



**Agenda for the day**

- 09:15 – 09:45 Registration
- 09:45 – 10:40 PLENARY 1 Trump, Latin America, and resistance across the continent *Main Hall*
- 10:45 – 11:45 SEMINARS (A) & FILM FEST
- 11:50 – 12:50 SEMINARS (B) & FILM FEST
- 12:50 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK There is a café on site and other cafes nearby.

13.00 – 13.50 During Lunch break Film Premiere 'Herencia' in MAIN HALL  
Plus Q&A with Director Ana Hurtado and the Cuban Minister of Culture

- 14:00 – 14.15 Special Q& A with Noam Chomsky, hosted by Victoria Brittain *Main Hall*
- 14:15 – 14:55 PLENARY 2 Achievements of revolution 20-40-60 *Main Hall*
- 15:00 – 16:00 SEMINARS (C) & FILM FEST
- 16:05 – 16:15 LULA LIVRE! – celebration, protest and photo call *Main Hall*
- 16:15 – 17:00 PLENARY 3 Stop Trump - fight back rally *Main Hall*

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**PROGRAMME**

<p><b>09:45 – 10:40 PLENARY 1:</b> Chair: Bernard Regan</p> <p><b>Trump, Latin America, and resistance across the continent</b></p> <p>Edgardo Llano, Argentinian Trade Union leader  Tereza Campelo, Former Brazilian Government Minister  Miriam Amancay Colque, Bartolina Sisa Resistance, activist recently returned from Bolivia  Richard Burgon MP</p>		<p>Main Hall</p>
<p><b>Seminars (A) &amp; FILM FEST 10:45 – 11:45</b></p>		<p>location</p>
<p><b>A1</b></p>	<p><b>Cuba: misinformation and the media war against the island</b></p> <p>The unrelenting stream of misinformation, myths, and outright lies against the Cuban Revolution has been one of the US government's most effective forms of aggression: aided and abetted by a non-stop propaganda programme by the corporate media. With few exceptions the mainstream media has enthusiastically endorsed Washington's objectives to end Cuba's socialist experiment and force the country to return into the US's hegemonic embrace.</p> <p><b>Chair: Bob Oram, CSC Executive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Lauren Collins, academic</li> <li>• Cristina Escobar, Cuban Journalist</li> <li>• Ben Chacko, Editor Morning Star</li> <li>• Keith Bolender, Author 'manufacturing the Enemy. The media war against Cuba'</li> </ul>	<p><b>Waldo Williams 2</b> ground floor</p>
<p><b>A2</b></p>	<p><b>Venezuela: No to War, No to Blockade</b></p> <p>In pursuit of 'regime change' against the elected Venezuelan government of President Maduro, the US under President Trump has created an extensive economic blockade of the type employed against Cuba since the early 1960s. The US has also threatened military action against the country. Come and hear how Venezuela is combating these dual threats and what can be done in solidarity with its struggle.</p> <p><b>Chair: Doug Nicholls, GFTU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate Hudson, CND</li> <li>• Murad Qureshi, Stop the War Coalition</li> <li>• Salma Yaqoob, Honorary Patron of Stop the War Coalition</li> <li>• Yvan Gil, Venezuelan Vice-Minister</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ada Salter 1&amp;2</b> Ground Floor</p>
<p><b>A3</b></p>	<p><b>Chile's Awakening: Neoliberalism, Crisis and Change</b></p> <p>Billionaire Sebastian Piñera's government has deployed the army to crush nationwide demonstrations against inequality sparked by a transport fare increase. Come and hear how about the biggest popular mobilisation in Chile since the 1980s.</p> <p><b>Chair: Isabel Cortes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carole Concha Bell, Chilean Solidarity Network</li> <li>• Hector Rios Jara, London Chilean Assembly</li> <li>• Pablo Navarrete, Alborada</li> <li>• Asad Rehman, Executive Director War on Want</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hilda Clarke 1</b> First Floor</p>
<p><b>A4</b></p>	<p><b>Nicaragua: For the many, not the few: Nicaragua's poverty reduction programmes</b></p> <p>As a result of prioritising poverty reduction, between 2009 and 2016 the Sandinista government reduced poverty from 42.5% to 24.9%, particularly among women. Using examples from the Caribbean Coast, the most impoverished region of Nicaragua, this seminar will look at how this has been achieved. It will also address how the Nicaragua government is confronting the intensification of sanctions and other forms of interference from the US, the OAS and the EU.</p> <p><b>Chair: Julie Lamin, NSCAG Executive Committee and NEU member</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raquel Dixon, FSLN Member of Nicaragua National Assembly</li> <li>• David Raby, Norfolk &amp; Norwich El Viejo Link</li> <li>• Richard Lanigan, chiropractor who has worked in Cuba and recently visited Nicaragua</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hilda Clarke 2</b> First Floor</p>
<p><b>A5</b></p>	<p><b>Celebrate Lula's Freedom - but the Fight Must Go On!</b></p> <p>Lula, the world's most high-profile political prisoner, has just been released! Jailed for 580 days to stop his candidacy in the 2018 election, Lula's persecution was not just a miscarriage of</p>	<p><b>Marjorie Sykes</b></p>

