

Cuba, the 2015 Americas Summit and Beyond: Obstacles and Opportunities

A Public Forum

Convened by American University and the University of Ottawa

September 4, 2014

University of Ottawa, room 4004, Social Sciences building, 120 University

8:30 Doors open

9:00 Welcome, by Roland Paris, University of Ottawa/CIPS

9:15 Panel I: Issues, international initiatives and opportunities

Chair: Eric Hershberg, American University/CLALS

Panelists (10-15 minute presentation each)

Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of American States

William LeoGrande, American University: Lessons from past US-Cuba negotiations

Geoff Thale, WOLA: Current debates in Washington concerning Cuba and the Summit

Discussion

10:45 Refreshment break

11:00 Panel II: Canadian views and options

Chair: Arch Ritter, Carleton University & CIC LASG

Panelists (10-15 minutes each)

Stephen Baranyi, University of Ottawa & CIC LASG: Considerations for Canada

Robert Fox, Executive Director, Oxfam-Canada: Civil society views and action

Discussion

11:50 Closing comments by Hershberg and Baranyi

Chairs and panelists

Stephen Baranyi is Prof. of International Development and U of Ottawa, and chair of the Latin American Studies Group (LASG) of the Canadian International Council (CIC).

Robert Fox is Executive Director of Oxfam-Canada and a leader in several Canadian and transnational policy initiatives.

Eric Hershberg is Prof. of Government and Director of the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS) at American University.

William LeoGrande is Dean Emeritus and Prof. of Government in the School of Public Affairs at American University.

Roland Paris is Prof. of International Public Affairs and Director of Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) at the University of Ottawa.

Albert R. Ramdin is Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of American States. Prior to his appointment at the OAS, he had a distinguished career as a senior Caribbean diplomat.

Arch Ritter is a distinguished Research Professor in Economics and International Affairs at Carleton University, and a member of CIC LASG

Geoff Thale is a Senior Program Officer at the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA).