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Afghanistan: Obama's Iraq?

Featuring Sonali Kolhatkar and Tom Hayden

**Sunday, May 3, 2009
1-6 p.m.**

**University of Southern California
Mark Taper Hall of Humanities
3501 Trousdale Parkway**

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off Jefferson: \$5**

**Suggested donation: \$25
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Register online: www.icujp.org

Keynote Speakers:

Tom Hayden

After forty years of activism, politics and writing, Tom Hayden still is a leading voice in the struggle for peace and justice.

Sonali Kolhatkar is the founder and lead producer of "Uprising Radio" on KPFK and co-director of the Afghan Women's Mission.

Confirmed Presenters:

Masoud Nassimi, Bert Newton, Chuck O'Connell, Saba Rashan, Rick Rhoads, Steve Rohde and others

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CONFERENCE MISSION STATEMENT

As US bombs rained down on Afghanistan in October 2001, interfaith voices called for "justice, not vengeance" and insisted that *religious communities must stop blessing war and violence*. Now, with additional US troops on their way to that war-ravaged country, it's again time to speak out and to act. As we continue to insist on the complete withdrawal of US military forces from Iraq, we must do the same with respect to Afghanistan. We must urgently take action while preparing to carry out a long-term struggle to dismantle the war system. Let us begin to create a culture of peace, based on social and economic justice, that will bring our world at last into one Beloved Community.

This important conference will address multiple dimensions of the expanding war in Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan, including:

- How and why the US became involved in Afghanistan: Geopolitics and energy
- US military and economic policy in Afghanistan: diplomacy as an alternative to war
- Afghani women in struggle: cultural contexts and fundamental human rights
- Religion: A force for peace and healing, or oppression and destruction?
- War and the economic crisis: Impacts from Kabul to LA
- Joining hearts and hands: How we in LA can help Afghani people
- Strategies for organizing to stop the US war/occupation of Afghanistan

We invite members of faith communities, students, peace activists, veterans and military personnel, and others to join us for a program of speakers, films, workshops, and action plans.

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