	<p>justice but an assault on Brazilian democracy itself. This is certainly a moment to celebrate - the resistance against Bolsonaro just got a lot stronger - but the fight is far from over. Join this vital discussion on ending Lula's political persecution and exploring next steps for the left in Brazil.</p> <p><b>Chair: Tony Burke</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geoffrey Robertson QC, Lula's Legal team</b></li> <li>• <b>Richard Burgon MP</b></li> <li>• <b>Enrique Santiago Romero, Spanish MP, Unidas Podemos, and GS PCE</b></li> <li>• <b>Julia Felmanas, Brazilian Workers Party</b></li> </ul>	First Floor
<b>A6</b>	<p><b>Ecuador rises: resisting the IMF, defending the Citizens' Revolution</b></p> <p>In the face of an enormous popular uprising, the neoliberal Ecuadorian government was recently forced to scrap IMF demanded austerity measures. This was a huge victory for people power. But the ongoing neoliberal policies and government repression are threatening the rights of Ecuadorians and the gains made under the Citizens' Revolution.</p> <p><b>Chair: Georgia Platman, Former TELESUR journalist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fidel Narvaez, Former diplomat Ecuador</b></li> <li>• <b>Lee Brown, Friends of Ecuador</b></li> <li>• <b>Ecuadorian speaker</b></li> </ul>	<b>Waldo Williams 1</b> Ground Floor
<b>A7</b>	<p><b>Environment and sustainability in Latin America: Achievements and challenges in Bolivia, Brazil and Cuba</b></p> <p>Both Brazil and Bolivia have recently experienced devastating fires in the Amazon but have dealt with the emergency very differently. Sue Branford, has visited the Amazon region twice this year and will describe how, with Bolsonaro's backing, land-grabbers and loggers are brazenly invading indigenous reserves and protected areas. Karen Bell, will speak on the sustainability achievements of the Bolivian MAS government under the 'Living Well' programme'. Wendy Emmett will look at Cuba's environmental policies and the country's overarching 'Project Life', a long term plan to ensure Cuba's environmental sustainability and protection against the impacts of climate change.</p> <p><b>Chair: David Treece, LAB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sue Branford, LAB</b></li> <li>• <b>Karen Bell, University of the West of England</b></li> <li>• <b>Wendy Emmett, CSC</b></li> </ul>	<b>Hilda Clarke 3</b> First Floor
<b>A8</b>	<p><b>Black lives Matter: Resisting Trump from Haiti &amp; the Caribbean to the US</b></p> <p>In the era of Trump, racism is on the rise in the Americas, but countries such as Cuba, Bolivia and Venezuela show that the cause of black liberation can be advanced with self-organisation and progressive policies. The history and current uprising in Haiti shows the power of protest and the strength of the people united against austerity. It reminds us of Haiti's revolutionary history and its enormous contribution to the liberation of the Americas.</p> <p><b>Chair: Denis Fernando, Rainbow Coalition against Racism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Myriam Kane, Stand Up to Racism</b></li> <li>• <b>Selma James, GWS working group in support of the grassroots Haitian movement</b></li> <li>• <b>Luke Daniels, Caribbean Labour Solidarity</b></li> </ul>	<b>Ada Salter 3</b> Ground Floor
<p><b>ALBORADA FILM FEST 10:50 – 11:45</b></p> <p><b>Details to come</b></p>		<b>Main Hall</b> ground floor

