Redefining International Socialist Feminist Anti-War Solidarity

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On October 3, 2026, a Los Angeles Left Coast conference panel was held on "Redefining International Socialist Feminist Anti-War Solidarity."

Introduction by Moderator, Nikki

At a time when wars, occupations, authoritarianism, repression, and geopolitical conflicts are affecting communities across very different parts of the world, the meaning of international solidarity has become increasingly complex.

For feminists in particular, being anti-war raises difficult but important questions. How do we oppose war and militarism while also standing with people resisting occupation, authoritarianism, and repression? How do we build international solidarity without reducing people's struggles to geopolitical camps or asking them to choose between competing powers?

Today's panel brings together perspectives connected to Iran and the Middle East, Cuba and Latin America, and Ukraine. Our speakers will explore what feminist anti-war solidarity can mean in these different contexts and what a more consistent and genuinely international approach might look like.

We will hear different perspectives and different experiences, but also an important common theme: feminist anti-war solidarity cannot simply be about choosing between governments, states, or geopolitical camps. It has to begin with the people who are actually living through war, repression, sanctions, occupation, and economic hardship.