

HONDURAS

TWO YEARS AFTER THE COUP

THE REPRESSION CONTINUES



A DISCUSSION WITH

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and SOA WATCH ACTIVISTS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HONDURAS

THUR, JULY 7, 2011, 7:00–9:00 PM, FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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REPRESSION AND RESISTANCE IN HONDURAS

For the last two years every sector of the Honduran population has been actively resisting the repressive coup that ousted the freely elected president in 2009. Insisting on democratic process and an end to structural injustice, the millions, who are part of the National Resistance movement, have come together to protest the coup government's policies of displacement, privatization of public services, and the auctioning of the country to the highest bidder. Peaceful protests by teachers, students, rights activists, and campesinos have been met with violent repression. Hundreds have been killed, tortured, and disappeared. Twelve journalists have been assassinated since the coup began. Dissent has been criminalized by the de facto government, but the people are refusing to be silenced.

Andrés Conteris spent four months inside the Brazilian embassy with President Manuel Zelaya shortly after the June 29 coup, and recently accompanied the president back to Honduras after his two year exile in the Dominican Republic. Andrés will give a historical perspective of the repressive US backed Honduras of the 80's to the present.

SOA Watch activists will share their observations from their recent trips to Honduras with an emphasis on the ways people are coping with fear, expressing their demands, and denouncing human rights violations, and how the well-organized resistance movement is determined and hopeful of achieving justice.

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