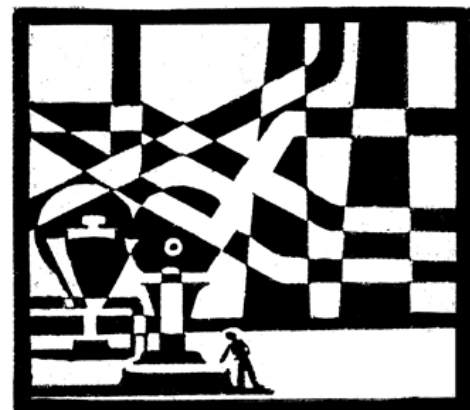




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Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022
Coe Room, Memorial Union,
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A NEW CHAPTER IN LATIN AMERICA'S PURSUIT OF SOVEREIGNTY: GUSTAVO PETRO'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAS

In the Fall of 2022, Gustavo Petro was democratically elected President of Colombia. The left in Colombia is in power for the first time, marking a new chapter in its history and Latin America. The lecture will argue that this represents a new rise of the left in the region, connected and willing to work with the global capitalist system, but open to new regional and international partnerships that will distance the country and the region from the West, and particularly the United States. Petro, in just two months, has paved the road for a regional Latin American union that gained more momentum after the election of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva as well as the consolidation of Gabriel Boric in Chile. Stefano Tijerina proposes that the region's alliance with China will represent a challenging geopolitical situation for the United States, Canada, and other Western nations, as issues such as the Drug War, free trade agreements, and contracts with western multinational corporations are renegotiated, in favor of greater regional cultural autonomy, energy self-sufficiency based on renewable models, and a sustainable regional free trade zone designed for the long-term sustainable economic development of the region.

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published on the modern history of Canadian and American business expansion into Latin America. His work has appeared widely in journals and edited volumes. He is the author of *Opportunism and Goodwill: Canadian Business Expansion in Colombia, 1867-1979*.

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