

# **Storytelling the Revolution**

Narrative and Latin American Revolutionary Politics  
1959-2016

**Thursday & Friday, April 21 & 22, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center**

**53 Washington Square South**

**Symposium directed by Jon Lee Anderson, Andrés Bello Chair in Latin American Cultures and Civilizations for Spring 2016. Journalist, biographer, war correspondent and *New Yorker* staff writer.**

*Storytelling the Revolution brings together distinguished journalists, historians, and political activists who have witnessed, helped narrate, and in some cases personally participated in, Latin America's revolutionary experiences from 1959 to the present day.*

*We will consider how the story of revolution in the Americas has been told over the last half century, and how those narratives have been enshrined or contested. Across two days, participants will reconsider the recent history of Cuba, Colombia, Argentina, Chile, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Venezuela and their own roles in shaping the story.*

*The symposium engages and questions narratives of Cold War, democratization, socialist revolution and civil war and traces the after-lives and ongoing legacy of armed and civil struggle in the hemisphere. As the US and Cuba put an end to their epic standoff, and the hemisphere's longest-lasting Marxist rebellion - and its last civil war - winds to an end in Colombia, what conclusions do we draw? How have the storytellers of revolutionary change shaped our political imaginations? How does the idea of revolution persist? What has this history and these acts of telling meant in the American hemisphere? Where do we go from here?*

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## PROGRAM

### Day 1: Thursday, April 21

9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Welcome by Ana Dopico, Director, King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center  
Opening remarks by Jon Lee Anderson, Spring 2016 Andrés Bello Chair in Latin American Cultures and Civilizations

9:10 - 11:30 a.m.

#### Panel 1: Cuba

Carlos Manuel Alvarez, Journalist, *El estornudo*

Ada Ferrer, Historian, Professor, NYU

Jean-François Fogel, Author, Professor of Journalism, Science Po (Paris)

Ignacio Ramonet, Journalist, Biographer, Director, *Le Monde diplomatique en español*

Ana Dopico, Cultural Critic, Professor, NYU

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

#### Panel 2: Colombia

Maria Jimena Duzán, Journalist, *Semana*

Ernesto Londoño, Journalist, *New York Times*

Gustavo Petro, Economist, Former Mayor of Bogotá

### Lunch (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

#### Panel 3: Argentina

Martín Caparrós, Journalist, Author

Gabriel Pasquini, Journalist, Author

David Reiff, Journalist, Author

5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

#### Panel 4: Chile

Miguel Littín, Filmmaker, Novelist

Patricio Fernández, Journalist, Editor of *The Clinic*

Lina Meruane, Author, Scholar

### Reception

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## Day 2: Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Panel 5: Central America & Mexico

Susan Meiselas, Photojournalist

Carlos Fernando Chamorro, Journalist, Editor of *Confidencial*

Carlos Dada, Journalist, Founder of *El Faro*

Horacio Castellanos Moya, Journalist, Novelist

Francisco Goldman, Journalist, Novelist

Jean-Marie Simon, Photojournalist

Blanche Petrich, Journalist, *La Semana*

Diego Enrique Osorno, Journalist, Author

Lunch (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

2:15 - 4:15 p.m.

### Panel 6: Venezuela

Richard Gott, Journalist, Historian

Boris Muñoz, Journalist, Author

Tamara Adrián, Activist, Deputy National Assembly of Venezuela

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### General Discussion with Invited Participants

## CLOSING RECEPTION

*Please note: Simultaneous translation will be provided.*