.

Sex Workers Rights in a Changing Economy

NEO Philanthropy, Mama Cash, Third Wave Fund, Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center, BARE NOLA & BreakOUT! - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, from 7pm,

Bennachin Restaurant at 1212 Royal St, New Orleans

In conversations about the global economy, sex workers and others at the margins are often left out, though they are deeply affected by gentrification, repression of social movements, and widening inequality. These trends also make human trafficking more likely, as people take risks to flee repression and deep poverty. Join us to hear from local grassroots organizers and global funders about how these issues play out in New Orleans

and internationally, and brainstorm inclusive solutions.

Speakers:

Sienna Baskin [NEO Philanthropy](#)

Shikha Sethia [Mama Cash](#)

RJ Thompson [Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center](#)

Lizzie Collins & Lyn Archer [BARE NOLA](#)

Rye Young [Third Wave Fund](#)

[Arelly Westly of BreakOUT!](#)

Gender dimensions of the impact of the extractives industries on women

Urgent Action Fund-Africa - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, 7pm,
Cafe Carmo, 527 Julia Street, New Orleans

Join UAF-Africa as we discuss the gender dimensions of the impact of the extractives industries on women. The conversation will highlight the resistance and resilience strategies that women are using in managing and understanding the environmental risks associated with this sector. The discussion will begin by viewing a short documentary of one of UAF-Africa's grantees advocating against a proposed coal power plant in Lamu Kenya. During the dinner, we aim to discuss the following:

- What actions to take as grantmakers and activists towards ensuring that gender receives fundamental consideration when assessing the impact of extractives sector on the environment.
- To share and discuss resilience and resistance strategies used by the women's movement in Africa.
- Discuss and imagine possibilities of a feminist ecosystem for women affected by coal extraction in Africa.
- How women are challenging and demanding equal access in decision making spaces.

Can Philanthropy Really Scale Impact? A Reconsideration of Systems Thinking

Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and systems thinking expert, Steve Waddell - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, 7pm,
Meril Restaurant, 424 Girod St

Issues that have classically been addressed through public policy – such as ocean warming, migration, and the increased pressure on urban areas – are now more global and interconnected in nature. They require different solutions, and, for global philanthropy, they require funding that is more collaborative and places longer-term, more adaptive and responsive resources that truly address the scale of these challenges. In this conversation, you will learn about the frameworks for system change and discuss how you, as a funder, can make your work even more effective.

This session will be hosted by Naamah Paley Rose, from the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisor led Scalable Solutions funder collaborative, and will feature Steve Waddell, who has spent more than 30 years working on large systems change and transformation.

Urban systemic change seeking fearless funders.

European Cultural Foundation, Chorus Foundation, OSIFE, Bertha Foundation, Guerrilla Foundation and FPH - [Sign-up here](#)

When: 18 April, 7pm,
Rusty Nail restaurant, 1102 Constance St - New Orleans

Workshops | 18 April | 2 pm to 3:30 pm

Navigating Hostile Contexts: different approaches to effective protection of defenders and civic space

Organiser: Ana Paula Hernandez, Fund for Global Human Rights

Increasingly, funders are navigating through intense crackdowns against civic space and human rights defenders, especially women, indigenous and environmental defenders, where it is critical to analyze the sources and roles of power and violence. Through a participatory hands-on power analysis and group reflection, this workshop will consider how power dynamics are changing- including among state and private interests - and increasing risk and how movement strategies are dealing with this and the loss of civic space.

Through candid dialogue on new approaches to security, activist wellbeing, and resilience in times of threat, we will explore how to adjust our own practices and better align efforts to minimize risk and support frontline movements to stay strong and safe.

Speakers

Ana Paula Hernandez, Fund for Global Human Rights

Alexa Bradley, Just Associates

Caitlin Stanton, Urgent Action Fund

Greg Miller, Global Greengrants Fund

#ShiftThePower

Organiser: Barry Knight, Webb Memorial Trust and Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace

#ShiftThePower will draw on (a) the work of the Global Fund for Community Foundations to follow up the Global Summit on Community Philanthropy held in Johannesburg in December 2016, (b) the work of the Webb Memorial Trust on Rethinking Poverty, and (c) the efforts of Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace (PSJP) to shift philanthropy away from the Anglo-Saxon paradigm of philanthropy to the rise of giving by ordinary people and public support for social movements.

