

PUBLIC LECTURES 2008

LAI regularly arranges public seminars and panel discussions with Swedish and foreign researchers and experts on economic, social, cultural and political development in Latin America. The Institute also assists researchers, officers in public administration and business, news media and the public with information.

January 23 ***Implementing Human Rights in Latin America*** *Maria Luisa Bartolomei*, Doctor of Laws and Associate Professor, Stockholm University

February 6 ***Can you get away with Genocide? A Seminar on the Trials against Efraín Ríos Montt in Guatemala***
Martha Fonseca, The Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation

February 14 ***The Revolution around the World. The Journeys of Uruguayan Mirtha Fernández Pucurull***
Carolina Edelstam, granddaughter of the Ambassador Harald Edelstam
Jorge Contreras, author and former political prisoner
Fernando Camacho, PhD candidate in History, Stockholm University

February 27 ***Effects of Air Pollution on Health in some Latin American Cities. The ESCALA Project.***
Antonio Ponce de Leon, PhD, Statistics, London School of Economics and Social Sciences

- March 12** ***Democratization in Post-Conflict Central America. Breaking the Legacy of the Old Order***
Jennifer Schirmer, PhD, Political Anthropology and researcher, University of Oslo
Göran Holmquist, Ph Lic, Economics and former Head of Sida's Regional Department for Latin America
Mats Palmgren, expert on the Police- and Armed Forces in Central America
Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science, Stockholm University
- March 26** ***“Pepe Núñez; Lute-Player”. The Art of Living***
Susann Ullberg, PhD candidate, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
- April 24** ***Colonialism and Identity in the Novel “Tierra del Fuego”***
Débora Rottenberg, PhD, Literature, Stockholm University
- April 29** ***Commerce, Hunger and Human Rights. The Role of the European Union in Latin America***
José Santos Vallecillo, coffee producer and leader of COCOCH (Consejo Coordinador de Organizaciones Campesinas en Honduras)
- May 7** ***Latin America: a Nation? Geo-Politics and Nationalism in Latin America***, *Andrés Rivarola*, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University
- May 21** ***Children “Out of Place”. The “Street Children” of Asunción and their “Survival Strategies”***
Alejandro González Arriagada, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University
- June 2** ***The Colombian Crisis and its Regional Consequences***
Luis Eladio Pérez, former Colombian Senator, hostage of FARC for seven years
Jimena Reyes, FIDH (Federación Internacional de los Derechos Humanos)

Jomary Ortegon, lawyer, FIDH
Luis Guillermo Pérez Casas, General Secretary of FIDH
Alejandro González Arriagada, PhD, Economic History,
Stockholm University

June 4 ***Reflections on the Grenada Revolution***
Dennis Bartholomew, lawyer and former First Secretary at the
Grenada Embassy in London
James Wardally, PhD candidate, Economic History, Stockholm
University

September 17 ***The New Social Movements and the New Leftist Regimes in Latin America (1994-2008)***
Claudia Wasserman, PhD, History, Universidade Federal do
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

October 2 ***Para-Politics in Colombia. The Route to Paramilitary Expansion and the Political Accords***
Claudia López, counsel to UNDP Latin America
Mauricio Romero Vidal, researcher at Pontificia Universidad
Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia
León Valencia Agudelo, columnist at the Colombian daily El
Tiempo
Carlos Vidales, author and Colombia expert, Stockholm
University

October 8 ***Lula and Bachelet or Chávez and Morales. Lugo's Dilemma in Paraguay***
Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm
University

October 15 ***Trinidad Calypso. Voice of the Oppressed or the Oppressor's Tool***
Jaqueline Nunes, PhD candidate, London School of Economics

October 29 ***Family and Reunion among Ecuadorians in Spain***

Gladis Aguirre, PhD candidate, Social Anthropology,
Stockholm University

November 11 *Gender Mobilization as a Factor for Democratic and Sustainable Development in Latin America*

Irene Molina, PhD, Human Geography, University of Uppsala

November 26 *From Castro to Castro. A Conversation on the Political and Social Situation in Contemporary Cuba*

Bertil Egerö, Reader in Sociology, University of Lund

Mona Rosendahl, Professor in Latin American Studies,
Stockholm University

December 3 *Francisco Miranda, Yesterday and Today*

Carlos Vidales, author and expert on Latin America

December 12 *The Years of the Bad Seed. A critical Analysis of Contemporary International Geo-Politics*

Pierre Schori, former Swedish Ambassador to the UN and
Director of FRIDE (Fundación para las Relaciones
Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior)

Igor Cantillano, Director of Theatre and founder of *Teatro Sandino*, Stockholm