

The Speakers of the II. International Conference: **Our Revolution: Liberating Life**  
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#### Meghan Bodette

Meghan Bodette is Director of Research at the Kurdish Peace Institute in Washington, D.C. She received a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, where she concentrated in international law, institutions, and ethics. She has briefed officials from governments and international institutions on her research relating to the rights and status of women under various political and military actors in the Syrian conflict.



#### Nilüfer Kog

Nilüfer Kog, born in Ardahan, northern Kurdistan, is member of the Executive Council and spokesperson for the Commission on Foreign Relations of the Kurdistan National Congress (KNK). Her current primary political focus is the improvement of national dialogue amongst political parties and civil society organisations in Kurdistan. Parallel to national unity efforts, Nilüfer is also active in the international arena in raising awareness of the right to self-determination for the Kurdish people and ...



#### Mariam Rawi

Mariam Rawi is a member of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA). As a refugee child in Pakistan, she was deprived of an education until she had the opportunity to attend a RAWA school. Here, she not only learned to read and write, but also became conscious of the need to fight for women's rights. She joined RAWA in 1996 and has been an active member of the group ever since, participating in its political, diplomatic, cultural, education and social activities.



#### Lolita Chavez

Aura Lolita Chávez Ixcaquic is a member of the Consejo de Pueblos K'iche's (CPK), a movement of anti-patriarchal, anti-imperialist, anticolonial, anti-neoliberal, anti-extractivist peoples and communities that was founded in 2007 to confront the effects of the Free Trade Agreement between Central America and the United States (FTAA). In 2017, she was a finalist for the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize. She is from the original Mayan people in Ixim Ulew (corn land), misnamed Guatemala.



#### Ariel Saleh

Ariel Saleh is a member of the Global University for Sustainability, Visiting Professor at Nelson Mandela University, former Associate in Political Economy, University of Sydney and Fellow in Post-Growth Societies, Friedrich Schiller University Jena. By revaluating care skills and Indigenous knowledges, Saleh challenges justice and sustainability discourses from the neoliberal 'green economy' to eco-socialism. See Ecofeminism as Politics (2017/1997), Eco-Solidarity & Global Justice (2009), Pluri...



#### Genevieve Vaughan

Genevieve Vaughan is an independent researcher, author and editor of several books, founder of the non-profit care-woman Foundation for a Comprehensive Society (1988-2022), the Temple to Ancient Egyptian Goddess Sekhmet in the Nevada desert near the nuclear test site (1980s - present), and the international feminists for a new economy network (2001-present). Her websites are [www.gift-economy.com](http://www.gift-economy.com) and [www.feministgiftEconomyMo.com](http://www.feministgiftEconomyMo.com) where you can sign up for free bi-weekly Zoom salons on Tue.



#### Kavita Krishnan

Kavita Krishnan is a feminist activist with the All India Progressive Women's Association. She had previously served as a politburo and central committee member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) liberation, and is known for her activism against sexual violence. She is the author of the book Fearless Freedom.



#### Rahila Gupta

Rahila Gupta is a freelance journalist, writer, activist and longstanding member of Southall Black Sisters, one of the UK's leading organisations for Black and minority women. They have spearheaded many important campaigns on domestic violence, for example on abused women who kill, and on changes to immigration rules. Her books include a collection of essays she edited, From Home-breakers to Jailbreakers: Southall Black Sisters (2003). Her articles have been published in the Guardian, New Human...



#### Niemat Kuku Mohamed

Niemat Kuku Mohamed is a women's rights activist and development expert. She is the founder of the Gender Centre for Research and Training in Sudan. She has more than 25 years of research experience and her work has been published in various books and journals.



#### Dilar Dirik

Dilar Dirik is an activist, political sociologist, and writer. She is currently researching and teaching at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford. She is author of the book "The Kurdish Women's Movement: History, Theory, Practice" (Pluto Press, 2022) and she is active in the Kurdish women's movement in Europe.



#### Dr. Anjila al-Maamari

Dr. Anjila Sultan Al-Maamari is an academic professor specialising in mental health and psychological support. She is a consultant on issues including citizenship, democracy, peacebuilding, and women's rights. She is an expert in qualitative research studies and preparing general policy papers. She is a co-founder of the Civil Conglomerate for Taiz Youth, of which she is currently the director, as well as the co-founder and head of the peace portfolio for the Woman for Yemen Network.



