

**WHY DEBT RULES OUR LIVES  
AND HOW TO RESIST IT**

**LIFE  
BEFORE  
DEBT**



**SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014**

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Dictator debts... Payday loans...  
Third World debt... Austerity  
cuts... The Eurozone crisis...  
Student debt... Vulture funds...

Six years on from the crash, the ranks of those imprisoned by debt are swelling in the UK and across the world.

For years, millions of people in the global South have been trapped in poverty by the rule

of debt. Now across Europe our public services are being slashed and our economies restructured to pay for bankers' bailouts.

In the UK, as prices outstrip wages, families are turning to payday loans to get through the month, students face a lifetime of debt and the NHS is locked into 30-year contracts with parasitic companies profiting from the public purse.

Debt is at the centre of a broken economic system that is hurting ordinary people everywhere.

This free day-long conference will hear from global movements on the frontline of debt resistance, investigate the pervasive role of debt in our lives today, and discuss what collective action we can take to break the chains of debt in years to come.

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10am–6.30pm / Registration from 9.30am  
School of Oriental and African Studies  
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Sessions include:

**Debt and development: What happened to the 'Third World' debt crisis? / Payday loans: an industry without mercy / Dictator debt and the Arab uprisings / Corporate contracts in the NHS: Britain's odious debts? / How vulture funds go in for the kill / Debt audits: how they work, and what they're good for / Student debt and the privatization of higher education in the UK / Debt myths and morality: why we pay debts we don't owe**  
Plus art, music and more...

Speakers include:

**Njoki Njehu** Daughters of Mumbi, Kenya and Africa Jubilee South  
**Rowan Williams** Former Archbishop of Canterbury  
**Jihen Chandoul** Campaign to Audit Tunisia's Debt  
**David Graeber** Author of *Debt: The First 5,000 Years*  
**Costas Lapavistas** Professor of Economics, SOAS  
**Ann Pettifor** Director, PRIME and author of *Just Money*  
**Andrew Ross** Strike Debt activist and author of *Creditocracy: The case for debt refusal*  
**Andrew McGettigan** Author, *The Great University Gamble*  
**Allyson Pollock** Professor of Public Health & author of *NHS Plc*  
**Christina Laskaridis** Corporate Watch and Greek debt audit campaign  
**Mossallem Mohammed** Drop Egypt's Debt campaign

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