

MONOPOLIES, WAR AND NATO

The Morning Star's Spring conference will highlight the current and growing threats to peace – the renewed Israeli aggression on the West Bank, the military interventions spreading across the Middle East and NATO and EU backed militarisation in Africa.

The conference will seek to relate these threats to peace to issues of economic power and control within Scotland and Britain – in particular the quite disproportionate influence of the giant oil monopolies and financial institutions whose wider interests largely fuel the current foreign policy priorities of US and British governments and their allies in NATO and the EU. It will consider how this challenge to Scotland's traditional internationalism can be exposed and opposed.

The conference will hear first-hand reports from Saeed Amireh on the situation in Palestine and from Alan Mackinnon on NATO and EU military activity in Africa. Jeremy Corbyn will assess the current threats to peace. Alex Gordon will examine the monopoly dominated policies of the EU both internally and externally and its increasingly direct interface with NATO.

Sandra White MSP and Cathy Jamieson MP are both opponents of Trident renewal.

George Grosz was an anti-war artist in 1920s Germany who exposed the links between monopolies and aggression



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The conference will take place in the STUC Building, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 (Kelvinbridge Underground). The conference will be chaired by Marlyn Glen

10.45 Registration

11.00 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

11.15 OPENING PANEL
MONOPOLIES, WAR AND NATO
Jeremy Corbyn MP, Richard Leonard, Sandra White MSP, Alan Mackinnon

12.30 LUNCH

1.15 WORKSHOPS

a) Stopping Trident Renewal

Cathy Jamieson, Marlyn Glen, Sandra White

b) Monopoly Power, the EU and NATO

Alex Gordon, Alan Mackinnon, John Foster

c) Palestine and the Role of International Solidarity

Scottish Friends of Palestine, Saeed Amireh, Hugh Humphries and Arthur West

2.30 CLOSING PANEL

SCOTLAND'S INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES: BIG BUSINESS, THE EU AND NATO

Alex Gordon, Cathy Jamieson MP, Saeed Amireh, Arthur West