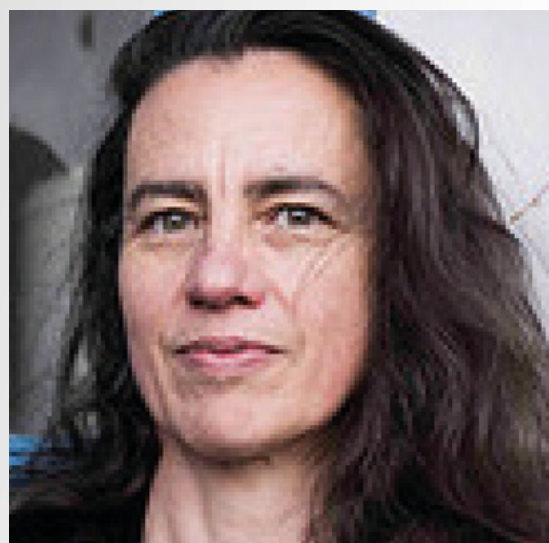
#### Marta Dillon

Marta Dillon, from Argentina, is a writer, journalist and lesbian feminist activist. She is editor of the lasl2 supplement of Página 12, host of the radio program Pasamos Todes and member of the Colectivo NiUnaMenos.



#### Elif Kaya

Elif Kaya is a member of the Jineoloji Academy and is on the board of Jineoloji journal. She was arrested for her political activities while she was a student and spent many years in prison. After her release in 2003, she worked in different aspects of the Kurdish women's movement. In 2009, she was arrested again for her political activities. In 2014, she took part in the publication of the book Jineoloji Discussions, alongside other imprisoned women. Her articles appear in different magazines a...



#### Jules Falquet

Jules Falquet is currently a Full Professor in Philosophy at Paris 8 St Denis University, in France. She is a lesbian and feminist activist and has lived and worked in Mexico, El Salvador and other parts of Latin America and the Caribbean. She is a member of the Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les Logiques Contemporaines de la Philosophie (Study and Research Center for the Contemporary Logics of Philosophy, LLCP). Her latest book is Imbrication: Femmes, race et classe dans les mouve...



#### Benedetta Argentieri

Benedetta Argentieri is an Italian journalist, writer, and documentary film director. Since 2014 she has been working in the Middle East, writing about war, and focusing on women and their struggles. Her latest film, The Matchmaker, was presented at the Venice Film Festival.



#### Deniz Abukan

Deniz Abukan is an activist with the Free Women's Movement (TJA). She got involved in women's activism while a student at Dicle University. She was imprisoned for seven and a half years for her work, and has been working with the TJA since she was released.



#### Jade Daniels

Jade Daniels is an organiser, narrative strategist, author, interdisciplinary and digital artist based in Long Beach, California. She currently serves as Communications Manager and primary graphic designer for the Black LGBTQIA+ Migrant Project (@officialBLMP). Jade also specialises in herbalism and traditional medicine-making, serves as an EMT - certified community media and trainer, and is a white belt student in Ro- Life Urban Self Defense in community survival and defence techniques.



#### Asya Abdullah

Asya Abdullah is the Co-Chair of the Democratic Union Party (PYD) in North and East Syria. She has held the Co-Chair position before, and has also served as the Co-Chair of the Movement for a Democratic Society (TEV-DEM), as a member of the Executive Council of Kongra Star, and as a co-founder of the Women's Council of North and East Syria. When ISIS attacked Kobane in 2014, she took part in the defence of the city. She also plays an important role in international and intra-Kurdish diplomacy.



#### Vilma Rocío Almendra Quiguanás

Vilma Rocío Almendra Quiguanás is a founder of and active participant in the "Fabric of Communication and External Relations for Truth and Life" of the "Association of Cabildos del Norte de Cauca-ACIN". She is currently a member of "Pueblos en Camino", an initiative that seeks to weave resistance and autonomy between peoples and processes. She holds a Master's in Sociology from the Meritorious Autonomous University of Puebla, Mexico. She is the daughter of a Nasa mother and a Misak father, both ...



#### Heza Sengal

Featured in the documentary Heza (Strength), Heza Sengal is a Yezidi activist and survivor of genocide who fought against ISIS after escaping from the group.



#### Havin Gunesser

Havin Gunesser is an engineer, journalist and woman's rights activist who writes and speaks extensively on the political thought of Abdullah Öcalan. She is one of the spokespersons of the "Freedom for Abdullah Öcalan - Peace in Kurdistan" international initiative. She is the translator of several of Öcalan's books and the author of The Art of Freedom.



