

CONFERENCE: LATIN AMERICA 2016 SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016 CONGRESS HOUSE, LONDON

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE FINAL PROGRAMME WILL BE PRINTED AND ISSUED TO EVERYONE
ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE ON THE DAY.

09:15 – 09:45 Registration

09:45 – 10:40 Roundtable – Perspectives on Latin America after the US Elections: Main Hall

Host: Victoria Brittain. Contributors: Keith Bolender, Guisell Morales Echaverry, Gabriel Rodriguez

10:45 – 11:45 SEMINARS (A) & FILM FEST 1 hour

11:50 – 12:50 SEMINARS (B) & FILM FEST 1 hour

12:50 – 14:00 Lunch & Book launches & FILM FEST

Lunch is available to buy on the day – *Marble Hall, upper ground floor. Tickets from reception.*

13.10 – 13.50 During Lunch break FILM FEST

CUBA Congress Hall / VENEZUELA Invision Suite 1-2

14:00 – 14.55 PLENARY – Latin America – showing another world is possible: Main Hall

Chair: Bernard Regan. H.E. Roberto Calzadilla, Christine Blower, Ken Livingstone, H.E. Rocio Maneiro

15:00 – 16:00 SEMINARS (C) & FILM FEST 1 hour

16.05 – 16.15 **VIDEO LINK** from Ivan Marquez

16:15 – 17:00 RALLY: No to US intervention, No to right wing destabilisation: Main Hall

Chair: Diana Holland. George Galloway, H.E. Teresita Vicente, Paul Oquist, Chris Williamson

Further very special guest speakers to be announced

ACCESS

Congress Hall (main hall) and Congress Suite rooms are on the lower ground floor.

Invision Suite rooms are on the 2nd floor - Access from lower ground floor foyer to 2nd floor rooms via 2 lifts and stairs at far end of foyer.

Council Chamber and meeting Rooms 1-4 are on the 5th floor - Access to 5th floor rooms from lower ground foyer via 2 lifts and stairs near registration desk.

Marble Hall is on the ground floor – access from lower ground foyer via stairs or lifts near registration desk.

Hearing Aid loop facility available in Congress Hall, Council Chamber and Invision Suite. Please ask at registration.

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Seminars (A) & Film 10:50 – 11:50		Location
A1	<p>Living with the enemy: the truth behind the headlines of Cuba-US relations</p> <p>Experts from Cuba and North America discuss what has been achieved in two years of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the US. Should we be optimistic for the future, or is the US continuing a policy of regime change by another name, and how will a Trump presidency affect this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Teresita Vicente, Cuban Ambassador to the UK • Keith Bolender, Academic and author, Canada • Bernard Regan <p>Chair: Jayne Fisher</p>	
A2	<p>After Chavez, the Empire Strikes Back - Defending Venezuela Against US Sanctions, Media Lies & Violent destabilisation</p> <p>The Right-Wing in Venezuela has waged an intense economic war of destabilisation with the aim of ending the Bolivarian revolution that has helped so many in recent years. We have also seen new US sanctions and intense media misrepresentation. Get an up-to-date account of the situation today following Trump's election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Rocio Maniero • Chris Williamson • Gustavo Fuchs <p>Chair: Tony Burke</p>	
A3	<p>ALBA (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our Americas) & Latin American Unity – Putting People and Planet Before Profit</p> <p>With the election of Donald Trump in the US we will see a president who openly uses anti-Latin and racist rhetoric in a divisive and disturbing way. At such a crucial time globally, come and hear the ideas and ideals of a regional bloc and organisation putting regional cooperation at the forefront of Latin American politics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Raby • Guilermo Parera Lambert • Fidel Narvaez <p>Chair: Carole Regan</p>	
A4	<p>What next for Mexico after 4 years under the new 'PRI' and President elect Trump</p> <p>A Northern border with the US and a weak rule of law have proven lethal for Mexico. Since the "new PRI" came to power in 2012 violence and human rights abuses have soared. Justice Mexico Now and experts will discuss current and future challenges under the PRI and Trump.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lila Caballero • Francisco Dominguez • Rupert Knox <p>Chair: Christine Blower</p>	
A5	<p>Nicaragua: a story of hope and inspiration and surviving against the odds and renewed US intervention</p> <p>The victory in the November election is a special moment in the ongoing Sandinista revolution. The result will strengthen the left wing social movements across the region. What challenges lie ahead?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Guisell Morales Echaverry • Ricardo Carioni <p>Chair: Helen Yuill</p>	

