

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2

The Cuban Revolution at 60



Halifax

Thursday, October 31 — 7:00-8:30 pm

McInnis Room, 2nd Floor, Student Union Building, 6136 University Ave, Dalhousie University

Friday, November 1 — 9:00 am-5:30 pm

(Address same as above)

Saturday, November 2 — 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Scotiabank Auditorium, Ground Floor, McCain Building, 6135 University Ave (directly across from Student Union)

For full program visit conference website: www.cuba60.ca

Forty internationally renowned Cuba scholars, policy-makers and policy analysts will gather at Dalhousie University in Halifax this fall to take the measure of “The Cuban Revolution at 60.”

The three-day symposium (October 31–November 2) will be highlighted by addresses by two of the key players in the historic 2014 re-opening of relations between Cuba and the United States. Josefina Vidal, now Cuba’s ambassador to Canada and then Cuba’s chief negotiator with the Americans, and Jeffrey DeLaurentis, the first U.S. ambassador to Cuba following the renewal of relations, will each offer personal reflections on what happened then, and what isn’t happening now.

All sessions will be open to the public, and free.

Attendees will also learn the results of the very latest research into a controversial and mysterious ailment reported by some U.S. and Canadian diplomats in Cuba. Dr. Alon Friedman, a ground-breaking neuroscientist at the Dalhousie University Brain Repair Centre who recently led a multidisciplinary study into the so-called “Havana Syndrome” for Global Affairs Canada, will present his findings at the conference.

Leading Cuba specialists from Cuba, the UK, Latin America, Europe, the United States and Canada will also participate in a series of panels to assess the successes and challenges of the Cuban economy, Cuba-U.S. relations and Cuba’s international relations. Other panels will focus on climate change and ecological challenges facing the island, as well as social change, including issues of race, gender (in)equity, health and LGBTQ rights.

“This year not only marks the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution,” notes John Kirk, an internationally renowned Cuba scholar and one of the organizers of the event, “but it is also a time of historic transformation on the island: leadership change, constitutional reform, and a complex process of economic developments. We believe this is a good opportunity to discuss the progress Cuba has made over the past 60 years and perhaps more importantly, to analyze current developments.”

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