#### Haskar Kirmizigul

Haskar Kirmizigul has been a woman's rights activist for more than 20 years. She has worked as a journalist with Sorgul Women's Journal and with Roj TV. Her work has been published by Kurdish newspapers like Yeni Özgür Politika, Newaya Jin and Komun Academy and has been translated into various languages. She has given lectures on jineoloji and the Kurdish women's movement in European and Latin American countries. She is currently a member of the editorial board of Jineoloji journal and a produce...



#### Montes Jovita Mataro

Jovita Mataro Montes, or "Obetti" to her family and friends, has more than 20 years of experience handling cases of violence against women and children. She is the head psychologist for psychosocial counselling of the GABRIELA Advocacy Program and Services for Women and Children Program. For two terms, she has held the position of GABRIELA Deputy Secretary-General for External Affairs.



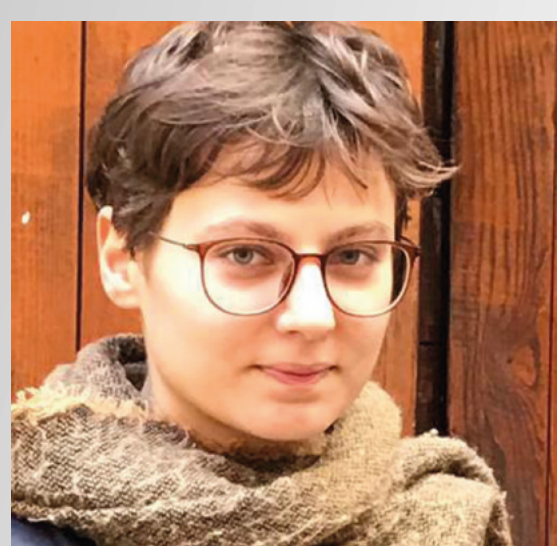
#### Boushra Ali

Boushra Ali is president of the JIN Women's Association and member of the presidency of the NADA Alliance (Regional Democratic Women's Alliance in the Middle East and North Africa). She is a Kurd from Syria, a civil engineer graduate, writer and translator.



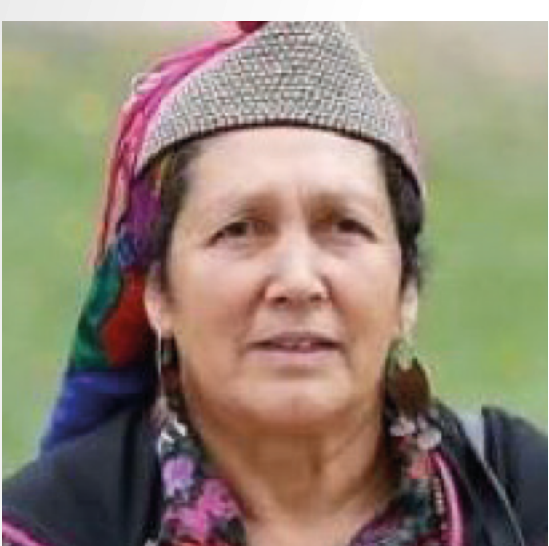
#### Gemeinsam Kaempfen

Gemeinsam kämpfen, or "Fighting Together" was launched on 25 November 2017 as a "feminist campaign for self-determination and democratic autonomy". The aim of the campaign was to make the ideas of the revolution of the self-governing region of Northern and Eastern Syria better known in Germany. Our focus is on an internationalist connection with the women's movement.



#### Irem Gelkus

Irem Gelkus is the Communications and Publications Officer at the Women's Human Rights - New Solutions Association. She holds a degree in sociology from Bogaziçi University. For more than 10 years, she has participated in platforms and organizations in the feminist movement and women's movement, including Women Strong Together, the Implement the Istanbul Convention campaign group, Cracked Ground, and the March 8th Feminist Night March and November 25th International Day for the Elimination of V...



#### Nizol Funko Juana Calfunao

Juana Calfunao Paillalef is Lonko of Lof Juan Paillalef, (Commune of Cunco, Araucanía Region, Chile). She has a prominent role in the resistance movement of the Mapuche people, in defence of her ancestral lands and in opposition to human rights violations committed against her community by companies that carry out development and infrastructure projects in the region.