

Abstract of my contribution on the NEW INTERNATIONAL

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I'm honored to submit this proposal in Indonesia, a country which symbolizes the Bandung Movement, the first Global South awakening after WW II. The momentous events unfolding in the world of today demand that we reach out to all the concerned progressive forces throughout the world. The workshop in *Bandung at 70* could be a modest attempt to analyze them and propose a course of action.

I'm a member of an ad hoc built group of Samir Amin's ideas or followers after his passing away. Our goal is to build a network of support and to contribute to the radical momentum essential for a major transformation, to identify the building blocks of an international/ transnational/ local networks of peoples and workers to meet the challenges of the 21st century; to take Samir Amin's call to workers and peoples from idea to action; how do we structure a transnational organization? How can it be put into practice? What are the means to achieve it?

In February 2019 I joined the establishing of the new "International People's Assembly" (IPA) which is a progress towards uniting the left forces around the word compared to the movement of the "World Social Forum" (WSF) the global movement started 1999. The main difference between the two movements is that the WSF was an anti-Neo-liberalism forum, what forms its development we all know up till its vanishing, but the IPA is an anti-capitalism forum. Both movements still have one main weakness in common; both are just a "forum", thus not enough.

Our efforts for the new "International" have the target to avoid exactly this deadly point of weakness. To raise the efficiency of our influence – the radical left – on a global scale we need, beside all other kinds of fora, another kind of "**organization**". The specifications of this new organization form will be one of the main problems we are going to discuss – or start discussing – in a long process which must be started by the intended Kick-Off Meeting.

The wished outcome or positive result of this workshop should NOT be the declaration of founding the 5th INTERNATIONAL but building a "Body" or a "committee" to run the LONG process of building the new International. This process may take a generation or longer. The issue of the Kick-Off Meeting is explained in my attached pamphlet "The International Part II".

The workshop would address re-readings of key paradigms and concepts, to better understand the world system in the 21st century, global accumulation, the geopolitics of chaos and the possibilities of heterodox development and other internationalist and solidarity-based alternatives to defeat the rampant imperialism in a multipolar world.