

LATIN AMERICA 2009

FACING THE CHALLENGES

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2009

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

- 10:00 – 11:00** PLENARY: **Megan Dobney, Colin Burgon MP, Frances O'Grady, Miguel Angel Martinez MEP, Len McCluskey, Seumas Milne,**
chair: **Bernard Regan** (Congress Hall)
- 11:00 – 11:05** Changeover
- 11:05 – 12:05** SEMINARS
- 12:05 – 12:10** Changeover
- 12.10 – 13.15** PLENARY: **VOICES OF LATIN AMERICA – Latin America and the world: with Luis Luque Álvarez (Cuba), Eglé Sánchez (Venezuela),**
Yessika Hoyos (Colombia), Orlando Jose Mercado Mendoza (Nicaragua), Speaker from Honduras, chair: Keith Sonnett (Congress Hall)
- 13.15 – 14:30** LUNCH – Ground Floor marble hall
- 13.30 – 14:30** Film screenings in lunch break (Congress Hall) plus extra session: Students & Young Trade Unionists Building Solidarity with Latin America
- 14:30 – 15:30** SEMINARS
- 15:30 – 15:35** Changeover
- 15:35 – 17.00** PLENARY: **George Galloway MP, Ken Livingstone, Tony Benn, Hilary Wainwright, Jeremy Corbyn MP, chair: Adrian Weir** (Congress Hall)

SPEAKERS:

Tony Benn

Jennie Bremner, Unite/Venezuela Solidarity Campaign Chair

Colin Burgon MP, Chair, Labour Friends of Venezuela

Jeremy Corbyn MP, Vice Chair, All Party Latin America Group

Paul Cornell, Lesbian & Gay Friends of Venezuela

Steve Cottingham, Lawyer, OH Parsons

Ruby Cox, Chair, Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign

Steve Davison, Unite the Union

Megan Dobney, Regional Secretary South East Region TUC

David Drever, Educational Institute of Scotland

Francisco Dominguez, Emergency Committee against the Coup in Honduras

Gaby Drinkwater, Coordinator, Peru Support Group

Wendy Emmett, Environmental campaigner

Jayne Fisher, CSC and VSC Executive Committees

Ramiro Galindo, Indigenous social movement (CIDOB), Bolivia

George Galloway MP, Respect, Bethnal Green & Bow

Frank Gómez Cañibano, Cuban Union of Teachers

Cat Goss, Student Friends of Venezuela

Richard Gott, Author & historian

Steve Hart, Unite the Union

Natasha Hickman, Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Kelly Hockley, CYWU section of Unite

Diana Holland, Assistant General Secretary UNITE

Yessika Hoyos, Sons and Daughters Against Impunity, Colombia

Prof. Ernesto Laclau, University of Essex

Grace Livingstone, Author 'America's Backyard'

Ken Livingstone, Former Mayor of London

Luis Luque Álvarez, Journalist, Cuba

Miguel Ángel Martínez MEP Vice President European Parliament

Professor Doreen Massey, Open University

Justine McCarthy, Unite, leader of Young TU May Day Cuba brigade

Len McCluskey, Unite the Union, Assistant General Secretary

Orlando José Mercado Mendoza, Informal Sector Workers Union (CTCP), Nicaragua

Rob Miller, Director, Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Seumas Milne, Journalist and author

Iris Munguia, Agricultural Workers Union, COSIBAH, Honduras

Fidel Ernesto Narvaez, Alianza Pais Ecuador

Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary TUC

Hugh O' Shaughnessy, Journalist & author

Elyzabeth Peredo, Fundación Solon, Bolivia

Martin Reed, NUT President

María Luisa Regalado, Colectiva de Mujeres Hondureñas (Codemuh) Honduras

Bernard Regan, Secretary, Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Carole Regan, Past President NUT

