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M.I.A, Rafael Correa, Pamela Anderson, Lula, Rafael Correa, Roger Waters, Yanis Varoufakis, Slavoj Žižek and others to demand Assange's release at Progressive International event



Progressive International (PI) - the global network of progressive movements, parties and people - will convene a planetary cast of activists, artists, thinkers, and political representatives to stand with Julian Assange in the fight for truth and justice against extradition to the United States on Friday 2 October.

Friday is the last day of witness testimony in Assange's extradition trial.

The public event, titled 'We Stand with Assange', will take place online and will hear from musician and activist **M.I.A**, Pink Floyd's **Roger Waters**, former president of Ecuador **Rafael Correa**, former president of Brazil **Lula**, former Greek finance minister **Yanis Varoufakis**, actor and activist **Pamela Anderson**, UK MP **John McDonnell**, philosopher **Srećko Horvat**, Assange's lawyer **Jennifer Robinson**, former Argentinian diplomat **Alicia Castro**, philosopher **Slavoj Žižek** and many more.

The event, which takes its inspiration from the Russell-Sartre Tribunal of 1966, when representatives of 18 countries gathered to hold the United States accountable for their war crimes in Vietnam, will be livestreamed across numerous platforms and is now open to registration from the public.

Croatian philosopher and PI cabinet member Srećko Horvat, who will chair the event, said:

“In 1966 when no international authority dared to hold the United States accountable for war crimes in Vietnam, philosopher-activists Bertrand Russell and Jean-Paul Satre gathered representatives from 18 countries to do it themselves.

“Friday’s public event will put the United States government on trial for its crimes of the twenty-first century — from atrocities in Iraq to torture at Guantánamo Bay to the CIA’s illegal surveillance program — and draw attention to the extradition case of Julian Assange for revealing them, a case that will shape the future of publishing, journalism, speech, and democracy for decades to come.

“Wikileaks has been an inspiration to social movements around the world. Now it is time for social movements to stand with Assange. Our collective freedom is at stake.”

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Notes to editors

The event will run from 0900-1200 EST, 1500-1800 CET, 1830-2130 IST

[Registration page link](#)

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