

Free Trade v Family Farms



**National TPP Conference Call & Webinar:
Free Trade vs. Family Farms w/ John Peck of Family Farm Defenders
& Oscar Gutierrez of Colombia's Dignidad Agropecuria
Sunday, November 8th, 7:30 PM EST / 4:30 PM PST**

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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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Call Structure and Norms:

- All calls are recorded; a link and optional playback number are available after the call
- **Q & A mode:** To eliminate background noise we mute everyone when we begin recording.
- **Press *6** (when prompted) to ask a question; say your name, your organization, if any, and location. Be courteous and brief; give others a chance to ask questions too.
- **Host Team and Speaker Introductions**



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Meeting Room Functions

- Chat
- Share

Use the Share button in the Meeting Room: 

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<http://www.peopledemandingaction.org/downloads/tpp/tpp-november-8-2015-call-materials>



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TPP Tuesday Twitter Storm

6 p.m. PST / 9 p.m. EST

TPP/TTIP Tuesday Tweets:

<http://www.tiny.cc/TPPMediaMarch>





PROTECT FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

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STORM WITH US!
#TPPTUESDAY NOV. 10
6 PM PT | 9 PM ET
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- *Call Planning Team
- *Speaker Recruitment
- *Events and actions: reports and previews

<http://tradejustice.net/events>



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November 2015 Events

- Oscar Gutierrez Talks
- Local NYC Events
- Radio Shows
- Next National TPP Call



Talks by Oscar Gutierrez

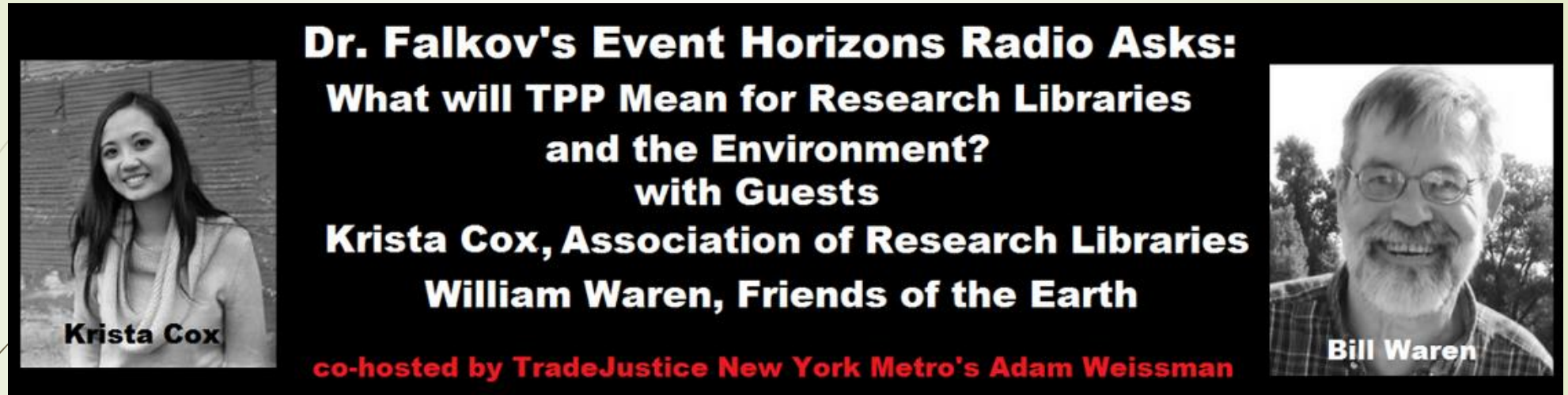
- **Monday, 11/9 to Wednesday, 11/11:** Oscar Gutierrez Speaks in Washington, DC
- **Thursday, 11/12 to Saturday, 11/14:** Oscar Gutierrez Speaks in NYC



Other New York and New Jersey Events

- **Tuesday, November 10:** Big Apple Coffee Party TPP Forum w/ Jim Hightower, Lori Wallach, Kevin Zeese, and Margaret Flowers – Moderated by Zephyr Teachout (livestreamed at <http://stopmotionsolo.tv>)
- **Tuesday, November 10:** TPP Presentation and Discussion in Sussex County, NJ
- **Wednesday, November 11:** TradeJustice New York Metro Organizing Conference Call
- **Friday, November 13-Saturday, November 14:** Roundtable and Action Party- US Out of Asia Pacific (Organized by Asia Pacific Islander Peoples' Solidarity)
- **Sunday, November 15:** Park Slope Food Coop International Trade Education Squad Public Forum

