

Demilitarizing...

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On how to subvert empire and build worlds beyond the war-peace binary

Mon, 4.28, 1-2:30pm in STEW 214CD. Reception to follow.

This is only the beginning. When worlds are destroyed, people get started building lives otherwise. In this panel, Eleana Kim, Bassam Haddad, and Carole McGranahan –prominent scholars of militarism and resurgent survival from Korea to Syria to Tibet– discuss the relationship between human violence and ecological thriving. They describe forms of organized and disorganized resistance to empire, as well the complex ways those who remain, return, or live in diaspora relate to home/lands. Together, their work features the urgent stakes of transformative ethnography and of demilitarized visions for our future(s).



Eleana Kim is author of *Making Peace with Nature*, a critique of "peace" centered on flourishing biodiversity as a beneficiary of ongoing war in the Korean Demilitarized Zone. In addition to her scholarship on post-humanism and militarized ecologies, she theorizes transnational adoption, reproduction, and kinship in relation to US empire and Cold War geopolitics. Kim is a professor of anthropology at University of California Irvine.



Bassam Haddad is author of *Business Networks in Syria*, on the collusion between states and businesses in the name of security. He is an ethnographic filmmaker and a founder of multiple platforms for public intellectual engagement on/of the Middle East, including *Jadaliyya* and *The Knowledge Production Project*. Haddad is an associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University.



Carole McGranahan is author of *Arrested Histories*, on CIA operations in Tibet, as well as several articles and books on the CIA as an ethnographic subject, US empire, the Chushi Gangdrug resistance army, and the Tibetan diaspora. She is a leader in experimental ethnographic writing, including the *Flash Ethnography Project* and "Rethinking Pseudonyms in Ethnography." McGranahan is a professor of Anthropology at University of Colorado.