

# Trade Activist Report from Paris Climate Talks

Plus: Stopping the Customs Enforcement Bill  
Stealth Attacks on Immigrants, the environment, and  
human trafficking victims

## Special Guests

Dan Mauer, Communications Workers of America  
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# INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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# Dr. Margaret Flowers



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**Margaret co-organized the November #Fall Rising Days of Action in D.C.**

# Reportback from the TPP Resistance Call:

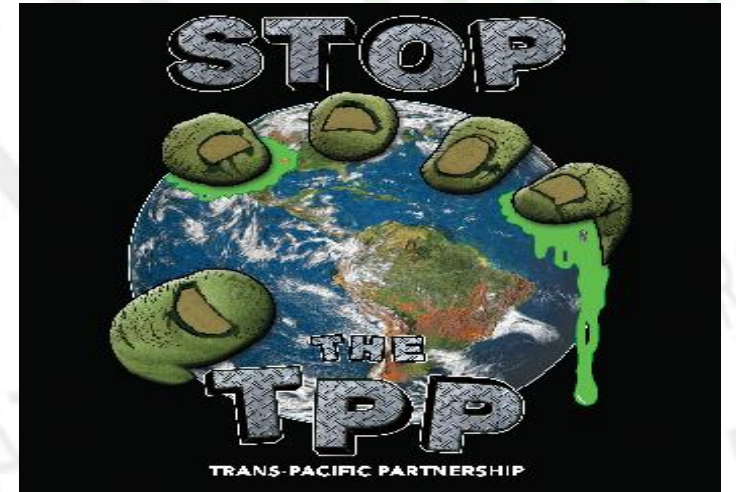
- **A movement of movements**: Influencing the political culture to stop the global race to the bottom. #TradeJusticeMatters
- **BuyCott for Trade Justice** - visit [www.FlushtheTPP.org/Buycott/](http://www.FlushtheTPP.org/Buycott/)
  - - Long term project that starts now
  - - Forming a working group
- **Media Response to SOTU** - media mobilizers
  - - President's SOTU on Jan. 12
  - - Become a media mobilizer at [www.flushthetpp.org/tpp-media-mobilizers-call-to-action/](http://www.flushthetpp.org/tpp-media-mobilizers-call-to-action/)

# Local Actions in February

Contact [info@popularresistance.org](mailto:info@popularresistance.org) if you are interested in organizing a local action

## Dates For Local Actions:

- Feb 4- TPP Signing
- Feb 14-21 President's Day week of actions
- Next TPP Resistance call Wednesday, Jan 6 at 9 pm Eastern/6 pm Pacific. Visit [www.flushthetpp.org/national-tpp-resistance-calls/](http://www.flushthetpp.org/national-tpp-resistance-calls/) for more information and to register.



# Q&A for Dr. Margaret Flowers



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# Ben Lilliston



**Ben Lilliston oversees the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy's climate work. He has been working and writing about international trade issues and how they intersect with U.S. agricultural and climate policy since 2000.**

**Mr. Lilliston recently authored a report on how the global meat industry will benefit from the Trans Pacific Partnership, and contributed to the UN Committee on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Environmental Review 2013.**

**He has worked as a researcher, writer and editor at the Center for Study of Responsive Law, the *Corporate Crime Reporter*, and the *Multinational Monitor*.**

**Ben is a widely published writer, most recently, contributing to the book *Mandate for Change* (Lexington), and previously co-authored the book, *Genetically Engineered Foods: A Guide for Consumers* (Avalon).**

# Ben Lilliston, IATP

- **Trade explicitly not included in the Paris climate deal**
- **Major political pressure from powerful industries to keep trade out**
- **Climate not part of trade deals – from WTO to TPP**



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# Bill Lilliston/IATP

- **How does the trade-climate disconnect impact efforts to address climate change?**
- **How will these issues play out in the future?**

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# Customs Bill—“Customs” Provisions

- Generally positive provisions in bill loaded up with poison pills and gifts to the right wing
- A wide range of provisions designed to make it easier to combat dumping and other unfair subsidies
- Key Provision: “ENFORCE Act” increases resources for CBP, speeds investigations

# Conference Committee Results on Customs Provisions

- Most important provision—the “Level the Playing Field Act,” which makes it easier for manufacturers to bring AD/CVD cases—was already included in the Trade Adjustment Assistance bill passed this summer, so it is no longer in the bill
- “Green 301” program to allow duties to be imposed on countries that harm the environment was stripped out after being included in Senate bill

