

# *Latin America's Pink Tide!*



## **A Look at Ecuador's Government, Mass Social Movements, and the Indigenous.**

A "pink tide" has been flowing in Latin America, driven by resurgent mass social movements with Indigenous organizations in key roles as in the case of Ecuador. Explicitly neo-liberal regimes have been discredited and toppled. In the decade beginning in 1996, Ecuador had ten presidents in so many years, demonstrating the power of mass movements for social justice. Yet the new regimes still found themselves entwined in the global capitalist economy.

President Rafael Correa was first elected in 2006 with strong Indigenous support, and then again re-elected in 2009 in

an unprecedented first round victory on a platform of 21st century socialism. Under his leadership, Ecuador joined the explicitly socialist ALBA with Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, and others challenging US leadership in the hemisphere. Yet, Ecuador remains reliant on extractive industries and on large agribusiness as instruments of national development, producing inevitable strains with the popular movement, especially with Indigenous organizations.

The format will be a Power Point presentation by TFA member **Roger Harris**, followed by a discussion.

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