

*Sanhati* and **Canvas**  
invite you to a screening of the film  
**“Inside the Revolution”**  
and a discussion with the film-maker  
**Roberto Navarrete**

**Theosophical Society Hall, Kolkata** (behind College Square)  
**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, from 5.00 pm.**

Dear friends,

Latin America, and particularly Venezuela, are in the midst of a great revolutionary process which is contributing to the emerging of ‘21<sup>st</sup> century socialism’. People from all over the world are keen to understand, and engage with, these profound changes.

In this context we cordially welcome you to a screening of the film on the Bolivarian Revolution in Venezuela **‘Inside the Revolution: A Journey into the Heart of Venezuela**, produced by **Roberto Navarrete**, academic and activist from Latin America.

The screening will be followed by a discussion session with **Roberto Navarrete** on various aspects of the revolutionary process in Venezuela, the history of sociopolitical movements in Latin America, and ideas about ‘21<sup>st</sup> century socialism’.

About the film-maker:

**Roberto Navarrete** is a Chilean academic who came to Britain in 1975 as a political refugee following a period of imprisonment under the Pinochet dictatorship. He has been a neuroscientist at the universities of London and New York. He has deep contacts with the movements in Latin America and have now dedicated himself to disseminating information about Latin America, especially the social movements and radical governments that have sprung up in the continent, which have created an exciting new dawn (hence the name of his organization, Alborada, meaning dawn in Spanish).

About the film:

**Inside the Revolution: A Journey into the Heart of Venezuela**

(65mins, Alborada Films, 2009)

February 2009 marked 10 years since Hugo Chavez took office, following a landslide election victory, and launched his revolution to bring radical change to Venezuela. While wildly popular in Latin America and abroad, Chavez's politics and his strongly-worded criticisms of the U.S. government have also made him powerful enemies, both at home and abroad, especially in the media.

Filmed in Caracas in November 2008, on the eve of the 10th anniversary of Chavez's controversial presidency, this feature-length documentary takes a journey into the heart of Venezuela's revolution to listen to the voices of the people driving the process forward.

The film traces the recent history of Venezuela, before and after the election of Hugo Chavez to the presidency, using archive material and interviews with Venezuelans living in the barrios of Caracas who are involved in community and social movements. The achievements and challenges facing the Bolivarian Revolutionary process are put into context by means of interviews with leading Venezuelan social scientists Edgardo Lander and Javier Biardeau, as well as the Canadian economist Michael Lebowitz, who currently lives in Venezuela.

*"This is a rare film about Venezuela, a country in extraordinary transition. Watch this film because it is honest and fair and respectful of those who want to be told the truth about an epic attempt, flaws and all, to claim back the humanity of ordinary people."* - John Pilger (Journalist, author and documentary filmmaker)

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