

Not Just Change, But Justice!

U.S. Trade Policy & its Impacts on Food, Land, and Immigration in the Americas

Saturday, May 2, 2009 1–6pm

UC Berkeley | Barrows Hall



As we approach the end of Obama's first 100 days, grassroots groups working in solidarity with Latin America and the Caribbean will come together to assess the recent history of U.S. trade policy toward the region, and to construct an agenda for the future that places the rights of people above profit.

This half-day program will examine how U.S. trade policy has impacted issues of food, land, and immigration throughout the region, from questions of food security in Haiti and Cuba, to biofuels and GMOs in Brazil; from NAFTA and migration, to indigenous land rights in Bolivia. Experts and movement leaders from throughout the country will participate in this day of learning and action, and work together to create not just change, but justice in the Americas.

Co-sponsored by:

Berkeley Students Organizing for Justice in the Americas (SOJA), Center for the Study of the Americas (CENSA), Nicaragua Center for Community Action, Task Force on the Americas, and Food First.

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Schedule

1pm – 3pm: Panel discussion, featuring:

- CAFTA: *Katherine Hoyt, Nicaragua Network*
- NAFTA: *David Bacon*
- U.S. Trade policy and Immigration: *Colin Rajah, National Network on Immigrant and Refugee Rights*
- Agrarian and Land reform: *Angus Wright*
- Biofuels and agribusiness: *Eric Holt Giménez, Food First*
- Indigenous issues/mega projects: *Maria Ramos, NISGUA*
- U.S. trade and relations with Venezuela: *Martin Sanchez, Consulate of Venezuela*

3:30 – 5: Workshops:

Constructing alternatives in food, land, and trade: Bolivia, Venezuela, and Ecuador

- *Roger Burbach, Center for the Study of the Americas (CENSA)*
- *Martin Sanchez, Consulate of Venezuela*

Militarization & Counterinsurgency: How Plan Colombia and “Plan Mexico” support the neoliberal agenda

- *Mary Ann Tenuto, Chiapas Support Committee*
- *John Lindsay Poland, Fellowship of Reconciliation*

Immigration, food security, and US relations: a comparison of Cuba and Haiti

- *Delvis Fernandez, Cuban American Alliance Education Fund*
- *Pierre Labossier, Co-Founder of Haiti Action Committee*

Big soy and ethanol agribusiness in the Southern Cone: Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay

- *Eric Holt Giménez, Food First*
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- *Theresa Cameranesi, SOA Watch San Francisco*

5 – 6: Wrap-up and strategy session