



The [Peru Support Group](#) is pleased to announce our Webinar series:

Webinar 1: The Differing Effects of Covid-19

Saturday 5th September 4pm BST (10am, PET)

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5f4hP1zfT3SJS2wOyogUuw

The panel will discuss the reasons for the varying impact of the virus and what it has exposed. Why such difficulties after a seemingly good start? What policy implications follow from the analysis?

Panellists:

- **Ruth Iguíñiz-Romero** - Assistant Professor in Public Health, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
- **Carlos Herz** – Director of the Centro Bartolomé de las Casas, Cusco
- **Rafael Barrio de Mendoza** – Project Coordinator, Propuesta Ciudadana

Moderator:

- **Barbara Fraser** – journalist, editor of Earthbeat, National Catholic Reporter

Webinar 2: The Pandemic and its Impact on Indigenous People

Saturday 26th September 4pm BST (10am, PET)

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B7w59ab8R1uCqa2Lz0ZFtA

The panel will seek to clarify the particular vulnerability of indigenous populations. It will discuss the role of history, present policy, culture, the agency and participation of indigenous peoples in decision-making processes, and the variations in the availability and quality of public services, including access to health services and food provisions.

Panellists:

- **Stephanie Boyd** - filmmaker and journalist. She has produced a series of films in the Amazon, including a groundbreaking film about the pandemic in Peru's Amazon.
- **Fr Peter Hughes** - Columban missionary priest. Coordinator of human and territorial rights in the Amazon in REPAM, a Catholic Church network that promotes the lives and dignity of people living in the Amazon.
- **Carlos Soria** - environmental lawyer, teacher and researcher at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Moderator:

- **Vanessa Baird** - PSG steering committee member. Co-editor and co-director of New Internationalist

Webinar 3: The Challenges of Economic Recovery

Saturday 17th October 4pm BST (10am, PET)

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ERgdsWq8R36N1gQ7jBMKIQ

This panel will seek to analyse the possible sources of economic recovery, and the policy trade offs that enter. How far will the quality of the regulatory system be compromised in the interest of encouraging renewed investment in the extractives sector? Will labour rights be put at risk? Will environmental standards be furthered weakened? What room is the international system likely to allow for Peru to regain ground?

Panellists:

- **Pedro Francke** - economist, teacher and researcher at the Universidad Pontificia Católica del Perú
- **Humberto Campodónico** - engineer, specialising in the economics of the oil industry. He teaches in the economics faculty of the Universidad Nacional de San Marcos
- **Ariela Ruiz Caro** - economist, analyst at the Americas Program for the Andean Region and research member of the Working Group on Regional Integration and Latin American Unity of CLACSO
- **José De Echave** - economist, co-founder of Cooperación, specialising in mining and environmental issues. Currently responsible for the Observatory of Mining Conflicts.

Moderator:

- **Rosemary Thorp** - Vice President of the PSG. Emeritus Fellow of Oxford University

Webinar 4: Could anything good come out of the Covid-19 Crisis for Peru?

Saturday 14th November 4pm BST (10am, PET)

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j0uo0rdXSsOU0yEYifZOcg

This panel asks a question that many ponder following a crisis. Why is it that despite apparent willingness to change many of the root causes that prolong poverty and inequality, very little changes over time? Covid is now producing a deep awareness of the need for an institutional shake up that can effectively address imbalances and reach marginalised populations. What are the most needed changes? How can the positive renewed consciousness be translated into actions that last? Why is it so difficult to achieve such change?

Panellists:

- **Francisco Durand** - sociologist, senior lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Catholic University (PUCP), Lima.
- **Maritza Paredes** - Director of the Doctoral Degree on Sociology at the Catholic University (PUCP) and President of the Centre for Research of Social Sciences, PUCP.
- **Javier Torres** - anthropologist and journalists, editor of La Mula

Moderator:

- **Natalia Sobrevilla** - steering committee member of the PSG. Latin American History professor at the University of Kent

Webinar 5: Peru's 2021 elections

Saturday 28th November 4pm BST (10am, PET)

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xjPidchKSVmpL6tXNklBow

The panel will discuss prospects for the next presidential elections in April 2021, and the implications.

Panellists:

- **Martin Tanaka** - researcher at the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos and Lecturer in Social Studies at the Catholic University (PUCP) Lima.

- **Carlos Monge** - advisor for the Natural Resources Governance Institute and senior researcher for Peru's Centre for the Study and Promotion of Development, Desco. He works on extractive sector transparency issues with numerous civil society organisations.

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Moderator:

- **John Crabtree**: Chair of the Peru Support Group. Research associate at the Oxford University Latin American Centre, specialist in Andean politics