<b>Seminars (B) 11:50 – 12:50</b>		
<b>B1</b>	<p><b>Back to the Future: Cuban economy, Blockade and Title III</b></p> <p>Donald Trump has turned back the clock on US – Cuba relations to win right-wing votes in Florida. His aggressive posturing has mutated into dangerous concrete aggressions against the island, tightening the blockade and unleashing Title III and attacking diplomatic relations. How will Cuban socialism survive the onslaught and what can solidarity campaigners do to help.</p> <p><b>Chair: Bernard Regan, CSC National Secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Emily Morris, UCL Cuba specialist</b></li> <li>• <b>Enrique Santiago Romero, Spanish MP, Unidas Podemos, and General Secretary PCE</b></li> <li>• <b>H.E. Teresita Vicente, Cuban Ambassador</b></li> </ul>	<b>Waldo Williams 2</b> Ground Floor
<b>B2</b>	<p><b>Venezuela, economic war, media misrepresentation and the lessons of Chile</b></p> <p>The US and its right-wing opposition allies in Venezuela have long been waging economic war against the elected governments of Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro, through creating scarcities, price speculation, sabotage and, since 2015, increasingly harsh sanctions. The mainstream media misrepresent Venezuela's plight as its own fault. Progressive Latin American movements have compared the tactics to those of the US and its allies employed against the Allende government in Chile before the Pinochet coup.</p> <p>What are the lessons from Chile that Venezuela and solidarity activists might draw?</p> <p><b>Chair: Sian Errington, VSC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Rocio Maniero, Venezuelan Ambassador</b></li> <li>• <b>Susan Grey, VSC</b></li> <li>• <b>Yvan Gil, Venezuelan Vice-Minister</b></li> <li>• <b>Francisco Dominguez, VSC Secretary</b></li> </ul>	<b>Ada Salter 1&amp;2</b> Ground Floor
<b>B3</b>	<p><b>The struggle for LGBT rights in Latin America and the Caribbean</b></p> <p>While progressive governments in Latin America and the Caribbean are moving forward on LGBT rights, other countries' governments – notably Jair Bolsonaro's in Brazil – are going backwards. Find out about the current state of these struggles.</p> <p><b>Chairs: Jenny Douglas, Unite</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ali Rocha, Brazilian journalist and human-rights campaigner @ Brazil Matters</b></li> <li>• <b>Denis Fernando, Rainbow Coalition against Racism</b></li> <li>• <b>Mike Jackson, LGSM. Speaking on Cuba</b></li> </ul>	<b>Hilda Clarke 1</b> First Floor
<b>B4</b>	<p><b>Brazil – resisting Bolsonaro – defending the Amazon and peoples' rights</b></p> <p>Bolsonaro and the far-right have placed social movements, the indigenous population and environmental activists under serious threat. Learn about their struggle, daily life in a social movement, and the resistance against Bolsonaro's destructive agenda for the Amazon. From the front-lines, social movements are now shaping Brazilian politics, but are so often left out of the picture. Let's show our support and help raise their voice across the globe.</p> <p><b>Chair: Christine Blower</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tereza Campello, Brazil</b></li> <li>• <b>Mariela Kohon, Senior International Officer TUC</b></li> <li>• <b>Video message from Andreia de Jesus, Brazilian MP</b></li> <li>• <b>Sara Vivacqua, Brazilian activists, an update from the MST social movement</b></li> <li>• <b>Bia Ratton, Brazilian Activist &amp; Young Labour</b></li> </ul>	<b>Hilda Clarke 2</b> First Floor
<b>B5</b>	<p><b>No to the Coup in Bolivia!</b></p> <p>A right-wing coup has ousted President Evo Morales amid a wave of violence. Come and hear how popular resistance is refusing to bow down to reaction.</p> <p><b>Chair: Suzie Gilbert, campaigner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manuel Bueno, Bolivian Trade Unionist</b></li> <li>• <b>Marcus Barnett, Young Labour International Officer</b></li> <li>• <b>Javier Sanchez, SUMA QAMAÑA, Bolivian community in the UK</b></li> </ul>	<b>Marjorie Sykes</b> First Floor
<b>B6</b>	<p><b>Argentina resists: fighting back against neo-liberalism</b></p> <p>Incoming President Alberto Fernandez faces a daunting task of reviving a contracting economy devastated by Macri's neoliberal policies. Hear about the challenges for the new government</p>	<b>Waldo Williams 1</b>

