

Spring 2007

Peace & Justice Film Series

Sponsored by the University of Montana Students for Peace & Justice and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22TH, DOUBLE FEATURE:

ANCIENT FUTURES: LEARNING FROM LADAKH (1993, 60 mins.)

PARADISE WITH SIDE EFFECTS (1999, 40 mins.)

Thursday February 22, 5:30pm and 7:30pm

Produced by The International Society for Ecology and Culture

Ladakh, or “Little Tibet”, is a wildly beautiful desert land high in the Western Himalayas. It is a place of few resources and an extreme climate. Yet for more than a thousand years, it has been home to a thriving culture. Traditions of frugality and cooperation, coupled with an intimate and location-specific knowledge of the environment, enabled the Ladakhis not only to survive, but to prosper.

These two films are about much more than Ladakh. The breakdown of Ladakh’s culture and environment forces us to reexamine what we really mean by “progress”— not only in the “developing” parts of the world, but in the industrialized world as well. The story of Ladakh teaches us about the root causes of environmental, social and psychological problems, and provides valuable guidelines for our own future.

TWO WEEKS FROM NOW: MARCH 1ST:

The Doctor, the Depleted Uranium and the Dying Children

(Germany: 2004, 70 mins. German with English Subtitles)

Thursday March 1, 5:30pm and 7:30pm

An award winning documentary film produced for German television by Freider Wagner and Valentin Thurn. The film exposes the use and impact of radioactive weapons during the current war against Iraq. The story is told by citizens of many nations. It opens with comments by two British veterans, Kenny Duncan and Jenny Moore, describing their exposure to radioactive, so-called ‘depleted’ uranium (DU), weapons and the congenital abnormalities of their children. Dr. Siegwart-Horst Günther, a former colleague of Albert Schweitzer, and Tedd Weyman of the Uranium Medical Research Center (UMRC) traveled to Iraq, from Germany and Canada respectively, to assess uranium contamination in Iraq.

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There will be a discussion after each screening

All of these movies are thought provoking, so please stay afterwards and share your thoughts with other members of the community. You are welcome and encouraged to come regardless of where you find yourself on the political spectrum.

Diversity of opinion leads to richer discussions and deeper understanding.



At the UC Theater in the University of Montana's University Center, 3rd Floor

Take Bus 1, 8, 12 or the UM Shuttle. Free Parking after 5PM.

All Films are Free and Open to the Public

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