



CALL FOR PAPERS

Solidarity with Latin America

Maintaining momentum, holding leaders to account and building alliances

4th and 5th April 2022 (online)

In partnership with Latin America Bureau and the University of Liverpool



Keynote Address: Mike Gatehouse

Plenary Address: To be confirmed

Solidarity with revolutionary movements in Latin America has been a mobilising force throughout the post-war period, often associated with the 1960s, and has resulted in Western progressives drawing inspiration from anti-colonial struggles and left-wing movements in the global south. Since the 1970s, many solidarity groups have made transitioned from a broadly Marxist and anti-imperialist agenda to a human rights platform based on respect for the dignity of the individual. This human rights platform, in turn, has served as an umbrella under which groups of varying political positions have come to work. In more recent years, movements navigated a complex landscape of the rise and decline of progressive governments that focused on poverty reduction and sought to combat the dominant form of neoliberal globalisation by building regional alliances: the so-called Pink Tide. Some of the new generations of solidarity groups assumed openly partisan stances, while others staked out more critical positions, particularly against the extractive model of development. At the same time, a new wave of feminist internationalism, often strongly rooted in Latin American mobilisations, has swept the globe, raising interest question of identity-based solidarity.

As such, the study of solidarity encompasses a multiplicity of topics, focuses, approaches and experiences, which this conference aims to bring together. Scholars from different disciplines have often explored overlapping issues from different paradigms: while international relations scholars have identified the protagonism of non-state actors, migration researchers have examined displacement and the effects of border regimes; while literary scholars have explored the voices of exile, historians have often emphasised the specific dynamics of the global Cold War. Nevertheless, a common theme of the interdisciplinarity of international solidarity is frequently highlighted. The conference therefore seeks to reassess the history, legacy and continuing relevance of Latin American solidarity, by examining its development from the 1960s to the present.

This online conference will create a dialogue between academic researchers from diverse fields and practitioners of solidarity, both past and present. Possible topics for papers include, but are not limited to:

- Historical analyses of Cold War solidarity movements and its legacies;
- Histories and experiences of exile, and the effects of border regimes;
- Reflections on researching or practicing international solidarity;
- Artistic expressions of solidarity and international resistance;
- Reflections on the possibilities and obstacles of solidarity during the current pandemic.

Please send abstracts of approximately 250 words and a short biography to conference conveners Emily McIndoe and Pablo Bradbury at hsemcind@liverpool.ac.uk by **28th February 2022**.