

YFPDJ - Denver

Political Education Series



YFPDJ DENVER presents

LIFE AND DEBT: HOW DID POOR COUNTRIES GET POOR?

Film Showing & Interactive Workshop

Saturday, October 31, 2009

4:00 – 8:00 pm

Food and Drinks will be available

LOCATION: Room 207; Colorado Free University, 7653 E. 1st Place, Denver 80230

Speaker: Neha Mahajan, Co-Executive Director, Programs and Education, Chinook Fund

About the workshop

Eritrea's path to economic and social development is always a hot topic. Questions and debates about aid, food security, loans, relationships with international agencies, etc. are all common topics brought up. But how much do we really know about any of those things?

In this interactive workshop, we will be showing Life and Debt, an award winning documentary about Jamaica's efforts for economic and social development after its independence in 1962. Besides watching and discussing the film, we will be playing a simulation game to better understand how the global economy and trade between rich/poor countries works. We will better understand how and why poor countries became poor in the first place, discuss whether or not colonialism still exists today and compare Jamaica's struggle to development efforts in Eritrea.

About Our Speaker: Neha Mahajan

Neha has supported social justice and community organizing in various capacities for nearly a decade. She has been a volunteer, educator and activist around issues such as immigrant rights, anti-oppression, youth development, violence against women, the prison industrial complex and global economic justice. After receiving a B.A. in Sociology from Harvard University and interning at various social justice organizations in the Northeast, Neha taught and advocated for underrepresented students at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. She has also visited her home country of India to support local struggles around environmental justice and corporate globalization. She is now the Co-Executive Director of Programs & Education at the Chinook Fund, committed to progressive movement building by funding & providing technical assistance to grassroots, social justice organizations across Colorado. Neha gets through life with music & singing, Desi culture, and building community with people she loves.