

7th International Che Guevara Conference

FROM THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION TO THE CUBAN REVOLUTION: THE QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP, IMPLEMENTING THE SOCIALIST PROJECT & WHERE WE ARE TODAY!

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FEATURING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:



MS. TANIA LÓPEZ LARROQUE

(Havana, Cuba) Chief of Mission, Consul General of the Cuban Consulate in Toronto. She graduated from the University of Havana's School of Foreign Languages and completed her post-graduate studies at the Institute of Foreign Affairs in Havana. She has been working for Cuba's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MINREX) for 17 years, including posts in Mexico, Argentina,

and now Canada

MR. LUIS MORLOTE RIVAS

(Havana, Cuba) Vice-President of the Cuban Union of Writers and Artists (UNEAC) and a member of the Cuban National Assembly. He was also President of the Hermanos Saiz Association, Cuba's organization of young artists.



MR. WILFREDO J. PEREZ BIANCO

(Caracas, Venezuela) Chief of Mission, Consul General of the Venezuelan Consulate in Vancouver. He graduated from the Central University of Venezuela with a degree in journalism in 1992, and received his doctorate in Information Sciences from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 1998. He has been working for Foreign Affairs for 7 years in the Venezuelan Ministry of Popular Power, and held various positions in public administration institutions in Venezuela between 1999 and 2017, such as the Venezuelan Foreign Trade Bank, the Superintendence of Tax Administration and Customs, the Superintendence of Banks, as well as other financial institutions. He joined the student struggle from an early age and stands firmly in the defense of the Bolivarian Revolution.

GERARDO ALFONSO

(Havana, Cuba) Born in Guanabacoa, Cuba on November 1, 1958, Gerardo was musically inclined from a young age, and by his teenage years he was performing his first compositions. In 1980, he joined the Nueva Trova Cubana Movement, which was made up of young and talented musicians who were especially interested in the development of socially engaged lyrics. He regularly gives talks and workshops on music and its social and political contexts.



HELEN YAFFE

(London, England) An Economic History Fellow at the London School of Economics. Helen is author of "Che Guevara: The Economics of Revolution" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). She has worked on a variety of newspapers and publications and has presented papers at conferences and seminars around the world.

Helen will be joining us via videoconference from London.

ARNOLD AUGUST

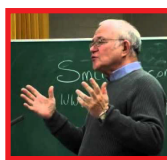
(Montreal, Canada) Author of many articles and books including: "Democracy in Cuba and the 1997-98 Elections" (Editorial José Martí, 1999), "Cuba and Its Neighbours: Democracy in Motion" (Fernwood Publishing/Zed Books, 2013), "Cuba-U.S. Relations: Obama and Beyond" (Fernwood, 2017). An accomplished journalist, he contributes articles in English, Spanish and French to news and research sites in the United States, Canada, Cuba, Latin America and Europe. Since 1997, he has spent extended periods in Cuba pursuing his intensive investigations.



ISAAC SANEÝ

(Nova Scotia, Canada) Professor at Dalhousie and Saint Mary's Universities. He holds a PhD in history from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. His dissertation focuses on the intersection of Cuban and southern African history. He is the author of the widely acclaimed book, "Cuba: A Revolution in Motion" (London: Zed Books, 2004).

He is also a co-chair of the Canadian Network on Cuba.



HENRY HELLER

(Winnipeg, Canada) Professor of History at the University of Manitoba. Marxist Scholar. Author of numerous books, including the Cold War and the New Imperialism (Monthly Review, 2006); The Birth of Capitalism, a 21st Century Perspective (Fernwood, 2011) and The Bourgeois Revolution in

France 1789-1815 (Berghan, 2009).

CINDY DOMINGO

(Seattle, USA) Chair of US Women and Cuba Collaboration and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee. Both organizations focus on building a strong US women's movement dedicated to ending the US blockade against Cuba and to create mutually

beneficial US-Cuba relations.



J. MOON (LUNA) VÁZQUEZ

(Seattle, USA) A Latina Lesbian Feminist on the national steering committee of the U.S. Women & Cuba Collaboration, co founder of the Cuba/US Lesbian and Allies project. Since 2001 Moon has lead numerous women's delegations to Cuba, so they can see for themselves the advancements of the reality of Cuban women since the revolution, building bridges and understanding across borders.

WENDY HOLM

(Bowen Island, Canada) Professor of UBC's International Field Studies in Sustainable Agriculture (Cuba), agrologist, economist, author, award winning journalist, and sustainability expert. Wendy is also the organizer of the Canada-Cuba Farmer to Farmer Project.



CHIEF BOB CHAMBERLIN

(Vancouver, Canada) Vice-President Union of BC Indian Chiefs and Elected Chief Councilor Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation.

EAGLE EYES

(Vancouver, Canada) Hereditary Chief and Indigenous elder of Shishálh (Sechelt). Longtime activist and organizer against Site C Dam, Bill C-51 and many other social justice campaigns.



KELLY WHITE

(Vancouver, Canada) Coast Salish elder, teacher, broadcaster, and longtime activist.

ALI YEREVANI

(Vancouver, Canada) Political Editor of the Fire This Time Newspaper. Participant in the 1979 Iranian Revolution.



TAMARA HANSEN



(Vancouver, Canada) Coordinator of Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba. Author of "5 Decades of the Cuban Revolution: The Challenges of an Unwavering Leadership" (Battle of Ideas Press, 2010).

AZZA ROJBI

(Vancouver, Canada) Tunisian social justice, LGBTQ+ activist & coordinator of Friends of Cuba Against the U.S. blockade - Vancouver.

