

Imagining New Paths for

U.S. CUBA RELATIONS

reopening of embassies in both countries.

The visit to Seattle by First Secretary Miguel Fraga of the newly-restored Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC, is a hallmark event following on two signal dates in the history of US/Cuba relations. On December 17, 2014, President Obama stated that the 55-year old US government policy of undermining the Cuban Revolution by hostility and economic constraint had been a failure. And on July 20, 2015, diplomatic relations between the US and Cuba were officially restored with the

President Obama and President Castro have each called for a new relationship of contact and engagement, but much is at stake in whether the new engagement will be based on mutual respect for the sovereignty of Cuba as well as the US. On the part of the US, this means an end to travel restrictions, an end to the trade embargo and an end to the occupation of Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. President Obama has taken some positive steps by executive action, though he could within his powers go further, but the most crucial actions to significantly normalize US/Cuba relations depend on Congressional legislation.

This day conference will explore what people and organizations in Washington State can do to advocate for changes to US laws and to forge new US/Cuba relations based on mutual respect and a two-way open exchange of peoples, ideas and trade.

— March 5 — Conference Program —

10.00 -11.00 A taste of what the Cuban revolution can offer the US

Tamara Hansen – editor of Cuba's Health Care System. Where humanity comes first"
Carlos Dominguez – International Community Health Services

11.00 -12.30 US-Cuba relations - their history, current state, and desired future

Poem of Welcome by Gabriela Gutierrez y Muhs, PhD

**** Key note presentation by Miguel Fraga, followed by Q+A**

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-2.30 The Law of the US Embargo of Cuba, and the potential for changing it

Martha Schmidt – National Lawyers Guild

Bill Hackwell - International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity

Jim McDermott - U.S. Representative, WA 7th District

2.30-3.30 – Building local links and solidarity with Cuba

John Waller – Seattle Cuba Friendship Committee

Cindy Domingo – US Women and Cuba Collaboration

Azza Rojbi – Friends of Cuba Against the U.S. Blockade - Vancouver

3.30 Closing remarks by Miguel Fraga

Public metered parking available in the lower level of the parking garage off Cherry on south side of the street between 12th and Broadway.

From Wednesday March 2nd to Sunday March 6th Miguel Fraga will be speaking at a range of educational and community venues in Seattle.

This includes the opening of a photographic exhibit:

"The Cuban 5 Return: An Entire Country Celebrates"

Friday March 4th 2016 6.30pm – 9.30pm

**El Centro de la Raza – 3rd floor, 2524 16th
Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98144**

For more information about the exhibition &
the speaking tour www.seattlecuba.org

