

THE VENEZUELAN CRISIS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Thursday 5 December 2019, at 9:30–10:45
Visitor's Centre (*Kansalaisinfo*), Annex Building of the Parliament
Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki

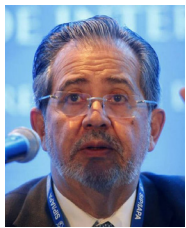
Venezuela faces an uncertain future due to ongoing political and economic turmoil. Tensions remain high despite attempts to broker a solution. A delegation of the interim president Juan Guaidó will be on a one-day visit to Finland to present their view on the country's situation and future prospects. The opposition, led by Guaidó, has called for new presidential elections, the release of political prisoners and a reform of the country's highest judicial power. Meanwhile, President Nicolás Maduro has accused the opposition of attempting regime change. The European Union has imposed sanctions on Venezuela and its member states have pledged their support for Guaidó. The event will discuss the Venezuelan impasse, its humanitarian situation and the EU's possible role in helping resolve the situation.

Speakers:



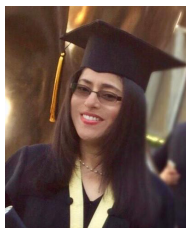
Francisco Sucre, Deputy to the National Assembly

Francisco Sucre is Deputy to the National Assembly for *Voluntad Popular* and is President of the Foreign Policy Commission. He has a Master's degree in Political Management from the George Washington University and a Master's Degree in Public Policy at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Mr. Sucre is Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Democracy and Development for the Americas in Washington DC and has held several high-ranking positions in various international organizations.



Miguel Henrique Otero, President and Editor-in-Chief, El Nacional

Miguel Henrique Otero is President Editor of El Nacional, a daily newspaper in Venezuela and is a columnist for several media in Spain and Latin America. He has received several journalism awards such as Luca de Tena from the Spanish ABC newspaper and the Freedom of Expression of the El Mundo newspaper. He is currently Director of the Inter-American Press Association and the World Association of Newspapers. He was an independent deputy in the National Congress of Venezuela for three periods.



Agueda A. Veintie, Medical Doctor

Agueda A. Veintie graduated as a medical doctor from the Central University of Venezuela (UCV) and is currently employed at the Suursuo Hospital in Helsinki. She is a Venezuelan humanitarian crisis activist (*Apua Venezuelan*) and a representative of Venezuelans in Finland at the international NGO *Venezuela Somos Todos!*

Chair:



Mikael Wigell, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Mikael Wigell is Programme Director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and Adjunct Professor at the University of Tampere. He has held Visiting Fellowships at Oxford University and the Torcuato di Tella University, Buenos Aires, as well as a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Academy of Finland. He earned his PhD from the London School of Economics. He is editor of the book *Geo-economics and Power Politics in the 21st Century* and currently serves as Chairman of the Finnish International Studies Association.