

1994 – The day
NAFTA took effect



2014

Paramilitaries (Cioac-H) attack La Realidad. Destroy autonomous school and clinic and ambushed Zapatista reinforcements arriving from the nearby Caracol. Murdered Jose Luis Solis Lopez a teacher at the school). Solis had selected Galeano (from the author) as his nom de guerre.

“We think that one of us must die so that Galeano can live. So death does not take a life but a name.”
The birth of Subcomandante Galeano.



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por la
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The invitation

- “We, as Zapatistas, we don’t consider sciences as part of the problem, but as one of the key pillars of the solution. Not just to avoid the world, continental, national and local disgraces, but also and mainly to build a new world, better, more democratic, fair and free.”
- “To whomever doesn’t know the spirit that moves us and doesn’t know our sight to the world, it might result paradoxical that us, Zapatistas from original peoples, are not in search of beliefs or superstitions, but knowledge achieved through scientific rigour.”

- “The calendars of the world must be bad if it is necessary that, from the most forgotten corner of its geography, and in the words and hearts of those who would be supposed to be backward and ignorant, emerges this call to the sciences and scientists to regain their place in the struggle for life.”
- For these reasons, . . . we invite you to participate in the meeting "ConCiencias for Humanity ", to be held between December 25, 2016 and January 4, 2017 in San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

Desde las montañas del Sureste Mexicano.
A nombre los hombres, mujeres, niños y ancianos zapatistas.

Sub cte. I. Moisés

Sub Cte Galeano

Subcomandante Insurgente Moisés. Subcomandante Insurgente Galeano.
México, julio-agosto del 2016.



The idea: La culpa es de la flor

“Interest in science in the Zapatista communities is legitimate, real. But it is relatively new, it has not always been so. It responds to one of the transformations that our struggle has experienced, to our process of building our autonomy, that is, our freedom.”

“It is said that religion came to the indigenous communities with the sword, true. But it is forgotten that pseudosciences and anti-Sciences come from the hand of “good vibes”, naturism as neo-religion, esoterism as "ancestral wisdom," and microdosing as neo-medicine.

“But understand that to face the challenge we have set ourselves to face as Zapatistas, we need tools that can be provided ONLY by what Subcomandante Moisés denominates "scientific sciences", the sciences that are true sciences.”



La culpa es de la flor

- “Why is that flower the color it is, why does it have that shape, why does it smell like that?”
- "And I do not want to be told that mother earth with her wisdom did so to the flower, or that God, or whatever.

I want to know the scientific answer. "



La culpa es de la flor

- So scientists, if, when you are back in your worlds, someone asks you why this meeting was held, or how was it, you can start your long, or short, answer like this:

"It's the flower's fault."



The program

- 82 scientists from 11 countries + 200 Zapatista students
- Key note talks:
 - reflexions on science against capitalism
- Charlas de divulgación (research talks)
 - talks about particular research projects
- Disciplines represented: math, astrophysics, astronomy, cosmology, nuclear fusion, genetics, microbiology, statistical physics, optics, bioethics, biophysics, evolutionary biology, marine biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, physiology, biophysics, mutagenesis, environmental studies, geonomics, complex systems, artificial intelligence, ecology, agroecology

The Zapatista students



200 women, men, children and elderly “bases de apoyo zapatistas”
tzeltal, tzotzil, tojolabal, chol, zoque, mame and mestizo

Selected and sent
by their
communities to
learn and bring
knowledge back to
their communities
("socialize
knowledge")





The Ambiance



ConCiencias 2018



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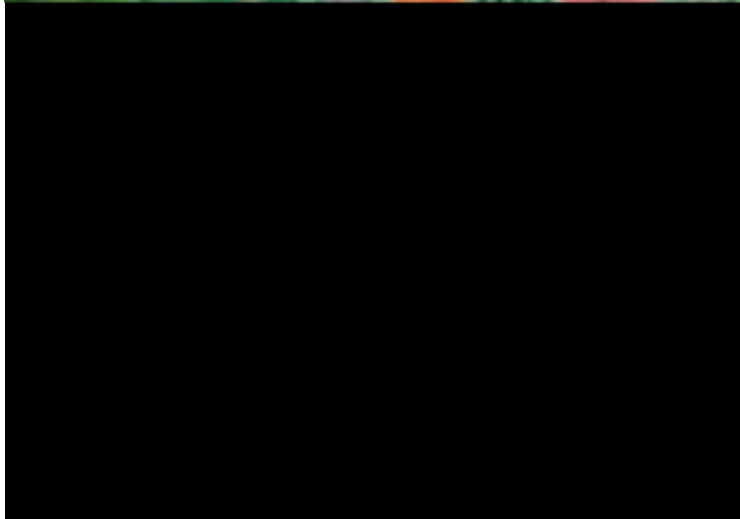
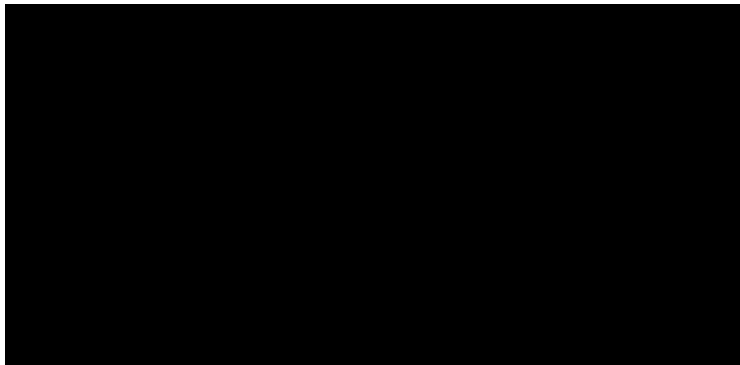
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Nov
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**SEGUNDA EDICIÓN DEL “CONCIENCIAS POR LA HUMANIDAD”
CON EL TEMA “LAS CIENCIAS FRENTE AL MURO”**

