



Breach Collective



POWER SHIFT NETWORK

Organizing the Green New Deal: a professional education course for activists, organizers, and attorneys

Where: [Zoom](#) (passcode: 239259)

When: Wednesdays at 4 PM PST / 7 PM EST beginning on Feb. 10

Classes are expected to last around 90 minutes.

Course Description

The Green New Deal is a huge, generational idea still waiting to find full expression in political spaces, policy, law, and collective action. At [Breach Collective](#) and the [Power Shift Network](#), we believe that a Green New Deal must be based on principles of racial, gender, worker, international, and intergenerational justice. The Green New Deal also must create new institutions that embody these principles, transform existing institutions that could still be useful, and dismantle those that are impediments to justice. To that end, we have put together a free course to showcase big thinkers and doers in the climate justice movement to share information about how to organize for power at different levels: neighborhoods, workplaces, city halls, state legislatures, federal governments, and internationally.

Course Outcomes

We seek to connect participants to important information about the scope and nature of a Green New Deal that would be based in principles of justice, introduce participants to stories about successful campaigns against polluting fossil fuel infrastructure and for a just transition, give people the tools and support to organize in their own communities, and plug participants into coordinated efforts like Power Shift Network that exist to help build capacity for our collective struggle.

Course Format

Because of the unexpectedly high interest in this course, the primary format of the course will be something like a webinar series with opportunities for additional discussion and collaboration depending on the interest levels of course participants. Course participants should feel free to connect directly with Nick Caleb at nick@breachcollective.org to make suggestions. Videos of past classes will be posted online with links provided in the syllabus.

Schedule and Pre-Class Materials

The pre-readings will be updated as they are provided by our speakers.

Feb. 10

Brief introduction to the course - Dany Sigwalt (Power Shift Network) & Nick Caleb (Breach Collective); Racial Justice in the Just Transition - Olúfẹ̀mi O. Táíwò (Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown University)

[VIDEO OF CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK.](#)

Táíwò, Olúfẹ̀mi O. Táíwò, “The Green New Deal and the Danger of Climate Colonialism”, *Slate* (March 1, 2019), available [here](#).

“Olúfẹ̀mi O. Táíwò on Climate Colonialism and Reparations”, *For the Wild* (January 21, 2021), available [here](#).

Feb. 12

Bonus talk! Organizing a Union & Worker Self Direction - Danny Noonan & Nick Caleb (Breach Collective)

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Feb. 17

Issues of Environmental and Climate Justice in International Governance - Jay Monteverde, Danny Noonan, & Nick Caleb (Breach Collective)

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Moore, Jason W., “The Capitalocene, Part I: on the nature and origins of our ecological crisis”, *The Journal of Peasant Studies* (March 17, 2017), available [here](#).

Táíwò, Olúfẹ̀mi O., “Don’t Treat Climate Change as a National Security Risk”, *The New Republic* (Feb. 1, 2021), available [here](#).

Táíwò, Olúfẹ̀mi O., “An African case for carbon removal”, *Africa Is a Country* (Sept. 9, 2020), available [here](#).

Tucker, Todd, “The Green New Deal Has an International Law Problem”, *Progressive International* (March 28, 2020), available [here](#).

Cassel, Douglass, “Does Human Rights Law Make a Difference?” in *Chicago Journal of International Law*, Vol. 2, No. 1, Article 8 (Apr. 1, 2001), available [here](#).

Feb. 18

Bonus talk! The Capitalocene and a Just Transition - Nick Caleb (Breach Collective)

[VIDEO OF CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK](#)

Feb. 24

Resource Extraction and Justice - Thea Riofrancos (Professor of Political Science at Providence College)

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Riofrancos, Thea, “Seize and Resist: The Global Supply Chain is Up For Grabs”, *The Baffler* (November, 2020), available [here](#).

Riofrancos, Thea, “Field Notes from Extractive Frontiers”, *Center for Humans and Nature* (September 28, 2020), available [here](#).

Riofrancos, Thea, “What Green Costs”, *Logic Magazine* (Dec. 7, 2019), available [here](#).

March 3

Climate Migration - Camila Bustos (Yale Law School)

VIDEO OF CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK

Lustgarten, Abraham, “The Great Climate Migration”, *The New York Times Magazine* (July 23, 2020), available [here](#).

Randall, Alex, “Who gets to talk about climate-linked migration in the media?”, *Climate and Migration Coalition*, available [here](#).

Gonzales, Carmen G, “Migration as Reparation: Climate Change and the Disruption of Borders”, *Loyola Law Review* (Nov. 18, 2020), available [here](#).

Rowland-Shea, J. & Doshi, Sahir, “The Extremist Campaign to Blame Immigrants for U.S. Environmental Problems”, *Center for American Progress* (Feb. 1, 2021), available [here](#).

