

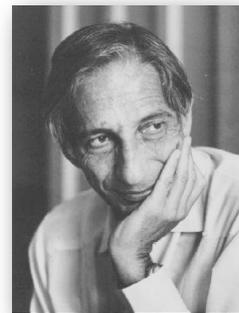
After the Crisis: The thought of Ivan Illich today

August 1st through 3rd, 2013

4:00-8:00 pm

Oakland School for the Arts

Marion E. Greene Black Box Theatre



Ivan Illich (1926-2002) was a provocateur who questioned his society's dependence on expensive and inhibiting institutions and proposed a simpler, more convivial style of life in which people would be able to think and act for themselves. His prophetic calls to rethink the assumptions on which contemporary societies rest were not heeded. Today the crisis Illich tried to address is over, but only in the sense that it has become permanent and intractable. This gathering will ask how Illich's thought addresses this new condition. Over the course of three convivial evenings we will examine the assumptions which keep us locked within the conventional horizons of education, economics, ecology, and religion.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: Gov. JERRY BROWN

Thursday August 1, 2013

EDUCATION & SERVICES

Educational services have become ever more necessary to "making it in America." Virtual classrooms, massive open online courses (MOOCs) and measurement of outcomes are geared to active and life-long learning. Has learning now been unchained from the consumption of knowledge units packaged for others?

Speakers:

Dan Grego, Executive Director, *TransCenter for Youth*, Milwaukee; author: *Schools for Conviviality* (forthcoming)

Richard Westheimer, former public school teacher and schools consultant.

Jean Robert, activist, architect, author: *Trust People*

Friday August 2, 2013

ECONOMY & ECOLOGY

Economists puzzle over the lengthening economic crisis, unsure of what needs to be done. Reading the data, scientists wring their hands in despair of a political solution to the ongoing ecological crisis. Is the "green economy" - reviving economic growth through remedying environmental damages - a way out of this unprecedented predicament?

Speakers:

Trent Schroyer: Past President TOES (The Other Economic Summit); author: *Beyond Western Economics*

David Bollier: Founding Editor, onthecommons.org; editor: *The Wealth of the Commons*

Gustavo Esteva: founder, Universidad de la Tierra, author: *The Oaxaca commune and Mexico's autonomous movements*

Saturday August 3, 2013

POLITICS & RELIGION

Ivan Illich was a profoundly political thinker. At the height of his celebrity in the 1970's, he described himself as a pamphleteer who was trying to introduce his views into everyday political discussion. He was also a profoundly religious thinker who believed that modernity could be understood only as a perversion of the Christian Gospel. The modern world has tried to separate politics and religion, but the very possibility of such a separation has come into wide question in recent years. In this light, we will explore the relations between politics and religion in Illich's thought.

Speakers:

Carl Mitcham, Professor, Colorado School of Mines, Denver, co-editor: *The Challenges of Ivan Illich*

Wolfgang Palaver, Professor, University of Innsbruck, Vienna, author: *Rene Girard's Mimetic Theory*

David Cayley, formerly of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Toronto; author: *Ivan Illich in Conversation*

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