The Walls Above, The Cracks Below

(And To The Left)







Constructing autonomy

Zapatista strategies of indigenous resistance in Mexico

Richard Stahler-Sholk

Occupying social spaces in the context of “Empire”

Changing the world without taking power

Impossibility of absolute autonomy

Social movement interactions with the State

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THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF ROJAVA**



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6 days ago

ROJAVA CALLING CHIARAS



SABATO 27 GIUGNO 2015
ALL' ISOLA di FRASSINO [VALLE VARRITA, CN]



ORE 16: COMUNITA' RESISTENTI - FIRMATI E TESTIMONIANZE
 DELLA SELVA CHIAPPINCA e DEI MONTI del KURDISTAN

ORE 19: APERITIVO MUSICALE e CENA con piatti DELLA TRADIZIONE
 MEDICANA e KURDA [10 EURO (CONTA LA FRONTEGGIA
 AL NUMERO 304 05 92443)]

BENEFIT PER L'ANDRITO DI STRUMENTAZIONE MEDICA PER LA CLINICA
 AUTONOMA SANTA CRUZ del CARACOL ROBERTO BARRIOS e PER
 LA FONDAZIONE delle DONNE LIBERE IN ROTAVA.

ORE 21.30: CONCERTO MAMBO MELON + ROCKSOUNDKRYGUEW'ALL
 PER I GRUPPI D'ARABICA, ANDRIZ, LA GINEBRA, M. TATE, SCORIELLO, THE DJ LUCONE

ALPI LIBERE, TATAWELO, UIKI [CONTRA-ARMANDO, TAPICCHI, GIAN]

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Rebellions tend to be negative, to denounce and expose the enemy without providing a positive vision of a new future...A revolution is not just for the purpose of correcting past injustices, a revolution involves a projection of man/woman into the future...It begins with projecting the notion of a more human human being, i.e. a human being who is more advanced in the specific qualities which only human beings have - creativity, consciousness and self-consciousness, a sense of political and social responsibility. Grace Lee Boggs





In the 20th century, the Zapatistas explain, we lived through three world wars: World Wars I, II and the "Cold War" All three were wars between nation-states or Allied Powers

However, World War IV, the war in which the whole world is now engaged, is a new kind of war, an ongoing and total war, the war of "The Empire of Money" against Humanity. The Empire of Money seeks "to impose the logic and practice of capital" on everything, to turn every living thing, the Earth, our communities and all our human relationships into commodities to be bought and sold on the market. . . .

Under these historically new conditions the meaning of Revolution must also undergo a dialectical change. Fighting on the side of Humanity against the Empire of Money, we need to go beyond Opposition, beyond Rebellion, beyond Resistance, beyond Civic Insurrection. We don't want to be like them. We don't want to become the "political class," to change presidents, switch governments.

We want and need to create the Alternative world that is now both possible and necessary. We want and need to exercise power, not take it.



The revolutionary organizing that the Zapatistas have been doing since 1994 flows from this new meaning of Revolution. Their struggles are very local. They encourage communities to exercise power by developing their own projects to produce food and clothing and other supplies, solving their own problems of health and education, making their own decisions and in the process slowly but surely developing themselves and their own governance. [in this way] the Zapatistas have developed a new generation that has grown up with alternative, autonomous education and health programs and has begun to hold delegated positions in the autonomous municipalities.

Since we founded Detroit Summer in 1992 to rebuild, redefine and respirit Detroit from the ground up, people have been coming from all the United States and the world to study what we are doing. I often sum it up by calling Detroit the Chiapas of North America.

