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*Antonio Ponce de Leon*, PhD, Statistics, London School of Economics and Social Sciences
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José Santos Vallecillo, coffee producer and leader of COCOCH (Consejo Coordinador de Organizaciones Campesinas en Honduras)

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**Latin America: a Nation? Geo-Politics and Nationalism in Latin America**, Andrés Rivarola, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University

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Luis Eladio Pérez, former Colombian Senator, hostage of FARC for seven years  
Jimena Reyes, FIDH (Federación Internacional de los Derechos Humanos)
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Luis Guillermo Pérez Casas, General Secretary of FIDH
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June 4  Reflections on the Grenada Revolution
Dennis Bartholomew, lawyer and former First Secretary at the Grenada Embassy in London
James Wardally, PhD candidate, Economic History, Stockholm University

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Claudia Wasserman, PhD, History, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Claudia López, counsel to UNDP Latin America
Mauricio Romero Vidal, researcher at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia
León Valencia Agudelo, columnist at the Colombian daily El Tiempo
Carlos Vidales, author and Colombia expert, Stockholm University

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Irene Molina, PhD, Human Geography, University of Uppsala

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Bertil Egerö, Reader in Sociology, University of Lund  
Mona Rosendahl, Professor in Latin American Studies, Stockholm University

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Carlos Vidales, author and expert on Latin America

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Pierre Schori, former Swedish Ambassador to the UN and Director of FRIDE (Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior)  
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