



Submission Deadline: March 31st, 2025

Conference Date: October 18th, 2025 **[NEW DATE]**

Conference Venue: Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania

We are pleased to announce a **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** for the inaugural conference of **The Society for Peace, Internationalism, and Ecology (SPINE)**. SPINE is an international and interdisciplinary platform for scholars, activists, and artists to share rigorous work devoted to promoting international peace, equality, and ecological sustainability.

Recent decades have brought brutal imperialist wars, the massive displacement of large segments of the world's population, the rise of far-right political movements, escalating nuclear tensions, and the increased threat of irreversible climate disaster. Despite these catastrophic circumstances, we have also seen the most oppressed and exploited people bind together to fight for peace, recognition, and dignity. In the past decade, the "wretched of the earth" have taken this struggle for equality to new terrain. Unprecedented alliances suggest a shift from a unipolar to a multipolar world, and continuing experiments in ecological sustainability, socialism, and economic sovereignty seem to indicate that a better world is not only possible, but imminent.

SPINE encourages innovative submissions that engage with this current conjuncture—or the material history that has led to it—with an eye to implementing meaningful social change. We are looking for submissions covering pressing issues such as, but not limited to:

- Colonialism, Neocolonialism, and Imperialism
- Immigration, Mass Displacement, Incarceration
- National Liberation Struggles
- Ecological Socialism
- Fighting the Rise of Fascism
- The Material Struggle against Racism, Misogyny, Homophobia, Transphobia, and All Forms of Social Chauvinism
- Psychological Warfare and Propaganda
- Philosophic and Scientific Debates concerning major issues like Ideology, Dialectics, Materialism, etc.
- Political Economy
- Cultural and Artistic Class Struggle
- Labor Organizing and Unionization
- Political Organizing, including Parties, Organizations, and Associations
- Multipolarity
- Anti-Imperialist Resistance Movements
- Socialist Experiments, Past and Present

We seek to bring together work that is rigorous, transdisciplinary, and rooted in a materialist and dialectical understanding of social reality and practice. Our aim is to foster an interdisciplinary and collaborative platform dedicated to the struggle for peace, dignity, international solidarity, and ecological sustainability.

We are looking for 200–300 word abstracts for short, 10-minute presentations that will form part of a discussion-driven dialogue with others. We invite submissions for presentations from academics, activists, artists, organizers, and independent scholars. The material presented can be an overview of a research project, a concise argument, a creative project, a practical organizing issue, or any similar topic. Please also include in your abstract a list of 3-6 keywords that best describe your research interests (these will be used to group presenters together on panels).

We are also accepting 200-500 word proposals for 1-hour panels with 3-6 people, which can take the shape of panel discussions, organizing workshops, artistic projects, or roundtables with artists, intellectuals and/or organizers.

For both of these types of proposals, SPINE is keen on fostering productive exchanges that advance the projects presented, and it is therefore open to and encourages non-traditional formats that enhance collective feedback and exchange.

Keynote Speaker:

John Bellamy Foster (University of Oregon)

Featured Panel:

Iskra Books and World Marxist Review: "Radical Publishing as Global Contradictions Sharpen."

Submission Guidelines:

Submissions should be prepared for double-blind peer review. Please remove all names from the proposal itself, and include it as an email attachment (pdf, docx, doc, or txt). Please note in your email the title of your contribution and all names of the contributors. **Send it by March 31st, 2025 to SPINE2025@protonmail.com.**

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