

THINGS UNSEEN

BUILDING AUTONOMY IN A TIME OF CRISIS

An enormous political crisis is emerging in the United States, involving the privatization of public goods, the elimination of public space, the marketization of political representation, the displacement of poor communities — in short, the privatization of wealth and the socialization of misery. All evidence seems to suggest that these watershed transformations resulting from global capitalism are picking up speed. If one were to listen to prevalent media discourse, however, the global supremacy of the US, our dysfunctional

party-political system, and the power of neoliberalism will survive the coming crisis unscarred. The perspective from below is somewhat different. History teaches us, and the debacle of the current financial crisis bears out, that the brunt impact of these changes will fall hardest on working class and people of color communities. Furthermore, it was from below that the "modern world" was made possible, and it is here (away from the cameras and microphones of those above) that another world is already under construction. In this context, the El Kilombo community speaker series provides us with a space to think strategically about the struggles that must be continually developed in the face of this gathering storm. We will examine these transformations through multiple lenses, in conversation with national and international guest speakers on issues including: the relation of movements to electoral politics; gentrification, the logic of racialized power, and the central importance of territorial control; and the inspiration of global struggles for dignity and autonomy.

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT EL KILOMBO INTERGALACTICO 324 B WEST GEER ST. DURHAM, NC USA

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GENTRIFICATION AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IT

Glen Ford Executive Editor of Black Agenda Report
Daniella Cook Professor in the Department of Education at UNC-Chapel Hill and Post-doctoral Research Fellow in the Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality at Duke University
Kenneth Saltman Educational Policy Studies and Research, DePaul University
Yousuf Al-Bulushi El Kilombo Intergalactico

FEB
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THE ARTIST AND REVOLUTION

Fred Moten Department of English at Duke University
Robin D. G. Kelley Departments of History and American Studies and Ethnicity at USC

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GLOBAL MOVEMENTS FOR AUTONOMY—MEXICO

BOOK RELEASE PARTY FOR THE MEXICAN EDITION OF "BEYOND RESISTANCE- EVERYTHING!"

Gustavo Esteva "Deprofessionalized intellectual" and founder of the Universidad de La Tierra in Oaxaca.

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GLOBAL MOVEMENTS FOR AUTONOMY—EUROPE

Angel Luis Lara ("El Ruso") Musician and sociologist. Lara conducts research at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid.



El Kilombo Intergaláctico is a collective in Durham, North Carolina, formed to open a community space and focused on the concerns of people of color, students, and working class communities in Durham.

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