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SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2006

- 09:30 – 10:00** Registration – followed by **Welcome by Megan Dobney, Regional Secretary SERTUC**
- 10:00 – 11:00** **PLENARY: Jeremy Corbyn MP, Tariq Ali, Wayne Smith, Frances O’Grady TUC, chair: Keith Sonnet UNISON** (Congress Hall)
- 11:00 – 11:05** Changeover
- 11:05 – 12:05** **SEMINARS**
- 12:05 – 12:10** Changeover
- 12.10 – 13.15** **PLENARY: VOICES OF LATIN AMERICA - Aida Avella (Colombia), Cesar Navarro (Bolivia), Zelmys Dominguez Cortina (Cuba), Augusto Montiel (Venezuela - by video link) chair: Bernard Regan, CSC** (Congress Hall)
- 13.15 – 14:30** **LUNCH BREAK- Film showing: '638 ways to kill Castro'** – introduced by director Dollan Canell. New documentary on the assassination attempts against Fidel Castro by the CIA and Cuban émigrés. (Congress Hall)
- 14:30 – 15:30** **SEMINARS**
- 15:30 – 15:35** Changeover
- 15:35 – 17.00** **PLENARY: Victoria Brittain, Colin Burgon MP, Tony Burke AMICUS, Harold Pinter, Ruth Winters FBU, chair: Barry Camfield, TGWU** (Congress Hall)

SPEAKERS:

- **Tariq Ali**, broadcaster, author 'Pirates of the Caribbean', Axis of Hope
- **Aida Avella**, Former Colombian Congresswoman, Patriotic Union
- **Geoff Baker**, lecturer, Latin American music, Royal Holloway, University of London
- **Victoria Brittain**, Journalist and playwright
- **Colin Burgon MP**, Chair Labour Friends of Venezuela
- **Tony Burke**, Asst. General Secretary, AMICUS
- **Barry Camfield**, Asst. General Secretary, T&G
- **Dollan Canell**, Film Director: '638 Ways to kill Castro'
- **Julie Camacho**, Latin American Workers' Association T&G
- **Graham Copp**, Justice for Colombia
- **Jeremy Corbyn MP**, Vice Chair, All Party Latin America Group
- **John Crabtree**, research assoc., Oxford Univ. Centre for Latin American Studies
- **Steve Cottingham**, Lawyer, OH Parsons, Campaign to Free the Miami 5
- **Francisco Dominguez**, University of Middlesex
- **Zelmys Dominguez Cortina**, Political Councillor, Cuban Embassy, UK
- **Richard Gott**, author: 'Hugo Chavez & the Bolivarian Revolution'
- **Maria Irurita**, Latin America Women's Rights Service (LAWRS)
- **Humberto Mafra**, Brazilian lecturer
- **Hazel Marsh**, lecturer, Latin American culture, University of East Anglia
- **Augusto Montiel**, Venezuelan National Assembly (by video)
- **HE Rene Mujica Cantelar**, Cuban Ambassador to UK
- **Cesar Navarro**, Bolivian MP, Head of MAS Group in Parliament
- **Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign Election Observer Delegation**
- **Frances O’Grady**, Deputy General Secretary, TUC
- **Hugh O’Shaughnessy**, Journalist and author of Chemical warfare in Colombia
- **Dan Ozarow**, Latin American Workers' Association T&G
- **Harold Pinter**, playwright, Nobel Prize Winner
- **Father Henry Ramirez Soler**, Justice & Peace, Colombia
- **Wayne Smith**, Former Chief of Missions, US Interests Section, Havana
- **Keith Sonnet**, Deputy General Secretary, UNISON
- **Vladimir Vega**, Chilean musician, imprisoned for 5 years under Pinochet (as featured in Ken Loach's 9/11)
- **Jeni Vine**, Film Director: 'Venezuela – Land of Many Missions'
- **Ruth Winters**, President, FBU
- **Rebeca Zuniga-Hamlin**, Central America Women's Network

