The 2010 Empire and Solidarity Conference explores how different solidarity movements were shaped by, or consciously modeled themselves upon, the Central American solidarity movement of the 1980s. Central American solidarity in the 1980s drew on pre-existing organizations, ideas, and traditions, created its own new forms of thinking and organization, and left important legacies for the movements that succeeded and grew out of it. What are the historical continuities and discontinuities between the people, strategies, traditions, and organizations that comprised Central American solidarity in the 1980s and subsequent struggles around global justice, free trade, immigrant rights, militarism, and many others?

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