A6	<p>Emergency in Brazil & Argentina – repression & resistance to neo-liberalism</p> <p>The coup in Brazil and election of Right-Wing President Macri in Argentina have caused a seismic political shift in the region but whilst both Governments try to push through hard line neo-liberal policies, a culture of resistance is growing through strikes, marches and occupations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Rodriguez • Julia Felmanas <p>Chair: Matt Willgress</p>	
A7	<p>Culture, Change and activism in Latin America</p> <p>"We went deep into each neighborhood to find out the sound of the people, what their talents and flavours are... That's how we were able to witness the creative process and the work of our main characters and cultural collectives"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William "Magú" Guzmán • Marcelo D'avilla <p>Chair: tbc</p>	
A8	<p>The Media and Right Wing Politics in the New Latin America – Key to Understanding the Resurgence?</p> <p>Media has played a large role in the vilification of the new Latin America, both domestically and internationally. Vital for the recent resurgence, media outlets were key to the coup in Brazil and the elections in Venezuela and Argentina. What lessons can we learn from media representation and its relationship with the right-wing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrico Tortolano • Stephanie Kennedy <p>Chair: Georgia Platman</p>	
<p>ALBORADA FILM FESTIVAL. MAIN HALL</p> <p>10:45 – 11:45 COLOMBIA. Film clips TBC. Introduced by UNISON In association with Justice for Colombia</p>		<p>Congress Hall,</p>

Seminars (B) 11:50 – 12:50		Location
B1	<p>US Intervention & Right Wing Destabilisation in Venezuela & Latin America Today – Lessons of Chile & Nicaragua</p> <p>After the coups in Brazil, Honduras & Paraguay, the Right-Wing is on the rise again in Latin America, but countries such as Venezuela continue to offer a progressive alternative. Remembering the brutal history of US intervention serves as a reminder of why our solidarity and support for Venezuela is so important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francisco Dominguez • Paul Oquist • George Galloway • HE Rocio Maniero <p>Chair: Andy De La Tour</p>	
B2	<p>Pillars of the Revolution: How health, education and cultural advances have shaped Cuban society and the world</p> <p>British experts in health, education and culture discuss the Cuban Revolution's achievements in these fields, how Cuba's internationalism supports international development, and what more could be shared to inspire progressive social policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Imti Choonara • Kiri Tunks <p>Chair: Carole Regan</p>	

B3	<p>For Peace & Progress – No to US Bases & Guantánamo!</p> <p>The world has turned right with the election of Donald Trump in the US and the rise of the extreme right in Europe. Can progressive Latin America can take a lead in global politics by putting regional cooperation and tackling inequality at the forefront?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Brittain • Steve Ludlam • Grace Livingstone <p>Chair: Bernard Regan</p>	
B4	<p>Argentina: Gains and losses</p> <p>A look at the economic and social changes after a year of right-wing government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Ozarow • Diego Iudicissa • Marcela López Levy <p>Chair: Nick Caistor</p>	
B5	<p>Central America – Defending Territory and Resisting Mega Projects – Threats to Human Rights Defenders</p> <p>Specialists and campaigners covering the Central American countries discuss the ongoing threats to people and the environment from a number of mega projects across the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Mowforth • Doug Specht • Adam Lunn <p>Chair: tbc</p>	
B6	<p>Bolivia – political and international developments in Bolivia</p> <p>President Evo Morales’ administration continues to inspire at home and abroad with a range of policies and developments improving lives across Bolivia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HE Roberto Calzadilla • Manuel Bueno <p>Chair: Marie Taylor</p>	
B7	<p>Latin America, Free Trade Agreements & Corporate Greed</p> <p>From the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin Frederick • Adrian Weir • John Hilary <p>Chair: tbc</p>	
B8	<p>Ecuador’s Citizens’ Revolution</p> <p>With the general election coming up in 2017 – what are the stakes for Ecuador?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Williamson • HE Carlos Abad • Denis Rogatyuk <p>Chair: Jayne Fisher</p>	
<p>ALBORADA FILM FESTIVAL. MAIN HALL</p> <p>11:50 – 12:50 BRAZIL Film clips TBC.</p> <p>Introduced by No Coup in Brazil and Momentum Latino / Latinos con Corbyn</p> <p>Supported by Brasil Wire</p>		<p><i>Congress Hall, Lower Ground</i></p>

