

San Francisco ANWF Educational Seminar on the Financial Crisis

DATE: June 10, 2009 **TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Mechanics Institute Library

57 Post Street at Montgomery (right by Montgomery BART station)

Featuring a Lecture and Q&A session with: ***Associate Professor Ernesto Dal Bo of the Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley, author Douglas Rushkoff and filmmaker Donald Goldmacher.***

Dr. Dal Bo's research focuses on the intersection between Economics and Politics, with an emphasis on phenomena such as political influence, corruption, and social conflict. Dr. Dal Bo's papers have investigated issues linking coercion with political influence, and the performance of democratic institutions with a focus on the corruptibility of committees, and how voting rules may be used to attain commitment in policymaking without renouncing flexibility. He has also studied how economics can affect social and political conflict. His empirical projects have been focused on the connection between corruption and the inefficiency of firms, and on the self-perpetuation of political elites.

Douglas Rushkoff is a Professor of Media Studies at The New School University in New York. His new book, *Life Inc.*, traces how corporations went from a convenient legal fiction to the dominant fact of contemporary life. Douglas Rushkoff will explain why we see our homes as investments rather than places to live, our 401k plans as the ultimate measure of success, and how the current financial crisis provides a critical opportunity to build a real and human-scaled society.

A short film *Heist?*, about the financial crisis by local filmmaker Donald Goldmacher will be screened. "Heist" reveals how US corporate interests, bolstered by right-wing ideologues, promoted neo-liberal economics, deregulation, and free-trade notions that have now brought America and the world to an economic precipice. "Heist" exposes the main villains including the US Chamber of Commerce, Wall Street, and their political lackeys. "Heist" presents a multitude of constructive economic alternatives to the neo-liberal policies of the past 30 years, espoused by Corporate America.

Best,
Donald Goldmacher, Producer

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Because we can't go back to the Raw Deal of the past 30 years.

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