Speakers

Barry Knight, Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace

Jenny Hodgson, Global Fund for Community Foundations

Chris Cardona, Ford Foundation

Reinvestment, Reparations and Human Rights to Land & Capital

Organisers: Marnie Thompson, Fund for Democratic Communities and Jennifer Near, Shake the Foundations

The capital stored in philanthropic endowments is the wealth generated off of stolen land and stolen labor over centuries. To address the climate crisis, communities are creating ways to restore their labor within local living economies. But they require land and capital to create productive, dignified, and sustainable livelihoods.

Disaster Capitalism and Recolonization, or Just Recovery/Just Transition?

Organisers: Jovanna Garcia Soto, Grassroots International

The Gulf Coast and the Caribbean are being devastated by climate change. And grassroots groups are stepping up in remarkable ways to pave the way for a community-led Just Transition. But there is a darker side to the recovery: recolonization powered by a strong dose of disaster capitalism including privatization continues to hamper grassroots efforts for a long term Just Recovery and reconstruction.

Learn how communities and movements are working to restore land and capital to community control and how foundations can go beyond divestment to putting capital to work for a just transition including through supporting worker-owned cooperatives and land reclamation projects.

Speakers

Potential presenters and discussion leads include representatives from Movement Generation Justice & Ecology Project, Climate Justice Alliance & Reinvest in Our Power, Indigenous Environmental Network, BlackOut Collective, Black Land & Liberation Initiative, Shake the Foundations, Southern Reparations Loan Fund, Financial Coop, Fund for Democratic Communities, and Thousand Currents/Buen Vivir Fund.

This workshop will look at how grassroots groups have responded to the regions' climate crises while also taking leadership toward long-term climate justice; and how philanthropy can support efforts for a just recovery without recolonization.

Speakers

Katia Aviles, Organización Boricúa de Agricultura Ecológica/La Vía Campesina

Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Law and Policy Center

Angela Adrar, Climate Justice Alliance

Jovanna Garcia Soto, Grassroots International

Racism, Wealth Accumulation, and Our Role in Funding Racial Justice

Organisers: Karla Nicholson, Haymarket People's Fund and Sarah Abbott, Resource Generation

Centuries of racialized policies have led to the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a small number of people globally. As funders who now hold the keys to this wealth, how does history inform our actions? This workshop will look at how systemic racism in the U.S. has helped create our current economic crisis, and highlight the challenges, processes, and successes of funds and funders actively engaging in anti-racist transformation.

We'll hear about the 20-year journey of Haymarket People's Fund, and from individual donors who are going through a similar process. Participants will gain tools and find support for their own anti-racism work.

Speakers

Sarah Abbott, Resource Generation

Karla Nicholson, Haymarket People's Fund

Sarah DeLuca, Sarah DeLuca Consulting

Shaping a Just Future of Work in a Global Economy

Organisers: Laine Romero-Alston, Ford Foundation and Manisha Vaze, Funders for a Just Economy

Shifts in technology, climate and demographics are affecting the nature of work such that it is increasingly short-term, non-standard and informal. While workers need representation to negotiate the terms of the economy, union strength is waning globally and many cannot bargain collectively.

Moreover, our policy frameworks, civil society institutions and organizing strategies remain largely within national boundaries. During this workshop, participants will discuss the role funders and unions can play in building multi-stakeholder transnational movements led by women and migrants that can contest for power to shape a just future of work.

Speakers

Catherine Feingold, AFL-CIO

Palak Shah, National Domestic Workers Alliance

Elena Villafuerte, ProDESC

JJ Rosenbaum (moderator)

Workshops | 18 April | 4:30 pm to 6 pm

The Ethics and Challenges of Funding and Partnering with Social Movements

Organisers: Rebecca Reeve, American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

As human rights philanthropy shifts towards increased support of social movements, it is important to critically reflect on the ethics and mechanisms of engagement between funders and social movements. This session will facilitate an open discussion between grassroots social actors promoting land rights and climate justice, a social movement funder, as well as a speaker from the movement-building ally, Rhize.

Together, they will contemplate how donors can be more responsive to social movements within the current strained state of global activism, and how to mitigate common negative consequences associated with external donor engagement.