# Currency Manipulation

- Long been illegal under IMF rules
- Makes U.S. exports more expensive, other countries' goods cheaper
- Major threat to American jobs—EPI estimates that as many as 5.8 million jobs could be created
- Problem is lack of enforcement mechanism

# Customs Currency Provisions

- **Senate Bill:** Allow imposition of countervailing duties (CVD) against currency manipulators
- **House Bill:** More reporting, offer Treasury a range of tools, give Treasury a waiver if they believe acting would not be a net benefit to the U.S.'s economic or security interests
- **Conference Report:** House provisions only—these will not be effective

# Customs & The TPP

- Customs is designed to give members cover for voting for the TPP:
  - The “customs” provisions are important for “steel Republicans”
  - Currency important given lack of enforceable currency provisions in TPP
  - Climate and immigration provisions important for many conservative Republicans

# Customs & The TPP (cont.)

- Provisions on human trafficking would make it easier for countries with horrific labor abuses to join the TPP
- Especially important for Thailand—U.S. Ambassador has said we would “welcome with open arms” Thailand’s entry to the TPP

# State of Play

- Passed House, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: 256-158; 3 Republicans voted no, 24 Dems voted yes
- Stalled in Senate due to extraneous provision inserted in conference on taxation of Internet access
- Bipartisan group of senators working to strip Internet tax provision—doing so would force the bill back to the House and could require additional horse trading



## **Chloe Schwabe**

**Chloe Schwabe is the director of the Faith-Economy-Ecology project for the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. For more than a decade, Chloe has lived in Washington, D.C. and worked for faith-based organizations to educate and advocate for ecological and economic justice, immigration reform, and human rights.**

**Chloe has worked as an activist and advocate on previous trade agreements such as the FTAA, US-Colombia and CAFTA agreements. She has spent time traveling and living throughout Latin America among economically marginalized communities. She has an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin with a focus on political ecology and carceral geography**

# Trafficking



Maryknoll Sister Helene O'Sullivan training trafficking survivors in Cambodia

Customs bill weakens anti-trafficking language allowing president to write a letter requesting a waiver for a Tier 3 country to participate

# Climate



New language will prevent countries from regulating greenhouse gases under Fast Track



# Boycott Divestment Sanctions



Prevents any country with a BDS policy from having Fast Track privileges.

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# What is the Trans-Pacific Partnership and why should I care?



## A Beginner's Guide

Presented by Celeste Drake,  
Trade & Globalization Policy Specialist

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Learn how you can do a TPP presentation for beginners in your own community!

**Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 7:30-9 PM EST (4:30-6 PM PST)**

**Additional details at <http://tradejustice.net/tpp101>**

**TPP, TTIP & "Regulatory Cooperation":  
Pro-Corporate Attack on Public Interest Laws**



**Featured Guest:  
Sharon Anglin Treat  
Former Main State Legislator**



**Sunday, January 24, 7:30 PM EST/ 4:30 PM PST**

**Additional Details at <http://tradejustice.net/treat>**

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## @TPPMedia March Holiday Wish List

- ✓ Call your reps when they are in district
- ✓ Schedule appointments
- ✓ Visit Reps with fact sheets
- ✓ Storm with us on the SOTU Fact Check Twitter Storm Jan 12
- ✓ See You all here on the Team Call Jan 10

### Fact Sheets:

[https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/uploads-wysiwig/TPP-LNG\\_Factsheet\\_Updated.pdf](https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/uploads-wysiwig/TPP-LNG_Factsheet_Updated.pdf)

<http://www.citizen.org/Page.aspx?pid=2106>

# National TPP Team Outreach & Publicity Committee



**Saturday, January 2nd, 2016 8:00 PM EST (5:00 PM PST)**  
**Additional information at <http://tradejustice.net/1216out>**

# Upcoming Calls

- **Jan 3: TPP 101 Train the Trainers Power Point Presented by Celeste Drake, Trade and Globalization Specialist, AFL-CIO special New Year gift for in-district presentations**
- **Jan 10: Globalization 101 Series Part 1 Academic intro to globalization, Bretton Woods through NAFTA and WTO**
- **Jan 17: Globalization 101 Series Part 2 WTO and related discussions**
- **Jan 24: Regulatory Coherence with special guest, Sharon Treat of the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators**
- **Jan 31: Stay tuned for more information**