Could it really happen here?
Is the Trump/Pence Regime bringing American fascism?
Is silence complicity?

Dialogue and Teach-In

Wednesday, December 4
6:00 – 9:00pm
Franz 2258A, UCLA Campus
(across from the Faculty Center)

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The Trump/Pence Regime poses a catastrophic danger to humanity. Concentration Camps on the border… environmental devastation accelerated… the danger of war, even nuclear, threatened… white supremacy rules… fascist mobs and racist mass murderers… truth and science erased… the right to abortion near gone… theocracy threatened… the rule of law and democratic and civil rights are stripped away… THIS IS FASCISM UNFOLDING AND IN POWER.

Fascist speakers descend on college campuses, trying to crack strongholds of “liberal academia” and shut down critical thinking and dissent – with the Universities themselves paying hundreds of thousands of dollars, sometimes millions, for security. Trump threatens to cut off funding for campuses where there is meaningful protest against these fascist speakers and school administrators enact policies that shut down ANTI-fascist protest (UCLA is where Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin was booed and where people protesting – the UCLA5 – were physically removed from their seats and arrested, dragged through the courts but ultimately acquitted). Recently, UCLA hosted Donald Trump, Jr. in what was the equivalent of a Klan rally with a crowd of hundreds of young fascists cohered around the myth of “white genocide,” organizing for a “white ethnostate.” These views, also held by Stephen Miller, are shaping Trump's immigration policies of ethnic cleansing. All while DACA hangs in the balance.

Is it right to call this a FASCIST regime? What is fascism? How would a fascist America impact the world? Is it a pendulum swing that can be stopped through elections or a different form of qualitatively more draconian rule that can only be stopped through mass, sustained, non-violent protest in the streets as put forth and initiated by the Call from RefuseFascism.org of #OUTNOW? What role and responsibility do students have?

As young people, we are often asked what we want to be when we grow up, but we are never asked what kind of world we want to live in. This is the question we have to lift our sights to – beyond our cell phones and syllabi, beyond our personal aspirations: what's our responsibility to humanity and the planet?

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