

Global Lessons on Drug Policy: Effective Solutions to Ending the Drug War

WHEN

Friday, March 25, 2016

TIME

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

WHERE

Open Society Foundations

224 W. 57th Street, New York, NY

You are invited to a panel discussion about the devastating impact of the War on Drugs and the growing global movement for reform.

The Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice is working with the Open Society Foundations to bring an international delegation to the U.S. to meet with local groups and community members and discuss the movement to end the War on Drugs at the local, national, and international level.

The tour is visiting five cities: Atlanta, Denver, Seattle, Chicago, and New York City. At each site, local organizers and international delegates will connect local reform efforts to the upcoming United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) in New York City on April 19-21, where nations will discuss global drug policies.

New York was chosen as the final location for the UNGASS International Delegation Tour. New York is significant not only because it is the site of the UNGASS in April, but because it is also in the middle of a major debate about drug policy. New York City has growing support for harm reduction and criminal justice reform, but still faces the worst impulses of the Rockefeller Drug Law era.

DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS:

Marcela Tovar

Human rights activist, philosopher, and coordinator for the drug policy program at the Think Tank for Action and Transition in Colombia.

Julián Wilches

Political scientist, Former Director of Drug Policy at Colombia's Ministry of Justice and Law and former Adviser to the Presidential Program Against Illicit Crops in Colombia.

Juan Cartagena

President and General Counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF. Constitutional and civil rights attorney with vast experience litigating cases on behalf of Latino and African American communities on various issues.

Marilyn Scales

VOCAL-NY Member, harm reduction and civil rights organizer, former drug user and formerly incarcerated Latina.

Lorenzo Jones (Moderator)

Co-founder and Co-director of the Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice.



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