

Sunday, April 30
2:00 to 5:00 pm

Study Group, First Meeting

Reading Marta Harnecker's "Ideas for the Struggle"
(www.oldandnewproject.net/Essays/Harnecker_Ideas.html)

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At this session we will discuss the first of Harnecker's 12 chapters, "Mass uprisings or revolutions? The role of the political instrument." As supplementary reading for those who have time we would suggest: "Build and Fight: Beyond Trump and the Limitations of the United Front," by Kali Akuno and Doug Norberg (https://www.blackagendareport.com/pros_cons_united_front). At this first session of the study group we can discuss whether we want to propose other recommended readings for future conversations, also the structure and process for the rest of our study—including how many more sessions to have and at what intervals.

520 8th Ave. (bet. 36th & 37th Streets)
12th floor - Suite 1200 - Committee of Interns & Residents
small conference room

!!May need photo I.D. to enter the building!!

(1, 2, 3, A, B, C, D, E, F, N, R trains to "34th St.")

This is an open study group. Feel free to invite others you think might be interested.

Please let us know if you will be attending.

For those unable to participate in person, you can join us either by phone or Skype. Let us know which you can do.

To RSVP or if you have questions, email editors@oldandnewproject.net
or call 917-602-4070.

Background on Marta Harnecker and "Ideas for the Struggle"

Marta Harnecker is a Chilean psychologist, writer, journalist, and a prominent investigator and commentator on experiences of social transformation in Latin America. After the counter-revolutionary coup against Allende in Chile in 1973, she moved to Cuba where she became Director of the research center "Memoria Popular Latinoamericana" (MEPLA) in Havana. She is the author of more than 80 books.

In 2004 Harnecker composed a series of 12 short essays critically assessing the 20th century Latin American revolutionary experience, which were compiled in a text titled "Ideas for the Struggle." Last year her "Ideas" were posted on the Old and New website after a few modest changes by Harnecker.

In an introductory comment, the website's editors explain why this text, although written about the Latin American experience, is nevertheless vitally relevant for revolutionaries in the USA. They then note: "[Harnecker understands] that there are general lessons to be learned from the lived experience of the revolutionary movement in the 20th century, that we cannot expect to rebuild the revolutionary left in the 21st century without seriously studying and discussing these lessons, and yet we also need to avoid any sense that our past experience creates rigid rules for us to follow. There is no script. Even though the next set of revolutionary events, wherever they break out, will share features with those that occurred in the past it will also represent a unique experience, unlike that of any other country in any other revolution." The editorial introduction goes on to say: "A collective development of this essential conversation, across political tendencies and across generations, is, precisely, the project which Old and New was founded to pursue."