Event Horizons Trade Justice Radio Shows



**Dr. Falkov's Event Horizons Radio Asks:
What will TPP Mean for Research Libraries
and the Environment?
with Guests
Krista Cox, Association of Research Libraries
William Waren, Friends of the Earth**

Krista Cox

Bill Waren

co-hosted by TradeJustice New York Metro's Adam Weissman

- **Thursday, November 12:** [Dr. Falkov's Events Horizons Asks: What Will TPP Mean for Research Libraries & the Environment? w/ Krista Cox \(Association of Research Libraries\) & Bill Waren \(Friends of the Earth\)](#)

Event Horizons Trade Justice Radio Shows

- **Thursday, November 19:** [US-Colombia FTA & Afro-Colombian Displacement on Dr. Falkov's Event Horizons Radio w/ Human Rights Lawyer Dan Kovalik + Action Week Report!](#)
- **Thursday, November 26:** [Dr. Falkov's Event Horizons Radio: Trump: Right on TPP, Wrong on Immigration - David Bacon & Malu Huacuja del Toro](#)

TPP Text Released



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Take Action

- Tell presidential candidate Ben Carson you are outraged that he is supporting TPP! You can reach him at <https://www.bencarson.com/contact> and at <https://www.bencarson.com/askben>. Tweet questions to Carson using #askben and tweet to [@RealBenCarson](https://twitter.com/RealBenCarson). Comment on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/realbencarson>.
- Call your US Senators and US Representative and ask them to announce their opposition to TPP. You can use a prewritten letter using the online action alert at <http://tradejustice.net/tppalert> or find their contact information at <http://tradejustice.net/leg> and call and email your elected representatives.
- Write letters to the editor and op-eds denouncing TPP for your local newspapers.



Now Launching



National TPP Promotion and Outreach Team!

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Next Call

Peter Maybarduk
Director,
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Dr. Elizabeth Wiley
Resident Physician,
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National Conference Call and Webinar: TPP & TTIP's Attack on Public Health
Sunday, November 22nd, 2015 - 7:30 PM EST / 4:30 PM PST

- Attack on Public Health and Health Systems
November 22nd

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November 14-18:
D.C. days of action

www.popularresistance.org
www.flushthetpp.org



Flush the TPP!
Stop the Global Corporate Coup!



Call to Action Against Global Corporate Domination – Nov 14th – 18th

➤ **Sat. Nov. 14**

10 am to 4 pm – Action prep and arts build at All Souls Unitarian Church 1500 Harvard St NW Washington, DC. Bring clothes that you can paint in.

5 pm – Move to First Trinity Lutheran Church 309 E. St. NW, Washington, DC (corner of 4th and E Sts, across from Judiciary Square metro station) for continued action and arts preparation.

9 pm – Various fun events TBA.

➤ **Sun. Nov. 15**

10 am to 5 pm – Action training at First Trinity Lutheran Church with the [Backbone Campaign](#) and others! Even if you've gone thru trainings before, you won't want to miss this! Art build will continue.

5 pm – Protect your digital privacy by Maira Sutton of EFF

7 pm – Evening panels

8:30 pm – Light Brigade Action

Contact mackenzie@popularresistance.org

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➤ Mon. Nov. 16

Morning – SHUT DOWN the USTR!

1 pm – Citizen lobbying – This is a good time to meet with your members of Congress. Call their offices in advance to set up an appointment or bring a group of people and drop in.

4:30 pm – MASS ACTION for TRADE JUSTICE! If you can only attend one event, this is it! Invite all of your friends and lets make this huge! Bring drums and instruments, noise makers, art, props, costumes, and your group/personal message against corporate globalization! Meet at the Chamber of Commerce 1615 H St., NW for Mass Action/March and Rally to stop the TPP. If you can only attend one event, this is it!

