

The crisis of politics and the political crisis

2 – 3 December 2016

AIDC Solidarity Centre

DAY 1 Friday 2 December 2016		
9.30 – 10.00	Introduction and welcome	
10.00 – 11.30	Why do we have a crisis of politics and what are the contours of an emancipatory vision for the 21 st Century?	Edgardo Landers / Andrew Nash
11.30 – 13.00	The South African crisis as a crisis of politics	
	The fall and decline of the ANC Alliance	Mazibuko Jara
	The crisis of labour and the Numsa moment	Dinga Sikwebu
	Where have all the social movements gone? The NGOisation of politics	Mercia Andrews
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.30	Crisis of Politics Lessons from Latin America and Africa	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of the Workers Party in Power 	Moema Miranda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zimbabwe and the crisis of an alternative 	Elinor Sisulu / Farai Maguwu
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons from Nicaragua for building a new left 	Alejandro Bendana
15.30 – 16.00	Tea	
16.00 – 17.30	Impulses for a new left politics	
	Synthesising lessons from history: Towards community and worker alliances	Noor Nieftagodien

	The rise of the EFF – lessons for the left	Floyd Shivambu / Simamkele Dlakavu
	Rhodes Must Fall / Fees Must Fall – lessons for a new left politics	Alex Hotz
DAY 2 Saturday 3 December 2016		
9.00 – 9.30	Reflections from day 1	
9.30 – 11.00	Impulses to a new left politics lessons from Latin America and Africa	
	The role of the state in Uruguay – what lessons for radical politics?	Daniel Chavez
	The left in Mauritius: The story of Resistance and Alternatives	Ashok Subron
	Resisting extractivism and the struggle for Buen Vivir	Edgardo Lander
11.00 – 11.30	Tea	
11.30 – 13.30	Towards new Emancipatory visions	
	Ecosocialism a vision and strategy for our times;	Michael Lowy
	Feminism as a necessary emancipatory vision;	Lea Guido
	On the eve of the centenary of the Russian Revolution: what is left of the Russian model?	Andrew Nash
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 – 15.30	Way forward	
	New Politics Project	Daniel Chavez
	Towards regrouping the left	Brian Ashley