Thirty Years of The Cuban Revolution: An Assessment

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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The Cuban Revolution was a remarkable event in Latin America, with wide-ranging repercussions. The thirtieth year of the Cuban Revolution provides an opportunity to assess in a reasoned, scholarly and balanced way Cuban accomplishments, strategies adopted, persisting problems, and the significance of the Cuban experience, as well as the broader international dimensions of the Cuban Revolution.

Specifically, the conference seeks to:

- Provide an account and assessment of key strategies, choices, and outcomes in the principal areas of Cuban society (e.g., political, economic, social, etc.)
- Assess Cuba's efforts to develop a socialist society.
- Consider the lessons Cuba offers, successful and otherwise, for other peripheral societies and economies seeking radical transformation.
- Understand Cuba from an international perspective, in terms of the Caribbean, Latin America, the Third World, Canada, the United States and the Soviet Union.
- Further the establishment of a network of scholars on Cuba.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

CUBAN DELEGATION headed by Vice-President Carlos Rafael Rodríguez plus 20 leading Cuban scholars, public officials, and artists. Invited Cuban participants include Ricardo Alarcon, Tomas Gutiérrez Alea, Eugenio Balari, Miguel Barnet, Armando Entrealgo, Pablo Armando Fernández, Manuel Moreno Fraginals, Salvador Gomila, Rafael Hernández, Margarita Vieira Hernández, Alberto Juantorena, Monica Krause, Nancy Morejōn, Marta Núñez, Juan Valdés Paz, José Luis Rodríguez, Luis Suárez, among others.

PLENARY PANELS AND PAPER SESSIONS. (60 - 80)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS will include more than 200 distinguished scholars on Cuba and Third World development from North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Western and Eastern Europe.

CULTURAL EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT: Cuban films, music, and dance, including performers and musicians from Cuba.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND EVENTS

A wide ranging scholarly and social program is planned. The organization of the conference provides for a broad analysis and consideration of the major areas of Cuban policy and development, as well as for more narrowly focused attention to particular aspects of the Cuban experience.

There will be a number of major Plenary Panels: "Governance, Participation, and Performance," "Problems and Achievements in Cuba's Transition to Socialism," "The Socialist Economy: Strategies, Accomplishments and Dilemmas," and "The International Context: Policies, Leadership and Dilemmas." Within each of these major subject areas there will be a considerable number of more specialized sessions.

Breakfast and luncheon round tables will be organized if warranted by conference participants' interests. A number of receptions for participants and special interest topic groups are planned.

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An opening address by Vice-President Carlos Rafael Rodríguez will initiate the formal part of the program. A closing Plenary Panel will seek to draw together the diverse strands of analysis and description.

The conference will also offer a number of social and cultural events including a showing of Saul Landau's new film, "The Uncompromising Revolution," a recent Cuban film and discussion with Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, a concert by some of Cuba's most popular musicians, and a closing dance and pēna with entertainment.

The site of the conference is the Hotel Sheraton on the waterfront in the historic downtown area of Halifax.

PARTICIPANTS

To date invited participants and paper presenters (most are confirmed) include: Jorge Domínguez, Louis Pérez, Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Wayne Smith, Saul Landau, Nelson Valdés, Max Azicri, Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Claes Brundenius, Andrew Zimbalist, James Petras, David Slater, Philip Brenner, William LeoGrande, Rebecca Scott, Cole Blasier, Susan Eckstein, Morris Morley, Sheldon Liss, Helen Safa, Alfred Padula, Lois Smith, Joseph Collins, Medea Benjamin, Archibald Ritter, Sergio Roca, Arthur MacEwan, Frei Betto, Carollee Bengelsdorf, Jill Hamberg, Frank Fitzgerald, Tony Platt, Debra Evenson, Anthony Kapcia, Josef Gugler, Julie Feinstein, Walter Soderlund, Robert Hoogendoorn, Sara Santana, Isabel Larguía Moreno, Julianne Burton, Alistair Hennessy, Joel Edelstein, Damián J. Fernández, Johnnetta Cole, Julia Sweig, and others.

Invitations to other North American, European, and Latin America scholars are currently being issued.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS WELCOMED

The conference welcomes additional participants. Abstracts of intended papers should be sent to the Conference Coordinator by **April 1, 1989** to ensure consideration. We are hopeful that conference funding will permit financial assistance to a number of Third World nationals.

PREREGISTRATION

Registration includes conference program and admission to all plenary panels, paper sessions, addresses, and films and to the musical concert. Preregistration is \$75 Canadian. After August 1st conference registration is \$90. Student registration is \$30.

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