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This year, the People's University is structured around four broad themes:

- **Capitalism rebooting.** Since the financial crash of 2007-08, neoliberal regimes around the world has intensified their offensive against what people had fought over for decade, access to health and education, decent pensions, living wages, etc. In this theme, we will focus on:
 - What is behind around 'austerity' policies? What is the role of the state and finance capital institutions in establishing a new architecture of power?
 - What is the trend towards centralizing wealth and power around metropolitan areas away from 'peripheral' regions?
 - Is 'Green capitalism' able to slow down the destruction of Pachamama or it just a cover-up?
 - What is the role played by anti-democratic and anti-rights policies?
 - How about imperialism in the time of growing confrontations and multiple conflicts?
 - Where is the 'endless war' into that pattern?

- **Fighting to win:** what is the scope and nature of the rich tapestry of popular movements and struggles? How can we reconfigure power relations and combine local and national struggles? Several sessions will follow this lead:
 - The return of the Commons as a transformative perspective
 - Parties and movements in the European experience: How is it working?
 - De growth and Buen Vivir: Can the left invent a new development paradigm?
 - Québec sovereignty and First Nations sovereignty: Can they be reconciled?
 - The Left and the Quebec national question: Can the left redefine the terms?
 - Towards a Pan Canadian initiative: How to move ahead following new dialogues between Quebec and Canadian activists?
 - Feminism Today: What is the 'new generation' proposing?
 - Combating sexism in our popular movements: Can we do it?
 - Outside the box: Can the left talk to 'ordinary' people?

- **The Future of our past**
 - 25 years after Oka: What is the legacy of this spectacular First Nation struggle?
 - Socialism and anarchism: What are the differences? And the convergences?
 - The 'other' history of Canada: From the invisible resistance of First Nations to current battles.
 - Rosa, Vladimir and Antonio: Do they have something to tell us?
 - The radical left in the 1970s in Quebec

- **Resistance and convergence in the Fall**
 - From 2012 to 2015: what are the main lessons?
 - Making a SWOC analysis of the popular movement?
 - What tools do we need most?

All in all, we have 20 sessions starting Thursday evening **August 20** until Sunday morning **August 23**. More than 60 resource people are there to facilitate the discussions, including ([partial listing](#))

- From Canada: Jim Stanford, Leo Panitch, Greg Albo, Micha Rozworski, Corvin Russell, Jessica Squares, Dave Bush, Lesley Thompson, Judy Rebick
- From Quebec: Andes Fontecella, Manon Massé, André Frappier, Simon Tremblay-Pepin, Jérémie Bédard-Wien, Donald Cuccioletta, Pierre Beaudet, Patrick Rondeau, Dominique Daigneault, Andrea Levy, Louise Chabot, Véronique Laflamme, Roger Rashi, Claude Vaillancourt
- From First Nations: Ben Powness, Viviane Michel, Constant Awashish, Clifton Nicholas
- From the world: Pablo Bustindy (Spain), Gilbert Rist (France), Josette Cole (South Africa), Maristella Svampa (Argentina), Andreas Karitzis (Greece).