

The UMass Amherst Department of History and Historians for Peace and Democracy present:

Threats to Democracy and Dangers of War



Medea Benjamin

Medea Benjamin is co-founder of the antiwar group Code Pink and the fair-trade organization Global Exchange. She has been a peace and justice activist since the 1970s and has authored nine books.



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Mojgan Haji

Mojgan Haji was born in Iran and immigrated to the U.S. in 1983 during the Iran-Iraq War. She is a Massachusetts-based pharmacist and activist who has led groups of Iranian Americans to meet with legislators to discuss the Iran nuclear deal and Muslim ban.

The United States is at war in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, and U.S. leaders have threatened war in North Korea, Iran, and Venezuela. Fears of deportation, white supremacist violence, police violence, climate change-related disaster, and economic insecurity have heightened anxieties among vulnerable populations.

**What “Threats to Democracy and Dangers of War” do we face today?
How can history inform strategies for resisting war and attacks on democracy?**

Join us to discuss these questions in roundtable dialogue and small group “break-out sessions.”

Thursday, Oct 12 | 6:30pm | Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass | Free & Open to the Public

Facilitated by Christian G. Appy

Christian Appy is Professor of History at UMass Amherst and a nationally renowned historian and public intellectual who has written three award-winning books on the American War in Vietnam.



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