



(ENGLISH VERSION)

South South Dialogue on Sustainability

Venezuela in struggles: colonial past, revolutionary legacies and community regeneration

Organizers: Global University for Sustainability, ALBA Movements continental platform, Simon Bolivar Institute, Centre for Cultural Research and Development, Lingnan University, ALBA TV Network.

Co-organizers: Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives (Hong Kong), Green Ground Eco-tech Centre (China)

This series of thematic conferences will provide a documented and specialized view of Venezuela in cultural, social, economic and political terms.

Participants: activists and academics participating in the South-South Forum for Sustainability from countries of the global south in Asia, Africa, Latin America, as well as from the global north; members of the organizers and co-organizers.

Speakers: committed intellectuals, academics and social movements militants.

Method: master lectures with one or more panelists who develop a specific theme in detail. Each session will have some support material, a text developed by the speaker or a transcript of his/her presentation. Each session will allow time for discussion with the participants.

Duration: two series each of 10 weeks, weekly on Wednesdays, 0900 to 1200 Venezuela time/2100 to 2400 China time. The first series starts on Oct 7.

Products: a video for each working session, plus an audio and written record of the central ideas of the main speakers and the subsequent debates.

Themes / Dates / Speakers

I. The Struggles of the Venezuelan People in the 21st Century

To structure a first-hand account of the current state of popular struggles in Venezuela:

Series One: Bolivarian Revolution on the ground

1. Bolivarian Revolution and Chavismo

First session: special lecture *October 7, 2020*

To look at the struggles of modern Venezuela in the 20th century and how these gave rise to the Bolivarian Revolution as a complex process. Emphasizing Chavismo as a historical synthesis of historical struggles.

- *Reinaldo Iturriza (sociology)*

2. Rural communes, communal corridors and commune cities

Local history, organization, fight for land, political education, agriculture production, territorial axis, people's parliament, self-governance and communal state, territorial defense and people's militias.

Second session: experiences lectures *October 14, 2020*

- El Maizal Commune, Lara estate, *Angel Prado*
- Che Guevara Commune, Mérida estate, *Felipe Rosales*

Third session: experiences lectures *October 21, 2020*

- CRBZ Simón Bolívar Communal City, Apure estate, *Kevin Rangel*
- Indigenous communes and Amazonian struggles, *Jarvaz Ruiz*

3. Urban communes and commoner networks

Community health system, recycling unit, urban agriculture areas, maintenance brigades, communal organization, commoner union, urban revolution, direct exchange systems, self-management communities, zero eviction campaign, slum struggles and youth.

Fourth session: experiences lectures *October 28, 2020*

- Altos de Lidice Commune, Capital District, *Jesús García*
- Urban Inhabitant Movement, urban platform, *Iraida Morocoima*

Fifth session: presentations *November 4, 2020*

- Alexis Vive- El Panal 2021 Commune, *Ana Canoa*
- Otro Beta Movement, *Gaby Henríquez and Jorge Vilalta*

4. Women's struggles and feminist agenda

Sixth session: presentations *November 11, 2020*

Women's rights, struggles against gender violence, campaign against femicides, sexual reproduction and abortion, sexual diversity rights

- FALDAS-R collective, *Guillermina Soria*
- Araña Feminista Network, *Daniella Inojosa*
- Quinta Ola collective, *Yekuana Martínez*
- Sexual diversity movement, *Alexis Bolívar*

5. Alternative communication struggles

Seventh session *November 18, 2020*

Community radios movement, alternative TV-networks, creative design collectives, counter-hegemony

- ANMCLA, *Maryja Hernandez*
- ALBA TV, *Pablo Kunich*
- Tatuy TV, *Jessica Pernía*
- UTOPIX collective, *Oscar Vasquez*

6. Popular economies

Eighth session *November 25, 2020*

Food sovereignty, direct exchange systems, alternative metabolic dynamics



- Research collective *Edith Pineda, Mariana García, María Eugenia Freitez*
- People to people network, *Pablo Jimenez*
- Worker controlled factories, *Carolina Salazar*
- Productive educational center Indio Rangel, *Belen Martinez*

7. Geopolitics, integration and polycentric world

Ninth session December 2, 2020

Venezuelan geopolitical situation, integration initiatives (ALBA TCP, UNASUR, CELAC, SUCRE, PETROCARIBE), international alliances in the global south, integration from below *Carlos Ron (Simon Bolivar Institute), Hernán Vargas (ALBA Movements), Ana Maldonado (International Peoples Assembly)*

8. The Venezuela of the last 20 years: projects, advances and imperialist offensive

Tenth session December 9, 2020

The project of the Bolivarian Revolution seen in progress. Characterization of the blockade, its main actions and consequences.

Catherine González (planning ministry), Lucrecia Hernández (attorney at law)

For 2021, starting second or third week of January, Wednesdays

II. 500 hundred years of colonial past and historical legacy

Walk thru the formation of venezuelan society in the different periods of struggle for resistance, independency, sovereignty and revolution.

Series Two: History and Economics

9. History of the Venezuelan economic socio-cultural formation (1-2 sessions)

A tour of pre-colonial Venezuela, the colonial and modern period, in order to look at the distinctive features of Venezuelan society.

Iraida Vargas and Mario Sanoja (anthropology and history)

10. Historical processes of struggle in Venezuela (1-2 sessions)

An analytical inventory of the Venezuelan people's struggles during the pro-independence efforts, but also those prior to that period.

Vladimir Acosta (history), José Roberto Duque (politics)

11. Understanding the Venezuelan Economy (6 sessions)

1-Theoretical elements and approaches to characterize the Venezuelan economy and its crises (two sessions)



2-Tour of the Venezuelan economy in the national modern-colonial history (one session).

3-Inventory of the diversity of bets that have constituted the different periods of the Bolivarian Revolution (one session).

4-Challenges and proposals for the current moment of multiple crisis (two sessions for debate and exchange).

J.F. Rivas Alvarado (economics)