	and how they might be met. <b>Chair: Fiona Edwards, VSC</b>	Ground Floor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gabriel Rodriguez, International Transport Federation</b></li> <li>• <b>Edgardo Llano, Deputy GS of the Argentinian Trade Union Confederation</b></li> <li>• <b>Patricio Rucci O'Brien, Ministry of Education in the Province of Buenos Aires</b></li> </ul>	
<b>B7</b>	<b>Latin America in the Era of Trump – militarised US Backyard, or Zone of peace?</b> The Trump administration sees Latin America as its backyard, seeking regime change to bolster its interests. Come and hear about the struggles to resist its latest plans to militarise the region. <b>Chair: Sue Michie, CSC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grace Livingstone, academic</b></li> <li>• <b>Kate Hudson, CND</b></li> <li>• <b>Salma Yaqoob, Honorary Patron of Stop the War Coalition</b></li> <li>• <b>Fidel Narvaez, former diplomat Ecuador</b></li> </ul>	<b>Ada Salter 3</b> Ground Floor
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<b>LUNCH BREAK 12.50 – 14.00</b>		
<b>ALBORADA FILM FEST 13.00 – 14.00 CUBA UK Film Premiere</b> <b>13.00 – 13.50 During Lunch break Film Premiere ‘Herencia’ in MAIN HALL.</b> Plus Q&A with Director Ana Hurtado and the Cuban Minister of Culture. A fascinating and important new film exploring Cuba’s collective African heritage, from the point of view of Cubans interviewed. Members of rumba group Yoruba Andabo, and other black Cuban dignitaries, intercut with music, talk about the stories, religion, music and culture. <i>"It is not just about 'influence', Africa is a real presence in Cuba, it is central to its current identity."</i> Miguel Barnet, Cuban writer		<b>Main Hall</b>

<b>14:00 – 14.15 Special Q&amp; A with Noam Chomsky, hosted by Victoria Brittain</b> Chair: Adrian Weir <b>14:15 – 14.55 PLENARY 2</b> Chair: Adrian Weir <b>Achievements of revolution 20-40-60:</b> H.E. Rocio Maniero, Venezuelan Ambassador Raquel Dixon, FSLN Member of Nicaragua National Assembly Alpidio Alonso Grau, Cuban Minister of Culture		<b>Main Hall</b>
<b>Seminars (C) &amp; Film 15:00 – 16:00</b>		
<b>C1</b>	<b>Cuba60 years: achievements of revolution</b> 2019 marks the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban Revolution and provides an opportunity to celebrate the country’s impressive achievements in health, education and internationalism in the face of the ongoing, illegal US blockade. Since his election, Donald Trump has ramped up the ‘Cold War’ rhetoric against the island, and backed it up with aggressive policies and pro-blockade appointments to the State department. How will Cuban socialism survive the new onslaught and what can solidarity campaigners do to help. <b>Chair: Sue Michie, CSC Executive</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Imti Choonara, leading paediatric clinical pharmacologist</b></li> <li>• <b>Sophie Evans, NEU delegation on delegation to Cuba</b></li> <li>• <b>Adalberto Hernández Santos, young Cuban student</b></li> <li>• <b>Mike Jackson, LGBT rights campaigner</b></li> </ul>	<b>Waldo Williams 2</b> Ground Floor
<b>C2</b>	<b>Venezuela – 20 years since Chavez’s election, the Spark for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Socialism</b>	<b>Ada</b>

