The Secure and the Dispossessed: How the military and corporations are shaping a climate-changed world

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What if government and corporate elites have given up on stopping climate change and prefer to try to manage its consequences instead? In the week before the UN climate talks in Paris, this event will examine issues raised by a new book, *The Secure and the Dispossessed: How the Military and Corporations are Shaping a Climate-Changed World*.

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**Date**
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**Time**
18:30 - 21:00

**Location**
Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3GA

**Organizer(s)**
Transnational Institute

**Participants**
Nick Buxton
Ben Hayes

**Programmes**
War & Pacification, Agrarian & Environmental Justice

The event will expose a dangerous new climate security agenda in which the powerful are responding to the unfolding climate crisis with military solutions. But it also puts forward and tells the stories of the inspiring alternatives that promise a just transition to a climate-changed world.

**Speakers**

Ben Hayes is a co-editor of *The Secure and the Dispossessed*, TNI fellow who has worked for the civil liberties organisation Statewatch since 1996, specialising in national and international security policies. He is the author of *NeoConOpticon: The EU Security-Industrial Complex* (Transnational Institute, 2009) and has written widely on the impact of counter-terrorism on human rights, peace-building and civil society; on border control and the development of 'Fortress Europe'; and on surveillance before and after Edward Snowden.
Asad Rehman coordinates Friends of the Earth’s international climate work, is a star interviewee in Naomi Klein’s recent film *This Changes Everything,* and has been actively involved in countless anti-racist and social justice struggles in London.

Jo Ram is co-founder of *Community Reinvest,* an organisation that works with the fossil fuel divestment movement to demystify finance and enable reinvestment of divested funds into a democratic and just energy system. She is also an academic at the Bartlett School of Planning, UCL where she teaches on social action and climate change, a member of the Red Pepper Editorial Collective, and an activist with the Art Not Oil Coalition.

Nick Buxton is a co-editor of *The Secure and the Dispossessed,* Communications Manager for *Transnational Institute* (TNI) and has been involved in global justice and environmental justice movements for over 20 years. He is editor of TNI’s annual *State of Power* reports and the book *Shifting Power – Critical Perspectives on Emerging Economies* (2015).

Ryvka Barnard is Senior Campaigns Officer for Militarism and Security at War on Want.

After the debate, there will be a chance to meet the authors, received signed books, and find out more about local organisations involved in campaigning on many of these issues.

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‘A tremendous book that shows how the few intend to profit from climate change and how the many can stop it happening.’

JOHN VIDAL, Guardian

‘Will we respond to the climate crisis with the politics of fear and business as usual – and in so doing condemn millions? Or will we wrest power from the corporations and the military in order to develop the radical just solutions we need?’

PABLO SOLON, Former Ambassador to Bolivia and lead climate negotiator to the UN
Climate change is driven by the demand for profits, but the ruling class is recasting it as a security issue, finds William Alderson. The Secure and the Dispossessed: How the Military and Corporations Are Shaping a Climate-Changed World, eds. Nick Buxton and Ben Hayes (Pluto Press 2015), xix, 268pp. It is a measure of the importance of this book that there is hardly a page without a point which a reviewer would want to quote. For anyone interested in the issue of climate change, it is essential reading because it not only documents how those currently in power are responding to it, but also re...
As climate change starts to affect the way we live, we're all starting to think about how to adapt to the changing circumstances. However, a new book suggests that our military and corporate elites are a step ahead and are already planning how to secure their futures in ways that will impact upon us all. To find more information on this debate visit tttdebates.org at: http://www.eurozine.com/timetotalk/the-secure-the-dispossessed-how-the-military-and-corporations-are-shaping-a-climate-changed-world While the world's scientists and many of its inhabitants despair at the impact of climate change, corporate and military leaders see nothing but opportunities. For them, melting ice caps mean newly accessible fossil fuels, borders to be secured from 'climate refugees', social conflicts to be managed and more failed states in which to intervene. They are 'securing' their assets at the expense of the planet and its inhabitants.

The Secure and the Dispossessed looks at these deadly approaches with a critical eye. It also considers the flip-side: that the legitimacy