

## FEATURING SPEAKERS:



**GUIVEL OROZCO ORTEGA** (Havana, Cuba/Ottawa, Canada) The Deputy Head of Mission & Counsellor at the Cuban Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. A Graduate of the University of Havana

& the "Raúl Roa García" Higher Institute of International Relations (ISRI). Guivel Orozco has served as a Foreign Service official and participated in official missions on behalf of Cuba in Mexico, Colombia, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Jamaica, Venezuela, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Republic of Guinea, Togo, Niger, Ethiopia and the Republic of the Congo.



**DR. LUIS ACUÑA CEDEÑO**

(Sucre, Venezuela/Ottawa, Canada) Chargé d'Affaires in the Venezuelan Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. Former Minister of Higher Education in Venezuela under then-President Comandante Hugo Chavez. From 2012-2017 Luis Acuña was the elected governor of the state of Sucre in Venezuela. He was also elected deputy of his state to the National Assembly of Venezuela on three separate occasions.



**DAVID ALDAMA PANDO** (Havana, Cuba / Ottawa, Canada) The Third Secretary of the Embassy of Cuba in Canada in charge of academic affairs and relations with Cuba solidarity groups in Canada. David Aldama has a bachelor's degree in international Relations from the "Raúl Roa García" Higher Institute of International Relations (ISRI).



**DR. HELEN YAFFE** (Glasgow, Scotland) Visiting Fellow at the Latin America and Caribbean Centre and a Lecturer in Economic and Social History in the University of Glasgow. Helen Yaffe is author of "Che Guevara: The Economics of Revolution" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). She is an economic historian specialising in Cuba and

Latin America, the history of economics, and the political economy of late development, *Joining via Video Conference.*

**KEITH BOLENDER** (Toronto, Canada) Author of the newly published book, "Manufacturing the Enemy: The Media War Against Cuba" (Pluto, 2019). He is also the author of "Cuba Under Siege: American Policy, the Revolution and Its People" (Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2012) and "Voices From the Other Side: An Oral History of Terrorism Against Cuba" (Pluto, 2010). Keith Bolender is a freelance journalist who worked for more than 10 years with the Toronto Star. He is a member of the Institute for Public Accuracy on their Roster of Experts for Cuban Affairs, and lectures at the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies.



**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.



**WENDY HOLM** (Vancouver, Canada) Wendy Holm is a retired Agrologist, columnist, author and speaker. She has been named a Distinguished Alumni of UBC, and has received two Queen's Medals for contribution to community. She has published multiple articles and papers on Cuba's commitment to sustainable farming practices and organizes the Canada-Cuba Farmer to Farmer Project. She has won ten national journalism awards since 2002. She recently edited the book, "Damming the Peace: The hidden costs of the Site C Dam" (Lorimer Press, 2018).

**MARIA TORRELLAS** (Argentina) Commentator and documentary filmmaker for the international solidarity news project Resumen Latino, for 20 years. *Joining via Video Conference.*



**KELLY WHITE** (Vancouver, Canada) Coast Salish elder, teacher, broadcaster, and longtime social justice activist.



**STEPHANY MAZUERA VARGAS** (Vancouver, Canada) From 2007, she studied at the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) in Havana, Cuba and the Ernesto Che Guevara faculty in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Beginning in 2014, she worked as an emergency doctor in Colombia and moved to Vancouver in 2017.



**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).



**ALISON BODINE** (Vancouver, Canada) Coordinator of the Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice Venezuela Solidarity Campaign, Author of "Revolution & Counter-Revolution in Venezuela" (Battle of Ideas Press, 2018).



**AZZA ROJBI** (Vancouver, Canada) Tunisian social justice, LGBTQ+ activist & coordinator of Friends of Cuba Against the U.S. blockade - Vancouver. Author of "U.S. & Saudi War on the People Of Yemen" (Battle of Ideas Press, 2019).



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



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2019**  
**10:00am -8:00pm**

**10:00-11:00 BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**

**11:00-11:15 INDIGENOUS WELCOMING**  
**KELLY WHITE**

**11:20-11:30 CONFERENCE OPENING**  
**TAMARA HANSEN**

**11:30-12:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**"The Cuban Socialist and Internationalist Revolution. The Challenges of an Unwavering Leadership. How Far Have We Come?"**  
**GUIVEL OROZCO ORTEGA**

**12:30-01:45 WORKSHOP #1**  
**"The Dynamism of the Cuban Revolution: 60 Years of Developing the Leadership of Revolutionary Youth"**  
**DAVID ALDAMA PANDO**

**01:45-02:20 LUNCH**

**02:20-03:35 WORKSHOP #2**  
**"Cuban Sovereignty, Sustainability and Community - Food Security is just the Beginning"**  
**WENDY HOLM**

**03:40-4:55 WORKSHOP #3**  
**"Cuba and Venezuela: Independence and Unity in the face of U.S./Canada Aggressions"**  
**ARNOLD AUGUST**

**04:55-05:15 BOOK SIGNING & REFRESHMENTS**

**05:15-08:00 SPECIAL FILM & DISCUSSION**

*Featuring the Vancouver Premiere of renowned documentary:*

**"CUBANAS. MUJERES EN REVOLUCIÓN"**



**WITH A SPECIAL VIDEO INTRODUCTION BY DIRECTOR:**

**MARIA TORRELLAS**

**COMMENTARY & DISCUSSION WITH STEPHANY MAZUERA & AZZA ROJBI**

*Documentary in Spanish with English Subtitles*

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2019**  
**10:00am-8:00pm**

**10:00-11:00 BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**

**11:00-11:10 CONFERENCE OPENING**  
**TAMARA HANSEN**

**11:10-12:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**"Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution Today: How Far We Have Come"**  
**DR. LUIS ACUÑA**

**12:15-01:30 WORKSHOP #4**  
**"Building the Solidarity Movement: Our Tasks & Perspectives in the Imperialist Epoch"**  
**TAMARA HANSEN & ALISON BODINE**

**01:30-02:05 LUNCH**

**02:05-03:20 WORKSHOP #5**  
**"The Cuban Tightrope: Between the Plan and the Market"**  
**DR. HELEN YAFFE**

**03:25-04:40 WORKSHOP #6**  
**"Manufacturing the Enemy: The Media War Against Cuba."**  
**KEITH BOLENDER**

**04:40-05:00 BOOK SIGNING & REFRESHMENTS**

**05:05-06:20 WORKSHOP #7**  
**"Cuba's New Constitution & the Continuity of the Cuban Socialist Project"**  
**GUIVEL OROZCO ORTEGA**

**06:20-07:20 CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**"Socialism Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: Continuity of the Cuban Socialist Project"**  
**ALI YEREVANI**

**7:20-7:45 CONFERENCE SUMMARY & CLOSING**  
**TAMARA HANSEN**

**07:45-08:00 INDIGENOUS CLOSING**  
**KELLY WHITE**



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