

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11 @ 7:00 PM ET on ZOOM**

Join an online discussion with historians  
**Lawrence Wittner & Blanche Wiesen Cook:**

**Oppenheimer, Einstein,  
and Resistance to Nuclear  
Destruction – THE FULL STORY**

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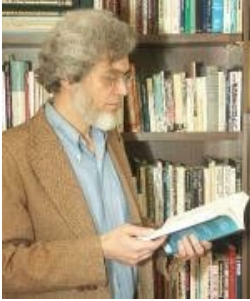
### About this Zoom Event

Two new films — [Oppenheimer](#) and [Einstein and the Bomb](#) — have brought nuclear weapons and the scientists who developed them to the forefront of the public consciousness in recent months. However, these films have stopped short of exploring the public warnings by Oppenheimer and Einstein about the grave dangers to human survival in the nuclear age and about their efforts to create a nuclear weapons-free world. Furthermore, it's important to give appropriate credit to the vast public nuclear disarmament campaign that, in the years after 1945, succeeded in curbing the nuclear arms race and preventing nuclear war. Faced today with a revival of the nuclear arms race and new threats of nuclear annihilation, it's time to examine the struggles of the past and consider what might be done to end the nuclear menace in the future.

This discussion was led by **Lawrence Wittner**, Professor of History Emeritus at SUNY Albany, a longtime peace activist and author of numerous books and hundreds of articles on peace and foreign policy issues including [Confronting the Bomb: A Short History of the World Nuclear Disarmament Movement](#) (Stanford University Press). He was joined by moderator **Blanche Wiesen Cook**, also a longtime peace activist and a Distinguished Professor of History and Women's Studies at John Jay College and the CUNY Graduate Center. More information about the historians is included below.

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## About the Historians



**Lawrence Wittner** is a Professor of History Emeritus at SUNY Albany and author of numerous books and hundreds of articles on peace and foreign policy issues including [\*Confronting the Bomb: A Short History of the World Nuclear Disarmament Movement\*](#) (Stanford University Press). Professor Wittner is a longtime peace activist who has [participated](#) since 1961 in the racial equality, labor, and peace movements. He was an early civil rights and anti-apartheid activist, and has participated in the many social justice ventures of the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District. Over the years, Wittner has served as president of the Peace History Society and as convener of the Peace History Commission of the International Peace Research Association. He recently completed a term as co-chair of the national board of Peace Action and currently serves as a member of the executive committee of the Albany County Central Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO). He currently serves on the Board of Peace Action Fund of New York State.

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**Blanche Wiesen Cook** is a Distinguished Professor of History and Women's Studies at John Jay College and the CUNY Graduate Center. Professor Cook is the author of numerous books and has edited and contributed to many anthologies. Her definitive three-volume [biography of Eleanor Roosevelt](#), *Vol I The Early Years 1884 – 1933; Vol II The Defining Years 1933- 1938; Vol III The War Years and After 1939 -1962*, published by Viking, was called “monumental and inspirational...[a] grand biography” by the *New York Times Book Review*. Other books include [Crystal Eastman: On Women and Revolution](#) (Oxford University Press) and [The Declassified Eisenhower](#) (Doubleday). She is a longtime peace activist and was a co-founder and officer of the Conference on Peace Research in History (CPRH) and a senior editor of the *Garland Library on War and Peace*, a 328-volume reprint collection (1971). She currently serves on the Board of Peace Action Fund NYS