



Joint Juraj Dobrila at Pula University—Saint Mary's University Seminar

Latin America in the post-neoliberal era: Prospects for a sustainable and equitable transition

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Latin America today is undergoing a number of important transitions. The most wide-ranging is a broad transition right across Latin America away from neoliberalism and US hegemony, perhaps felt most notably in Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru, towards a new more participatory and inclusive economic model.

Another transition involves the resolution of a long-running conflict in Colombia and the country's transition to peace and an equitable development model that removes the underlying poverty and inequality that gave rise to the conflict.

A final transition underway in Cuba is away from a centrally-planned economy model towards a new economic model incorporating significant elements of non-state ownership in the form of cooperatives.

In all of these cases of transition, the movement is towards a new model of economic and social development based upon equity, environmental sustainability, democratic participation and the genuine inclusion of all citizens in the enjoyment of a country's natural wealth. Inevitably, there are many possible development strategies, policy frameworks and institutional interventions that might bring about such change, and these are the focus of this international round-table event.

Against the backdrop of a flawed transition in Eastern Europe, no more so than in South East Europe, the participants will reflect upon the progress to date and the future potential. Leading figures in the study of the Latin American economies and transition dynamics will participate. A number of the presentations will be selected for inclusion in a special edition of the new *Journal of Economic Research*, which is produced by Juraj Dobrila at Pula University and distributed by Taylor and Francis.

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9.00am Introduction

9.15 —10.00 Keynote: *Henry Veltmeyer*, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, México

“The End of the Progressive Cycle in Latin American Politics?”

Moderator: Sonja Novković, SMU.
—Q&A—

10.00 - 11.30

Session 1: Institutions and development models

Tom Marois, SOAS, London

“Spaces of Hope? Prospects and Pitfalls for the AIIB and NDB”

Fernanda Feil, Brazilian Development Association (ABDE), Rio de Janeiro

“Brazil’s development model: achievements and risks”

Robert Sonora, Fort Lewis College, Colorado, USA

“Institutions and Economic Performance in Mexican States”

Moderator: Milford Bateman, Pula/SMU

—Q&A—

11.30am—11.45am — *Coffee*

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Session 2: Contrasting the Bolivian and Colombian development models

Enrique Velazco Reckling, INASET, La Paz,

“Growth, distribution and employment since 2006:
Is Bolivia a ‘People’s Economy’?”

John Brett, University of Colorado Denver -

“Progress in embedding the Buen Vivir concept in Bolivia and Ecuador”

Jonathan Glennie, Save the Children UK and International Development Institute, Kings College, London.

“Colombia, extractivism and the heart of the South American problem

Moderator: Dean Sinković, Pula
—Q&A—

1.30pm—2.30pm — *Lunch*



2.30pm—4.15pm

Session 3: The Cuban transition model

Sonja Novković, SMU, Halifax, Canada

“The role of cooperatives in Cuba's transforming economy”

Milford Bateman, Pula/SMU and *Dean Sinković*, Pula

“Cooperative development in Cuba: Getting the support institutions right”

Al Campbell, Utah University

“National Planning and Cooperative Autonomy”

Moderator: Henry Veltmeyer, SMU

—Q&A—

4.15pm—4.30pm — Coffee

4.30pm — 5.30pm:

Wrap-up session and final Q&A

Milford Bateman and Sonja Novković

5.00pm—7.00pm: *Reception, networking, drinks and rest*

7.30pm: **Formal dinner**

