



## STUDY CIRCLE

### Visions of Renewal and Regeneration

Meets Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm  
1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara

The new Study Circle will begin with an exploration of the “Green New Deal” legislation passed by the US House of Representatives, which seeks to provide a regenerating and renewing vision of humanities future. In this regard, we will look at the lives and work of cultural exemplars throughout the world – men and women who have made a vital contribution to uplifting human culture, have exemplified moral courage, have upheld humane cultural values and engaged in meaningful social service to others.

*“We have neglected the truth that a good farmer  
is a craftsman of the highest order, a kind of artist.”*

*“There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places.”  
– Wendell Berry*

### MARCH 2020 TOPICS

*Be sure to check <http://www.worldculture.org> for more information and for suggested readings*

#### **Mar 3 The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal**

In the Epilogue from her book, “On Fire. The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal”, journalist and environment Naomi Klein makes a capsule case for a Green New Deal. A video interview with the author will be shown.

#### **Mar 10 The Green New Deal**

Economic and social theorist Jeremy Rifkin has written 21 books about the impact of scientific and technological changes on the economy, the workforce, society and the environment, including, “The Green New Deal.”

#### **Mar 17 Active Environmentalism**

What initiatives such as the Green New Deal passed by Congress in 2019 offer a path to environmental protection through changes in public policy? Who are the new leaders such as Congresswomen Ocasio-Cortez insisting on new laws and fresh values? What global movements are promoting environmentalism such as youth protests and the work of Asok Khosla in India?

#### **Mar 24 Cultural Exemplars: Pete Seeger**

Pete Seeger is renowned for his combination of music and social and environmental activism. Throughout his long career, he sounded notes of hope and harmony for a troubled world.

#### **Mar 31 Cultural Exemplars: Wendell Berry**

Poet, novelist, and environmentalist Wendell Berry has maintained a farm in Kentucky for over 40 years. Mistrustful of technology, he holds deep reverence for the land and is a staunch defender of agrarian values. His poetry celebrates the holiness of life and everyday miracles often taken for granted.