<p>Lunch Time: ALBORADA FILM FESTIVAL. MAIN HALL.</p> <p>13.10 – 13.50 CUBA: All Guantánamo is ours (2016) 37 mins. The real story behind the illegal US military occupation of Guantánamo Bay and the impact on the lives of ordinary Cubans.</p> <p>The US Blockade of Cuba: the longest genocide in History (2016) 22 mins. A brand new film with an up to the minute take on the continuing US Blockade.</p> <p>13.10 – 13.50 VENEZUELA: Son de la Zona (2016) 45mins. Introduced by William “Magu” Guzman Real day to day stories of life in the barrios of Venezuela, presented by Venezuelan musician Magu. Awarded National Prize for Journalism Simón Bolívar in 2015, for Best Television Show.</p>	<p><i>Congress Hall, Lower Ground</i></p>
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Seminars (C) & Film 15:00 – 16:00		Location
<p>C1</p>	<p>The Struggle Continues: ending the US blockade and occupation of Guantánamo. Why, and what needs to be done now Donald Trump is President? As the blockade enters its 55th year, and the occupation of Guantánamo its 115th, we look at how these have and still impacted on the people of Cuba, and what we in Britain can do to help end them once and for all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Galloway • Teresita Vicente • Rob Miller <p>Chair: Bob Oram</p>	
<p>C2</p>	<p>Remembering Hugo Chavez– the Spark for 21st Century Socialism Venezuela under Hugo Chavez sparked a tide of progression Governments across the region which saw the focus switch to tackling poverty and inequality. Here we look at the achievements progressive governments are battling so hard to protect, including an account from an architect of Venezuela’s incredible social housing programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HE Rocio Maniero • Ken Livingstone • Alejandro Haiek Coll <p>Chair: Jude Woodward</p>	
<p>C3</p>	<p>The US’s backyard again or the End of US Hegemony? Unpicking the different forms of US Intervention in Latin America.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsey German • Francie Molloy MP • Gustavo Fuchs <p>Chair: Carole Regan</p>	
<p>C4</p>	<p>Latin America, workers’ rights and alternatives to neo-liberalism Vicious neo-liberalism has returned to Latin America as right wing governments across the continent are set to implement mass privatisations, layoffs and austerity. Find out the alternative being provided by progressive governments who’ve made enshrining worker’s rights and tackling inequality the cornerstones of their policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mick Burke • Sian Errington • Dr Steve Ludlam <p>Chair: Adrian Weir</p>	

C5	<p>Making Black Lives Matter – Black Liberation in the Americas & the Caribbean</p> <p>The Black Lives Matter movement has swept across the globe highlighting the unlawful treatment of minorities and racism in society. Now the issue is extremely prominent in the US after spates of police killings, how can put equality and anti-racism at the forefront for activists across the Americas & the Caribbean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zita Holbourne • Marcos Garcia • Jorge Luis Garcia <p>Chair: Luke Daniels</p>	
C6	<p>Paraguay : Repression & Resistance</p> <p>Looking at developments since the US-backed coup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Praca • Bert Schouwenburg <p>Chair: Diana Holland</p>	
C7	<p>No to the Coup in Brazil – Defend Democracy and Social Progress</p> <p>Brazil’s illegitimate impeachment saw the Worker’s Party (PT) removed from office, despite never being beaten at the ballot box. Since the coup the country has been mired by controversy, corruption, protests, repression and a hard line austerity agenda. Hear from experts and activists on the latest developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francisco Dominguez • Victor Fraga • Marcelo D’Avila <p>Chair: Sue Grey</p>	
C8	<p>Confronting Climate Change – what now for the Paris Agreement?</p> <p>Nicaragua and Bolivia are two countries working to develop their societies for the benefit of the people, while trying to ensure that environmental protection remains central to all their policies. But with a US president who thinks climate change is a Chines plot – what now for climate justice?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Hutchins • Paul Oquist • Roberto Calzadilla <p>Chair: Derek Wall</p>	
<p>ALBORADA FILM FESTIVAL. MAIN HALL</p> <p>15:00 – 16:00 MEXICO FILM TBC</p> <p>Introduced by London Mexico Solidarity</p>		<p><i>Congress Hall Lower Ground</i></p>

