

Cuba: The Socialist Project in a Capitalist World



Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 2:00 pm

San José Peace and Justice Center
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Sunday, September 2 at 10:30 am

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The Cuban Revolution of 1959 made great strides in its first 30 years, enjoying the international socialist solidarity of the USSR and its allies, despite the crippling hostility of the US and its virtual blockade of the fledgling socialist state. In the 1990s, after the collapse of the USSR and cut off of trade from the former COMECON countries, Cuba entered the "Special Period." Cuba successfully averted economic collapse but at the price of distorting some of the socialist standards. The new millennium brought new challenges and the deepening consensus for economic and social adjustments. Our panel will discuss the pressures and rationales for structural socio-economic change and the impact on the relations of production and the forces of production. We explore the economic reforms started and proposed, along with the practice of socialist democracy, which has deeply engaged the entire population in collectively contributing to the understanding of the problems and their solutions.

Panelists: **Roger Harris, David Oberweiser, Richard Hobbs, Sharat G. Lin**, and with **Kathleen Densmore** moderating will report back from their research visits to Cuba in June.

All welcome Suggested donation: \$5-10 (no one turned away)

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