

"Every aspect of our lives is, in a sense, a vote for the kind of world we want to live in."

--Frances Moore Lappé



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FRANCES MOORE LAPPE
TO GIVE KELLY LECTURE
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A woman who changed the way the world thinks about food -- and now wants to change the way it thinks about democracy -- will come to Santa Barbara next month to give a **free lecture**.

Frances Moore Lappé will deliver **the 8th Annual Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future at 7 P.M. Wednesday February 25.**

The talk will be held in the chapel at the beautiful and tranquil retreat and conference center **La Casa de Maria (800 El Bosque Road, Montecito, CA 93108)**, which is co-sponsoring the event with the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Lappé's lecture is entitled : "**Living Democracy, Feeding Hope.**" The theme captures her passion for participatory democracy built upon hope for a better future.

The public is welcome, but space is limited to 140 people. People are encouraged to arrive a little early to ensure getting a seat.

Frances Moore Lappé is a democracy advocate and world food and hunger expert who has authored or co-authored 16 books. She is the co-founder of the Small Planet Institute www.smallplanetinstitute.org, which she leads with her daughter Anna Lappé .

In 1987, she received the Right Livelihood Award (sometimes called the "Alternative Nobel Prize.") Her first book, *Diet for a Small Planet*, has sold three million copies and is considered "the blueprint for eating with a small carbon footprint since long before the term was coined" [JM Hirsch, Associated Press].

Her most recent book is *Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity, and Courage in a World Gone Mad*, awarded the Nautilus Gold/“Best in Small Press” award. In June 2008, that book and *Diet for a Small Planet* were designated as must-reads for the next U.S. president (by Barbara Kingsolver and Michael Pollan, respectively) in *The New York Times Sunday Review of Books*. Other recent books include *Hope’s Edge*, written with Anna Lappé, about democratic social movements worldwide, as well as *You Have the Power* and *Democracy’s Edge*.

Lappé received the 2008 James Beard Foundation Humanitarian of the Year Award for her lifelong impact on the way people all over the world think about food, nutrition, and agriculture..

In 2008, *Gourmet Magazine* named Lappé among 25 people (including Thomas Jefferson, Upton Sinclair, and Julia Child), whose work has changed the way America eats. The same year, *Diet for a Small Planet* was selected as one of **75 Books by Women Whose Words Have Changed the World** by members of the Women’s National Book Association in observance of its 75th anniversary.

In 2006, she was chosen as a founding councilor of the Hamburg-based **World Future Council**. She is joined on the council by Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President David Krieger.

Historian Howard Zinn writes: “A small number of people in every generation are forerunners, in thought, action, spirit, who swerve past the barriers of green and power to hold a torch high for the rest of us. Lappé is one of those.”

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The Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity’s Future was established by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in 2002. The lecture series honors Frank Kelly, a founder and senior vice president of the Foundation. Each annual lecture is presented by a distinguished individual to explore the contours of humanity’s present circumstances and ways by which we can today shape a more promising future for our planet.

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