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PITZER Spetlight

Ivan Illich Lecture Series Features Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown

Former California governor will deliver keynote address on community activism

"Among the serious thinkers I have had the privilege to meet, Ivan Illich alone embodied in his personal life as well as in his work, a radical distancing from the imperatives of modern society... He bore witness to the destructive power of modern institutions that 'create needs faster than they can create satisfaction, and in the process of trying to meet the needs they generate, they consume the earth."" -- Jerry Brown



CLAREMONT, Calif. (March 9, 2004) - Ivan Illich, a great friend of Pitzer College since 1973, passed away in December 2002. "Conversations: The Legacies of Ivan Illich," is a celebration of his life by colleagues and friends. Everyone is invited to attend. The sessions will run March 26-28 on the Pitzer College campus. The Honorable Jerry Brown, mayor of Oakland and former governor of California, will deliver the keynote address at 7:30 p.m. March 26 in Avery Auditorium.

Ivan Illich was born in Vienna and traveled and taught throughout Europe, Latin America and the United States. Illich was the co-founder of the widely known and controversial Center for Intercultural Documentation in Cuernavaca, Mexico, which in the 1960s became a magnet for independent thinkers -- students and teachers from all over North and South America.

Ivan Illich

Illich was a critic of modern institutions and wrote books on such disparate topics as education, gender, technology, transportation, hospitality, medicine, ecology, literacy and needs.

Illich was a frequent collaborator with Jerry Brown's participatory gatherings of thinkers known as The Oakland Table. The organization is dedicated to strengthening democracy and the ability of people to shape the places where they live.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 26 - Avery Auditorium		
7:30 p.m	A Welcome by President Laura Skandera Trombley	
	Keynote address: "The Oakland Table and Community Activism" by The Honorable Jerry Brown, Mayor of Oakland and former Governor of California	
Saturday, March 27 - Founders Room, McConnell Center		
8:30-9 a.m.	Breakfast for participants - Founders Room Lobby	
9-10:30 a.m.	PANEL 1 John B. Cobb, Jr., "Ecology and the Structure of Society" Robert Duggan, "Growing Up with Ivan: His Presence Demands A Presence"	
10:30-11 a.m.	Break	
11 a.m12:30 p.m	PANEL 2 Lourdes Arguelles and Sam Crowell, "Illich in a 21st Century Teacher Education Program: Notes on a Teaching and Learning Experiment" Barry Sanders, "How Literacy Matters"	
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Lunch for participants - McConnell Living Room	
2:30-4 p.m.	PANEL 3 Barbara Duden, "Beyond Medical Nemesis: The Search for Modernity's Disembodiment of 'I' and 'You'" Jean Robert, "Architecture and the Demise of the Great Tradition"	
6:30 p.m.	Reception and Dinner McConnell Living Room Memorial Celebration	
Sunday, March 28 - Founders Room, McConnell Center		
9-9:30 a.m.	Breakfast for participants - Founders Room Lobby	
9:30-11 a.m.	PANEL 4: Lee Hoinacki, "Why Philia?" Majid Rahnema, "Glimpses of Ivan the Pilgrim"	
11-11:30 a.m.	Break	

11:30-12:30 p.m.Concluding Discussion12:30 p.m.Lunch for participants - McConnell Living Room

All events are free and open to the public. The keynote address a 7:30 p.m. March 26 will be webcast. Sponsored by the Forum Fund and Campus Life Committee, Pitzer College.

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