



## MINI CONFERENCE Public Universities and Neoliberalism Today

In recent years, the long-standing neoliberal assault on public higher education has intensified

Many public colleges and universities all over the country are facing existential crises as they are attacked through:

- interconnected politics of austerity and defunding
- privatization initiatives
- corporatization
- adjunctification
- attacks on public sector unions (including faculty unions)

### Conference Schedule

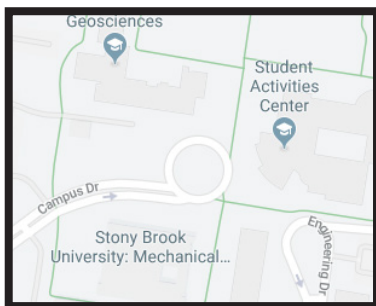
- 1) Plenary session “Austerity Blues: Fighting for the Soul of Public Higher Education Today” with Professor Michael Fabricant (Hunter College) and Professor Stephen Brier (CUNY Graduate Center) assessing the current crisis
- 2) presentations from academic organizers showcasing their local struggles to defend their universities
- 3) a workshop where participants develop lessons to take home to their local campuses

We invite faculty concerned about higher education and the state of public campuses to join us in learning and collective working to  
**#DefendPublicHigherEd**

**Free and open to the public!**  
Please register [here](#).

For travel information, click [here](#).  
For lodging possibilities, click [here](#).  
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Join us on  
**October 25th**  
12pm - 5pm  
Stony Brook University  
Student Activities Center  
Ballroom A



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Social Justice, and Policy