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| <p>Seminars 11:05 – 12:05</p> | <p>A1: CUBA: Cuba, USA & the hypocrisy of the War on Terror While 5 Cubans are locked up in the US for trying to stop terrorism against Cuba, a real terrorist, Luis Posada Carilles, is allowed to avoid his legal extradition to Venezuela, to stand trial for the bombing of Cuban Airlines passenger jet in 1976 when 73 innocent people died. Wayne Smith Dollan Canell Steve Cottingham</p> <p><i>Invision Suite 2 (2nd Floor)</i></p> | <p>A2: VENEZUELA: Venezuela's Social Missions – Tackling social inequality Includes screening of 'Venezuela – Land of Many Missions' – a new short documentary featuring interviews with participants in Venezuela's <i>misiones sociales</i> which have dramatically reduced economic and social inequality, bringing free education and healthcare to millions for the first time. Jeni Vine Chair: Gordon Hutchison, Venezuela Information Centre</p> <p><i>Invision Suite 1 (2nd Floor)</i></p> | <p>A3: COLOMBIA: The State and Terror People in Colombia face extraordinary violence from the army and paramilitaries for standing up for basic human rights. The panel will discuss the causes and consequences of Colombia's war on dissent. Hugh O'Shaughnessy Aida Avella Father Henry Ramirez Soler</p> <p><i>Congress Suite 1 (lower ground floor)</i></p> | <p>B4: CENTRAL AMERICA WOMEN'S NETWORK Let's Talk About Violence: Latin American Perspectives on Violence Against Women The violence experienced by women ranges from "femicide" to domestic violence but women are working to challenge this reality. This workshop will discuss violence against women in Latin America and the UK. Rebeca Zuniga-Hamlin Maria Irurita Chair: Tessa MacKenzie, Central America Women's Network</p> <p><i>Invision Suite 3 (2nd floor)</i></p> |
| <p>Seminars 11:05 – 12:05</p> | <p>A5: BRAZIL: Threats and challenges facing Brazil in Lula's 2nd term as President Lula's extraordinary second round electoral victory last October where he obtained 61% of the vote is a confirmation that Latin America is solidly shifting against neo-liberalism. Lula's poverty-reduction policies and his strategy of reducing the country's debt, thus enhancing the country's financial leverage, have paid off. Humberto Mafra Chair: Francisco Dominguez <i>Congress Suite 3 (lower ground floor)</i></p> | <p>A6: BOLIVIA Cesar Navarro, Head of the MAS (Movement Towards Socialism) party in the Bolivian Parliament will give a first hand account of the Evo Morales-led government since its inspiring election victory in December 2005, laying out the threats and challenges it now faces. Cesar Navarro MP John Crabtree</p> <p><i>Congress Suite 4 (lower ground floor)</i></p> | <p>A7: COLOMBIA: FILM SCREENING The Red Dance/ El Baile Rojo Dir. Yezid Campos The Red Dance charts the history of the Patriotic Union, the left-wing political party that had around 4,000 of its members assassinated by Colombia's security forces and right-wing paramilitaries. Introduced by Aida Avella, former President of the Patriotic Union.</p> <p><i>Main Congress Hall</i></p> | <p>B5: TGWU/ASTRAL LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS ASSOCIATION: Latin American Communities in the UK The T&G, in partnership with ASTRAL, the Latin American Workers' Association, is attempting to build a sustainable trade unionism with Latin American migrants often trapped in low paid, exploitative work. Join the organising debate! Julie Camacho Dan Ozarow</p> <p><i>Congress Suite 2 (lower ground floor)</i></p> |

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| <p>Seminars 14.30 – 15.30</p> | <p>B1: CUBA The Bush Plan for Cuba - what next? The Report of the Commission for a Transition to a Free Cuba sets out the US blueprint for intervention in Cuba. The Report contains a secret 'classified' annex which most believe sets out the military options for regime change. How will the US react to the change in leadership in Cuba? What will be the position of the UK Government? Wayne Smith HE Rene Mujica Cantelar Colin Burgon MP Chair: Rob Miller, CSC <i>Invision Suite 1 (2nd Floor)</i></p> | <p>B2: VENEZUELA: Democracy and Social Progress This workshop brings together a number of perspectives on the political and social transformation taking place in Venezuela - focusing on the significant gains in the areas of democracy and social progress and with discussion on how we can build the solidarity movement in the UK. Richard Gott Francisco Dominguez Tony Burke Chair: Louise Richards, War on Want <i>Invision Suite 2 (2nd Floor)</i></p> | <p>B3: COLOMBIA: Neoliberalism's attack on Colombia Colombia's government is opening up its economy and vast natural resources for multinational companies. Find out about how big business, the EU and the US are working to exploit Colombian workers and what we can do. Father Henry Ramirez Soler Barry Camfield Graham Copp <i>Congress Suite 1 (lower ground floor)</i></p> | <p>A4: NICARAGUA: What will the electoral victory of the Sandinistas mean for Nicaragua and the region? After 16 years in opposition the Sandinistas led by Daniel Ortega won the Nicaraguan Presidential elections on 5th November. US attempts to blackmail voters by threatening to cut off aid, investment and remittances should they vote for the Sandinistas had backfired spectacularly. However, what differences will this victory make for Nicaragua and the region? NSC election observer delegation Chair: Gay Lee <i>Invision Suite 3 (2nd floor)</i></p> |
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