Elias Rodriguez, Trade Unionist Venezuela

Eglé Sánchez, Gen. Sec. Graphical and Printworkers Union, Venezuela

Tommy Sheridan, Co-Convenor Solidarity

Keith Sonnet, Deputy General Secretary, UNISON

Enrico Tortolano, Researcher

Calvin Tucker, Co-editor of 21stcenturysocialism.com

Hilary Wainwright, Editor Red Pepper

Adrian Weir, Unite the Union /SERTUC

Peter Wilcox, Fire Brigades Union

Dave Willetts, Teacher and Latin American Music specialist

Cllr. Salma Yaqoob, Birmingham City councillor

Helen Yuill, Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign

Conference: LATIN AMERICA 2009: FACING THE CHALLENGES - SEMINARS

Seminars 11:05am – 12:05	A1: Greening the planet: How Latin America is leading the way Wendy Emmett Ramiro Galindo Chair: Prof. Doreen Massey	A2: Education on the frontline Frank Gómez Cañibano Martin Reed David Drever	A3: Women, liberation and the Latin American struggle Maria Luisa Regalado Eglé Sánchez Carole Regan Chair: Diana Holland	A4: Music and rhythm: from Africa to Latin America An audio visual presentation Dave Willetts	
Seminars 11:05am – 12:05	A5: Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights: Fighting the prejudice Inc.short film by CENESEX (Cuban Centre for Sexual Education) on International Day Against Homophobia in Havana Peter Wilcox Paul Cornell Chair: Natasha Hickman	A6: Solidarity and progress: The role of Trade Unions Steve Davison Elias Rodriguez Iris Munguia Chair: Steve Cottingham	A7: Europe, USA and Latin America. Where next? Miguel Ángel Martínez MEP Colin Burgon MP Chair: Jennie Bremner	A8: The media and Latin America: Challenging the misrepresentation Richard Gott Seumas Milne Hugh O'Shaughnessy Luis Luque Álvarez Chair: Jayne Fisher	A9: FILM SCREENING: Congress Hall Honduras: Eyewitness report and film Introduced by Calvin Tucker
Lunch	Extra Session 13.30-14.40: Students and Young Trade Unionists Building Solidarity with Latin America Cat Goss, Kelly Hockley Chair: Justine McCarthy			Lunch time 13.30-14.40: FILM SCREENING, Congress Hall Inside the Revolution (Venezuela) Introduced by Francisco Dominguez	
Seminars 14.30pm – 15.30	B1: CUBA: 50 years of Revolution and the battle against the Blockade Luis Luque Álvarez Tommy Sheridan George Galloway Chair: Rob Miller	B2: Mexico and Guatemala: Popular movements and progress Jeremy Corbyn MP Enrico Tortolano Chair: Carole Regan	B3: Colombia and Ecuador: Contrasting experiences of US military involvement. Grace Livingstone Yessika Hoyos Fidel Ernesto Narvaez Chair: Keith Sonnet	B4: Honduras: Defeating the coup Iris Munguia Maria Luisa Regalado Francisco Dominguez Chair: Steve Hart	
Seminars 14.30am – 15.30	B5: Venezuela: 10 years of achievements and next steps in the Bolivarian Revolution Q & A session with Elias Rodriguez Eglé Sánchez Chair: Jennie Bremner	B6: Nicaragua and the second Sandinista revolution Orlando Jose Mercado Mendoza Ruby Cox Chair: Helen Yuill	B7: Bolivia's general elections – 5 more years of Evo? Elyzabeth Peredo Ramiro Galindo Chair: Hugh O'Shaughnessy	B8: Barack Obama and Latin America: Cooperation or domination? Cllr. Salma Yaqoob Ernesto Laclau Chair: Jayne Fisher	B9: FILM SCREENING: Congress Hall Peru: Film on Human Rights defenders in Cajamarca. 'The Devil Operation' Introduced by Gaby Drinkwater

Conference: LATIN AMERICA 2009: FACING THE CHALLENGES **FILM** programme

Time & Venue	Film Details
Congress Hall 11.05 – 12.05	Honduras: Eyewitness report and film "There are police vehicles to my left, and there is a huge army truck in front of me. I am going to walk as far as I can towards the military checkpoint here... I am now at the very front of the military checkpoint and I can see a line of army personnel in helmets carrying riot shields. And they are being confronted by the wife of President Zelaya, who is now standing directly in front of a line of armed police. They have clubs and batons ready to attack us... they are holding their clubs up in the air..." Introduced by Calvin Tucker
Congress Hall 13.30 – 14.30 (During lunch break)	Film 'Inside the Revolution: A Journey into the Heart of Venezuela' Directed by Pablo Navarrete February 2009 marked 10 years since Hugo Chavez took office, following a landslide election victory, and launched his revolution to bring radical change to Venezuela. While wildly popular with many in the country, Chavez's policies and his strongly-worded criticisms of the U.S. government have also made him powerful enemies, both at home and abroad, especially in the media. Filmed in Caracas in November 2008, on the eve of the 10th anniversary of Chavez's controversial presidency, this feature-length documentary takes a journey into the heart of Venezuela's revolution to listen to the voices of the people driving the process forward. Introduced by Francisco Dominguez
Congress Hall 14.30 – 15.30	Film 'The Devil Operation' "Father Marco Arana, a humble parish priest from the mountains of Peru, is being followed. A private surveillance firm is video-taping and photographing the priest's every move; their meticulous reports are code-named 'The Devil Operation'. We follow Father Marco through a paper trail of political suspense and mystery that leads us to South America's largest gold mine. For the past decade, the priest and his band of eco-activists have defended farming communities against the mine's abuses, earning the priest the nickname 'The Devil'. This real life thriller exposes the new wave of persecution faced by Latin America's human rights activists." Film by Guarango. Introduced by Gaby Drinkwater

Please note screenings may not include the whole film due to time limits.

ADDITIONAL LUNCHTIME SEMINAR:

13.30 – 14.30	Extra Session: Students and Young Trade Unionists Building Solidarity with Latin America Cat Goss, Kelly Hockley Chair: Justine McCarthy
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NB. 13.15 – 14.30 LUNCH IS SERVED IN THE MARBLE HALL, GROUND FLOOR. PLEASE BUY TICKETS FROM THE CATERERS.

Join us at the Post-Conference Fiesta Latina, open to all

5pm 'til late at Bolivar Hall, 54 Grafton Way, London W1 (5 minutes walk from Congress House)

Tickets: £6/£4 in advance Tel 020 8800 0155, www.latinamerica2009.org.uk and also available from the registration desk

With the fabulous London Lucumi Choir, Guest DJs from Movimientos, special guest speakers, Latin American food, Rum cocktails.