LA 2016 Confirmed speakers so far

HE Carlos Abad, Ecuadorian Ambassador
Christine Blower, General Secretary, NUT
Keith Bolender, Canadian academic
Victoria Brittain, journalist
Manuel Bueno, Trade Union Friends of Bolivia
Mick Burke, economist
Tony Burke, Unite Asst General Secretary and VSC Executive
Lila Caballero, Justice Mexico Now
Nick Caistor, Latin America Bureau
HE Roberto Calzadilla, Bolivian Ambassador
Ricardo Carioni, First Secretary, Embassy of Nicaragua
Dr. Imti Choonara, Emeritus Professor in Child Health, Nottingham University
Luke Daniels, Caribbean Labour Solidarity
Marcelo D'avilla, Brazilian cultural and trade union activist from São Paulo
Andy De La Tour, actor & writer
Dr. Francisco Dominguez, Middlesex University
Sian Errington, Venezuela Solidarity Campaign
Julia Felmanas, Brazilian Workers Party
Jayne Fisher, Cuba Solidarity Campaign
Victor Fraga, Brazilian Workers Party
Franklin Frederick, Brazilian campaigner for the right to water
Gustavo Fuchs, TELESUR English
George Galloway, former MP, broadcaster and filmmaker
Marcos Garcia, Embassy of Venezuela
Jorge Luis Garcia, Embassy of Cuba
Lindsey German, Stop the War Coalition
Sue Grey, No Coup in Brazil
William "Magú" Guzmán, Venezuelan musician and filmmaker
Alejandro Haiek Coll, Architect and advisor on Venezuelan Housing Policy
John Hilary, former Executive Director War on Want
Zita Holbourne, National Co-Chair BARAC UK
Diana Holland, Unite the Union Asst General Secretary & CSC Executive
Liz Hutchins, senior political campaigner, Friends of the Earth
Stephanie Kennedy, former Telesur journalist
Rupert Knox, University of Sheffield
Grace Livingstone, Author of 'America's Backyard'

Ken Livingstone, former Mayor of London
Dr. Marcela López Levy, Latin America Bureau
Diego Ludicissa,
Dr. Steve Ludlam, academic
Adam Lunn, Peace Brigades International
HE Rocío Maniero, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Iván Márquez, the head of the FARC delegation, Colombia. Via Video link
Rob Miller, Director, Cuba Solidarity Campaign
Francie Molloy MP, Sinn Fein MP
HE Guisell Morales-Echaverry, Nicaraguan Ambassador
Martin Mowforth, Environmental Network for Central America
Fidel Narvaez, Ecuadorian Embassy
Pablo Navarette, Alborada Films
Dr. Paul Oquist, Nicaraguan Minister for Public Policy, Representative to the Paris Climate Change Agreement (COP21) and COP22 follow up conference
Bob Oram, Cuba Solidarity Campaign
Dr. Daniel Ozarow, Argentina Solidarity
Guillermo Parera Lambert, Cuban Embassy
Georgia Platman, TELESUR English
Alex Praca, ITUC
David Raby, Green Party International Committee
Bernard Regan, Secretary, Cuba Solidarity Campaign
Carole Regan, Cuba Solidarity Campaign
Gabriel Rodriguez, from the ITF (Argentina)
Denis Rogatyuk, academic and trade union activist
Bert Schouwenburg, GMB International Secretary
Doug Specht, Environmental Network for Central America
Marie Taylor, Trade Union Friends of Bolivia
Enrico Tortolano, Tribune journalist
Kiri Tunks, NUT Junior Vice President
HE Teresita Vicente, Ambassador of Cuba
Derek Wall, Green Party
Adrian Weir, Unite Asst Chief of Staff and CSC Executive
Matt Willgress, Venezuela Solidarity Campaign National co-ordinator
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