Ober, Kayly, “At a Climate Change Crossroads: How a Biden-Harris Administration Can Support and Protect Communities Displaced by Climate Change”, *Refugees International* (Feb. 11, 2021), available [here](#).

March 10

Green New Deal Economics - Mitch Green (Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity, DSA Portland)

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Paul, M., Holmberg, S.R., & Mason, J.W., “The Economic Case for the Green New Deal”, *Forbes* (Feb. 20, 2019), available [here](#).

Paul, M., Fermsted, A., and Mason, J.W., “Decarbonizing the US Economy”, *Roosevelt Institute* (June 2019), Section 2.2, available [here](#).

Nersisyan, Yeva, “How to Pay for the Green New Deal”, *Levy Economics Institute* (May 2019), available [here](#).

March 11

Financing Green Jobs - Justine Burt (Future of Work Program Lead at Manzanita Works) [Special Zoom Link](#)

VIDEO OF CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK

Burt, Justine, “14.3 million new deep green jobs”, *Medium* (July 28, 2020), available [here](#).

March 17

Tribal Law and Policy - Lillian Alvernaz (Tribal Attorney at Fort Belknap Indian Community)

VIDEO OF CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK

March 24

Federal Climate Policy Before 2022 - Saul Levin (Climate and Labor Policy for Congresswoman Cori Bush (Missouri - 01))

VIDEO OF CLASS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK

March 31

The Energy System & Energy Burden - Heather Moline (NW Energy Coalition)

Baker, Shalanda, “Anti-Resilience: A Roadmap for Transformational Justice within the Energy System”, *Harvard Civil Rights - Civil Liberties Law Review* (March 29, 2019), available [here](#).

Lazar, Jim, “Electricity Regulation in the US: A Guide (Second Edition)” Chp. 1-4, *Regulatory Assistance Project* (July 12, 2016), available [here](#).

Puget Sound Sage, “Powering the Transition” (June 2020), available [here](#).

April 7

A Green New Deal for Pacific Northwest Forests - Samantha Krop & Dylan Plummer (Cascadia Wildlands)

“Green New Deal for PNW Forests”, available [here](#).

Profita, Cassandra, “Pacific Northwest forests fit trifecta for curbing climate change -- if we stop logging them”, *Crosscut* (January 1, 2020), available [here](#).

Coast Range Association, “Climate and Oregon’s Industrial Forests: A Green New Deal Proposal” (2021), available [here](#).

April 14

Frontline Fights Against the Fossil Fuel Industry: Boxtown, TN Stands Up to the Byhalia Oil Pipeline - Kathy Robinson & Justin J. Pearson (Memphis Community Against the Pipeline)

April 21 Week off! Go to the [Power Shift 2021 Convergence!](#)

April 28

May 5 -- special time: 3 PM EST, noon PST

A Feminist Green New Deal - Mara Dolan & Dr. Frances Roberts-Gregory (Feminist Green New Deal Coalition) with Maeve Cohen & Dr. Sherilyn MacGregor (Wen and the Women's Budget Group). Moderated by Shree Mehrotra.

FemGND Principles, available [here](#).

Cohen, Maeve and MacGregor, Sherilyn, "A Draft Roadmap for a Feminist Green New Deal" (March 2021), available [here](#).

Cohen, Maeve and MacGregor, Sherilyn, "Towards a Feminist Green New Deal for the UK" (May 2020), available [here](#).

"What Would a Feminist Green New Deal Look Like," video available [here](#).

"Why the Green New Deal Must be Feminist," video available [here](#).

May 12

Winning Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Fights - Nick Caleb (Breach Collective) & Allie Rosenbluth (Rogue Climate)

About Breach Collective

Breach consists of a battle-tested climate justice advocacy team with expertise in grassroots organizing, strategic communications, and U.S. and international legal advocacy. Among other legal campaigns, we previously worked on the groundbreaking *Juliana v. United States* (a.k.a. "#youthvgov") climate change case filed by 21 young Americans who are suing the federal government for recognition of their constitutional right to a safe climate.

We founded Breach on the principle that solutions to the climate crisis must come from a diverse and empowered grassroots base. We increase the capacity of frontline communities by offering our expertise in strategic planning, grassroots organizing, and media and legal advocacy. Centering frontline individual and community voices is the best way to ensure that the climate movement does not sacrifice these communities, reinforce historic wrongs, or create new injustices in the name of urgency.

Our team has experience advocating for workplace democracy in the nonprofit sector; in fact the idea of Breach was born in the midst of a successful unionizing campaign at another nonprofit. We've seen first-hand how professionalized nonprofits can create strict hierarchies in their workplace and engage with frontline communities in a rigid, top-down way. Drawing inspiration from the best pro-worker structures and workplace

practices in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, we've created a progressive nonprofit workplace model that limits hierarchy, avoids worker burn-out, and builds solidarity and power with the broader labor movement.