	<p>When Hugo Chávez first became president in 1999, Venezuela had endured a wave of economic and social catastrophes in the preceding two decades. A massive programme of wealth redistribution that redirected Venezuela's oil revenues to collective social purposes had lifted five million Venezuelans out of poverty by 2011 and transformed the lives of many more, before his untimely death in 2013. Hear how Chávez's vision and internationalist actions have been a spark for a revival of the Left and Latin American liberation in the 21st century.</p> <p><b>Chair: Luke Daniels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ken Livingstone, Former Mayor of London</b></li> <li>• <b>H.E. Rocio Maniero, Venezuelan Ambassador</b></li> <li>• <b>Gabriel Rodriguez, International Transport Federation</b></li> </ul>	<b>Salter 1&amp;2</b> Ground Floor
<b>C3</b>	<p><b>Standing Up for Peace and Human Rights in Colombia</b></p> <p>The 2016 peace agreement to end the western hemisphere's longest-running armed conflict gave hope to millions of Colombians, but strong right-wing opposition and the murders of hundreds of social activists, trade unionists and FARC former guerrillas threaten the peace process. One of the main architects of the agreement, lawyer and recently elected member of the Spanish State Congress Enrique Santiago, joins a discussion on the nature of the ongoing attacks on peace and human rights in Colombia and how the international community can respond.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hasan Dodwell, Director, Justice for Colombia</b></li> <li>• <b>Oto Higueta, Colombian human rights activist</b></li> <li>• <b>Mariela Kohon, former adviser to Colombian peace talks and Senior International Officer, TUC</b></li> <li>• <b>Enrique Santiago, Legal advisor to the Colombian peace talks and Member of Parliament in Spanish State Congress</b></li> </ul>	<b>Hilda Clarke 1</b> First Floor
<b>C4</b>	<p><b>Confronting the climate crisis: the Nicaragua example</b></p> <p>Nicaragua is responsible for .03% of global carbon emissions yet is one of the countries most vulnerable to the impact of the climate crisis. This seminar will examine the radical stand that Nicaragua has taken internationally and mitigation and adaptation programmes within Nicaragua particularly on the Caribbean Coast. This will include examples of reforestation, agroecology and renewable energy programmes.</p> <p><b>Chair: Christine Blower, International Secretary, National Education Union</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Guisell Morales-Echaverry, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the UK</b></li> <li>• <b>Raquel Dixon, FSLN member of the Nicaragua National Assembly</b></li> <li>• <b>Helen Yuill, NSC</b></li> </ul>	<b>Hilda Clarke 2</b> First Floor
<b>C5</b>	<p><b>Tambores Livres - Brazilian Free Drumming Carnival Project</b></p> <p>Hands on Brazilian samba drumming workshop. A celebration of Brazilian resistance and culture with music, dance, chants, flags, costumes, banners, placards, movement, and lots of drums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coordinator, Patrick Foley, Brazil Solidarity Initiative</b></li> </ul>	<b>Marjorie Sykes</b> First Floor
<b>C6</b>	<p><b>Justice Mexico Now Seminar</b></p> <p>One year on from the election of Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) Mexico continues to face the challenges of trying to build a better society for its citizens while facing the economic and political pressures of existing on the border of the United States. Mexico human rights crisis continues, involving widespread violence, deep social inequalities, corruption and impunity, and the new government must try to remake Mexico's democracy to serve all its peoples.</p> <p><b>Chair: Laura Morales, JMN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Raby, academic</b></li> <li>• <b>Guadalupe Valdez Castilla, JMN</b></li> <li>• <b>Tony Burke, Unite</b></li> </ul>	<b>Waldo Williams 1</b> Ground Floor
<b>C7</b>	<p><b>Honduras resists: 10 years on from the coup</b></p> <p>June 28 2019 marked the tenth anniversary of the coup that toppled the elected progressive President, Manuel Zelaya. The right-wing post-coup governments of Porfirio Lobo Sosa and Juan</p>	<b>Hilda Clarke 3</b> First

	<p>Orlando Hernández reverted to serving foreign, and in particular US, interests in the region. Repression of protests and dissent has been savage. Now, Hondurans are on the streets calling for the resignation of President Hernández after a US Court found his brother guilty on charges of drug trafficking and took evidence of his own and his party's involvement in the drugs trade.</p> <p><b>Chair: Carole Regan, CSC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace Livingstone, academic</li> <li>• Asad Rehman, Executive Director War on Want</li> <li>• Calvin Tucker, Morning Star</li> </ul>	Floor
<b>C8</b>	<p><b>The Other War: Media misrepresentation of Progressive Latin America</b></p> <p>The corporate media have played a huge role in the resurgence of the regressive right across Latin America, from support for the coup in Brazil to endless misinformation about Cuba's revolution. Here the corporate media At the same time misrepresents the reality of progressive Latin American governments. Join our expert panel to discuss how much of the international media fails to accurately report on Latin America and more often than not deliberately takes the wrong side. How can we all help to hold them to account.</p> <p><b>Chair: Georgia Platman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keith Bolender, Canadian Author</li> <li>• Pablo Navarrete, Alborada</li> <li>• Ronan Burtenshaw, Editor Tribune</li> </ul>	<b>Ada Salter 3</b> Ground Floor
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<p><b>16:05-16:15 LULA LIVRE!</b> Chair: Diana Holland, Unite</p> <p><b>Celebration, protest and photo call</b> following the wonderful news of Lula's release from prison with Brazilian Drummers, Mariela Kohon, Tereza Campelo</p> <p><b>16:15-17:00 PLENARY 3:</b> Chair: Diana Holland, Unite</p> <p><b>Stop Trump - fight back rally</b></p> <p>Enrique Santiago Romero, Spanish MP, Unidas Podemos, &amp; GS PCE (Spanish Communist Party)</p> <p>Lara McNeill, Youth representative on Labour Party NEC</p> <p>Yvan Gil, Venezuelan Vice-Minister</p> <p>Steve Turner, Unite</p> <p>H.E. Teresita Vicente, Cuban Ambassador</p>		<b>Main Hall</b>

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