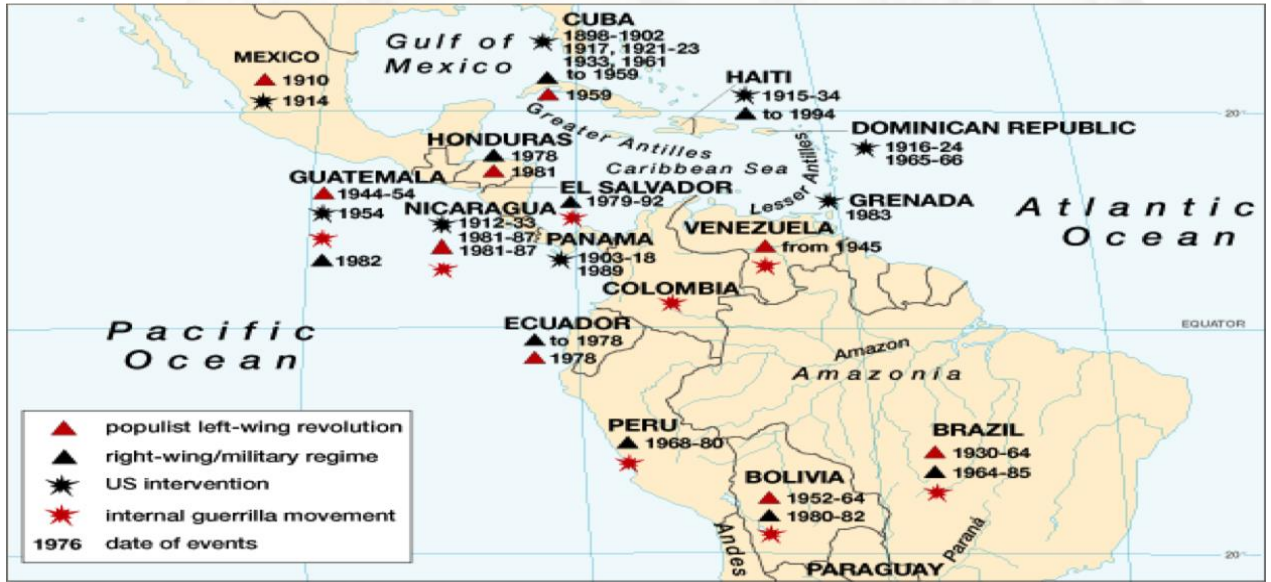




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The Second Pink Tide in Latin America

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The first Pink Tide, the coming to office of revolutionary, left wing and progressive governments in Latin America (1998-2016), saw highly progressive developments such as the eradication of illiteracy in many countries, the reduction of poverty for the continent as a whole from 48% to less than 26%; access to universal and free education and health care for tens of millions, the vigorous inclusion of hitherto marginalised sections of society (indigenous and Afro-descendants, women, peasants, etc.), combined with a robust reassertion of national sovereignty politically and economically through the nationalisation of key natural resources, plus a substantial democratization of political systems. And much more.

The US and its European accomplices managed to oust almost all the progressive governments of the first Pink Tide but were unable to consolidate these gains. This resulted in a second Pink Tide which got a massive boost with the election of Lula in Brazil in October 2022. The current world and regional context offer huge possibilities but also pose troublesome challenges, which we intend to examine and discuss.

ALL WELCOME!

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