

## Making Contact

Making Contact - #25-21 - 210621 - Grace Lee Boggs: Sister Revolutionary

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Anti-Asian violence and hate has increased since the start of the pandemic last year. #StopAsianHate became a viral hashtag much like #BlackLivesMatter in the wake of Black people killed by police officers. The relationship between Black and Asian Americans is complicated. However, the groups are united in their efforts to call out white supremacy as the source of the violence against both groups.

Solidarity between the Asian and Black community is common. Take Grace Lee Boggs, an Asian-American, who spent the better part of the last century in Detroit advocating for human rights for Black people. On today's program we honor the life and legacy of civil rights activist Grace Lee Boggs and highlight her organizing work with African Americans.

Through the lens of the documentary film, *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs* we present a close and personal view of Grace's activism. Produced by Grace Lee, the documentary film, *American Revolutionary*, plunges us into Boggs's lifetime of vital thinking and action, traversing the major U.S. social movements of the last century; from labor to civil rights, to Black Power, feminism, the Asian American and environmental justice movements and beyond. Boggs's constantly evolving strategy—her willingness to re-evaluate and change tactics in relation to the world shifting around her—drives the story forward. Angela Davis, Bill Moyers, Bill Ayers, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, Danny Glover, Boggs's late husband James and a host of Detroit comrades across three generations help shape this uniquely American story. As she wrestles with a Detroit in ongoing transition, contradictions of violence and non-violence, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, the 1967 rebellions, and non-linear notions of time and history, Boggs emerges with an approach that is radical in its simplicity and clarity: revolution is not an act of aggression or merely a protest. Revolution, Boggs says, is about something deeper within the human experience — the ability to transform oneself to transform the world.

Grace Lee Boggs died October 5, 2015. Born on June 27, 1915.

Featuring: Grace Lee Boggs, Activist and Scholar; Grace Lee, Filmmaker and Producer

Making Contact - #11-22 - 220314 - Juristac and the Amah Mutsun: Indigenous Resistance and Regeneration		
11 April 2022 18 April 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>In this episode, we take a deep dive into Indigenous resistance against extractivism and the forces behind climate change. We'll look at an underreported story in California about the Amah Mutsun Ohlone's fight to save their most sacred site — a place called Juristac. Contributors Robert Raymond and Della Duncan explore the horrific injustices wrought upon California Indians since the time of the Spanish Missions up to the present and focus on how the Amah Mutsun are working to regenerate their culture, language, and land.</p> <p>Featuring: Valentin Lopez, Chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; Eleanor Castro, Amah Mutsun Elder</p>		
Making Contact - #12-22 - 220321 - Generation Putin, Ten Years Later		
25 April 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>This week Jessica Partnow offers a look at the state of youth activism in Russia from 2012 to today. She revisits her reporting from Ukraine and Russia and speaks with the people in those stories against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine. First, she shares the story of re-connecting with her childhood pen pal Sasha, a Ukrainian boy who witnessed the fall of the Soviet Union and is now fighting to protect his country from the Russian invasion, through the eyes of his sister Anna who now lives in the US and is desperately trying to stay connected with her Ukrainian family and friends under siege. Later, we meet Vassili, a Muscovite who has always been proud of his country but is now grappling with a grim view of its future.</p> <p>Featuring: Anna Pirogova – Ukrainian citizen who emigrated to the U.S.; Vassili Sonkin – Russia-based journalist, translator, producer</p>		
Making Contact - #13-22 - 220328 - Capital City: Gentrification and the Real Estate State		
2 May 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>The cost of living in a city has skyrocketed. While wages have flatlined for most working-class people, rents have reached new highs, leaving most people struggling. And this, despite the economic costs of the pandemic. A one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is over \$3,200 a month. But it's not just in the US. The rising cost of living is affected the entire world. But why does the cost of housing continue to spiral upward? Samuel Stein's new book, Capital City and the Real Estate State highlights the growing influence of investment capital into land as the driving force behind gentrification and the power developers have over city and local governments. We talk to Samuel about the rise of the global real estate market and we talk about how radical city planning, rent control and socialized land projects can help fight gentrification.</p>		

Featuring: Guadalupe Morales, Tenant in San Pablo California and Organizer with Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment; Samuel Stein, Author of Capital City, Gentrification and the Real Estate State; Elizabeth Hernandez, Tenant in South Central Los Angeles and Organizer with Alliance of Californian's for Community Empowerment		
Making Contact - #14-22 - 220404 - 70 Million - When a State Treats Drug Addiction Like a Health Issue, Not a Crime		
9 May 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
A year ago, Oregon became the first state to decriminalize drug possession. The goal is to reverse some of the negative impacts of the War on Drugs by approaching drug use from a health-centered basis. Reporter Cecilia Brown visits an addiction and recovery center in Portland that's gearing up for what they hope will be an influx of people seeking treatment.		
Featuring: Julia Mines, Miracle Club Executive Director; Anthony Johnson, Criminal Justice Attorney; Governor Kate Brown, Larry Turner, Ron Williams and Will Johnson, Miracles Club Mentor; Mike Schmidt, Multnomah County's District Attorney; Mike Marshall, Oregon Recovers; Judge Eric Bloch, Oregon Drug Courts		
Making Contact - #15-22 - 220411 - Unequal Justice - The Criminalization of Black Youth		
16 May 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
Nearly two thirds of all children in the U.S. juvenile justice system are kids of color. That's according to a recent report by the Children's Defense Fund. In this episode of Making Contact, we'll hear from Dr. Kris Henning on the disparities faced by Black youth in the juvenile justice system. Dr. Henning is the Blume Professor of Law and Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic and Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center. And she is the author of The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth.		
Making Contact - #16-22 - 220418 - Operation Boulder from Kerning Cultures		
23 May 2022 30 May 2022 6 June 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
Since 9/11, US governmental agencies have poured millions of dollars into spying on Arabs, Muslims and Arab Americans. Their surveillance has changed countless lives as ordinary citizens all over the country were interrogated, arrested or had their homes raided. But this didn't start in 2001. Invasive – and even illegal – surveillance programs against Arabs and Arab Americans have a long history in the US, going all the way back to the 1970s, with a program code-named Operation Boulder. But it wasn't until a lawyer named Abdeen Jabara took his own government to court that the true size and scale of the program was revealed.		
Featuring: Abdeen Jabara, Lawyer, a Plaintiff in a case against the US government agencies because of Operation Boulder; Anan Ameri, former Journalist and Wife of Abdeen Jabara during his time under surveillance; John Shattuck, a former Lawyer with the ACLU and represented Abdeen Jabara in the 70s; Nicole Nguyen, Associate Professor, University of		

Illinois Chicago, studies the relationship between national security, war, and education; Amaney A Jamal, Dean of the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs		
Making Contact - #17-22 - 220425 - reWork - Redemption		
13 June 2022	4:30 pm	30 minutes
20 June 2022		
27 June 2022		
In today’s political climate, immigration is often discussed within the context of who “deserves” to be here versus who does not. Many politicians have strayed away from addressing immigration as a humanitarian issue altogether. Stereotyping of immigrants isn’t new — it’s a part of a much longer history of criminalizing immigrants and refugees in the United States. This episode explores the experiences of a Cambodian refugee who got caught up in the criminal justice system at a young age. Billy Taing shares his story of fleeing the Khmer Rouge and resettling in America with his family, only to continue facing hardship.		