

PIVOTING FOR PEACE IN ASIA/PACIFIC

CHALLENGING US MILITARISM AND CORPORATE DOMINANCE



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SPEAKERS (Partial List)

The Pivot: Motivations, Dimensions, Impacts, Possible Consequences

Joseph Gerson, AFSC: Overview

Duncan McFarland, UJP: Chinese foreign & military policies

Lori Wallach, Public Citizen (invited): Trans Pacific Partnership

Introductions: The Most Dangerous Hot Spots

Hyun Lee, Nodutdol for Korean Community

Development: Northeast Asia

Senkaku/Diaoyu; Japan-China-US; South China Sea

Impacts of the Pivot at Home: Building a Movement

Bruce Gagnon, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space: Solidarity

Mike Prokosch, New Priorities Network, Dorchester

People for Peace: Move the Money, Costs of the Pivot

Impacting Washington, DC

APRIL 19, 2014, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE

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This April President Obama will return to Asia and the Pacific to press a military, economic and diplomatic “Pivot” from Iraq and Afghanistan to Asia and the Pacific. The goal: to “manage China’s rise” in ways that ensure continued U.S. dominance. 60% of the Air Force and 60% of the Navy are being deployed to the region. Military alliances are being deepened, new military bases built, and hundreds of billions of dollars diverted to deploy dangerous advanced weaponry. And the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement is being negotiated in secret.

Little known to most Americans, though most don’t realize it, we’ve come to the brink of war – potentially nuclear war – twice in the last two years, first during tensions with North Korea and then over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands. Our hundreds of military bases have devastating impacts on people in “host” communities. And TPP will cost us jobs, worsen working conditions and assault the environment, all to increase U.S. economic leverage over China and further maximize corporate profits and power.

The all day conference will bring us to date on what is happening in Asia/Pacific, how it will affect us here at home, and what we can do. Join us as we build our ability to pivot for peace, instead of for war.