Speakers

Erin Mazursky, Rhize

Scovia Arinaitwe, Solidarity Uganda

Jovanna Garcia Soto, Grassroots International

Rohitkumar Natwarbhai, Prajapati

Jonathan Hulland, American Jewish World Service (Facilitator)

Democratizing Access to Resources and Power with Participatory Approaches

Organisers: Jennifer Near, BEA/The New England Grassroots Fund, Sadaf Cameron, Kindle Project and Moukhtar Kocache, Rawa: Creative Palestinian Communities Fund

Communities have long called for strategies that democratize resource allocation and reflect deep political commitments to the social justice concept “nothing about us without us.”

The current ecosystem of participatory approaches is diverse—from community-led funds to donor-led advocacy to models with varying degrees of collaboration and shared power.

Aiming to build a community of practice around truly equitable participatory approaches and ignite the sparks of new advocacy, in this workshop’s World Café format participants will learn about and share diverse experiences in small groups at hosted tables before a large group conversation.

Speakers

Representatives from BEA Fund, Rawa Fund, RSF Social Finance, Kindle Project, The Grassroots Fund and Grantcraft will lead discussions at host tables. Jennifer Near (BEA Fund) will moderate.

Fearless: from the streets to the city, urban systemic change

Organisers: Nicolas Krausz, Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation and Laura Tapp, Bertha Foundation

From the streets to city halls, courts, museums and more... the fight for a more just, inclusive and sustainable world is starting and thriving at the local city level with systemic change ambitions. This provocative session brings together three pragmatic radicals from three continents to share their work on the transformation of cities and communities through determined institutional assault.

We’ll be learning how they tactically confront key blockages and fears in order to transform the political power dynamics, the legal rules, and the nature of

Indigenous People’s Principles into Grantmaking for Just Transitions

Organiser: Angela Martinez, International Funders for Indigenous People

Indigenous Peoples and donors are exchanging their approaches and frameworks to inform transparent, accountable and decolonized grantmaking practices that promote deep changes in the culture of philanthropy, practices and power.

Working to advance just and sustainable societies requires reassessing our own organizations such as the group of donors who have partnered and directly supported Indigenous People’s struggles and just solutions. How were these partnerships built? What challenges have they faced to work together? What

city culture. And of course we'll be asking ourselves how to become a better fearless funder!

Speakers

Xavi Ferrer, Barcelona en Comú (Barcelona)

Imani Brown, Blights out, Occupy Museums (New Orleans)

Mandisa Shandu, Ndifuna Ukwazi (Cape Town)

are the power dynamics that persists and be overcome?

Speakers

Peter Kotishack, Global Greengrants Fund

Hester Dillon, Novo Foundation

Alfredo Acosta, Indigenous Guard of Colombia

Eriel Tchekwie Deranger, Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN)

Angela Martinez, International Funders for Indigenous People (Facilitator)

Racial Equity in Arts and Environment Philanthropy

Organiser: Edwin Torres, Grantmakers in the Arts

Environmental grantmakers, culture grantmakers and artists will engage in a discussion about their strategies and practices to dismantle racist and extractive funding systems and build new ones based on frameworks of justice, equity and sustainability.

Both philanthropic communities are beginning to replace old systems with new racial equity philanthropic practices for thoughtful capitalization of communities of color as well as embracing and supporting other forms of difference. In this workshop, we will explore anti-racist philanthropic models being employed in both culture and the environment.

Speakers

Sage Crump, National Performance Network

Monique Verdin, Artist

Kellie Terry, The Surdna Foundation

Sabrina Montana, culture bearer, advocate and activist

Eddie Torres, Grantmakers in the Arts (moderator)

Taming the Bull – Financialization & the Wall Street takeover of the commons

Organisers: Kiti Kajana Phillips, Open Society Foundations and Manisha Vaze, Funders for a Just Economy

Financialization - a term used to describe the ever-growing concentration of economic and political power of the financial sector—is a dominant force driving racial and economic inequality in our societies. Among the most alarming trends is the financialization of the commons, or public goods, like housing, education, water and medicines that are essential to our well-being as society.

This workshop will expose the destructive impact of financialization, and more importantly, discuss the critical role and effective strategies of grassroots communities and civil society to reclaim power from the financial elite to defend public goods.

Speakers

Maurice BP-Weeks, Action Center on Race and the Economy

Renata Pumarol, New York Communities for Change

Daniel Vockins, New Economy Organisers Network (NEON) TBC

Azzi Momenghalibaf, Open Society Foundations, Public Health Program

Manisha Vaze, Neighborhood Funders Group (Moderator)