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➤ Tues. Nov. 17

11 am – Meet at DuPont Circle for the **World is Rising International Solidarity march** up Embassy Row! Don't miss this incredible solidarity action!

5 pm – Hackathon at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 4th and E Sts., NW. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Hackathon and to submit ideas.

7 pm – Evening panels

➤ Wed. Nov. 18

Morning – More actions!

12 pm – Petition delivery to Congress and possible press conference

Afternoon-Evening — Protest the Dominion Cove Point gas export terminal and refinery being constructed in the middle of a residential community in Calvert County, MD. We will travel to the community to join [We Are Cove Point](#) and [Calvert Citizens for a Healthy Community](#) for no gas exports! Why? TPP and TTIP would increase the export of fracked gas from the US to Japan (TPP) and the EU (TTIP), making it harder to stop gas export (and fracking upstream) in Calvert County and across the country.

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Q&A on Upcoming Actions



John Peck

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John Peck

Executive Director of Family Farm Defenders, and instructor of Economics and Environmental Studies at Madison College. His graduate research focused on community-based management of common property resources in Zimbabwe. Mr. Peck attended the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and participated in global justice events surrounding the WTO Seattle meeting in 1999, as well as FTAA meetings in Quebec in 2001 and Miami in 2003. He has participated in solidarity delegations to Ainaro, East Timor in 2005 and Oaxaca, Mexico 2008, and also in the 2007 Nyeleni Food Sovereignty Conference in Selengue, Mali, the Fifth Conference of La Via Campesina in Maputo, Mozambique in 2008, as well as the 2009 U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.



John Peck's documents available for download at: <http://www.peopledemand.org/downloads/pp/tpp-november-8-2015-call-materials>

Oscar Gutiérrez


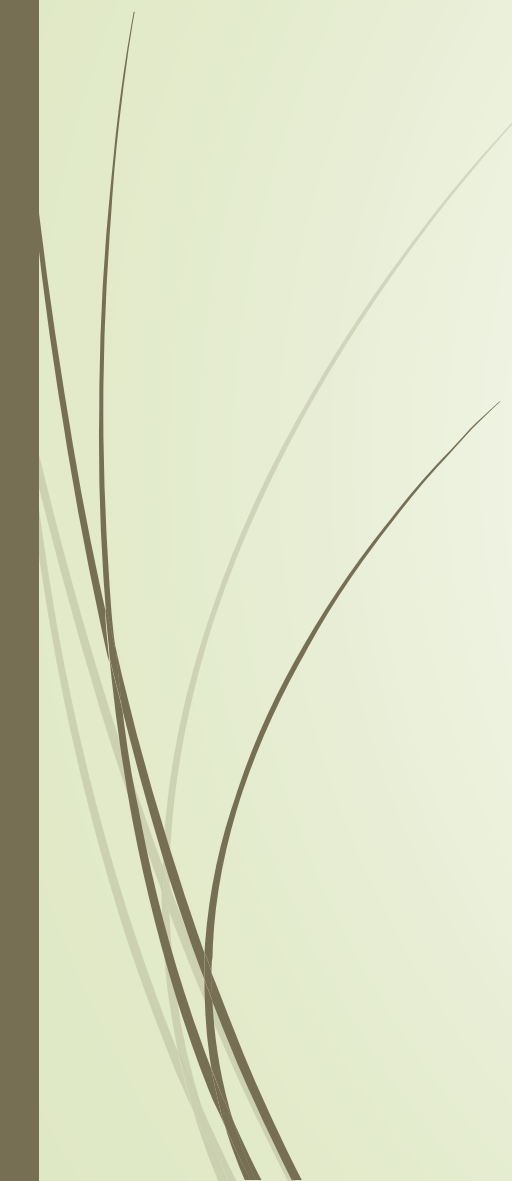
National Executive Director of Dignity in Agriculture, working for food sovereignty for Colombia. Director Ejecutivo Nacional de Dignidad Agropecuaria. por la soberanía alimentaria de Colombia., Mr. Gutierrez has a long history of political activism supporting the struggles of miners and coffee farmers in Colombia, and leading agrarian strikes of agricultural workers there along with promoting the economic and social rights of farming, indigenous, and Afro-Colombian communities.





Modifying the Constitution Protecting Colombian Agricultural Production


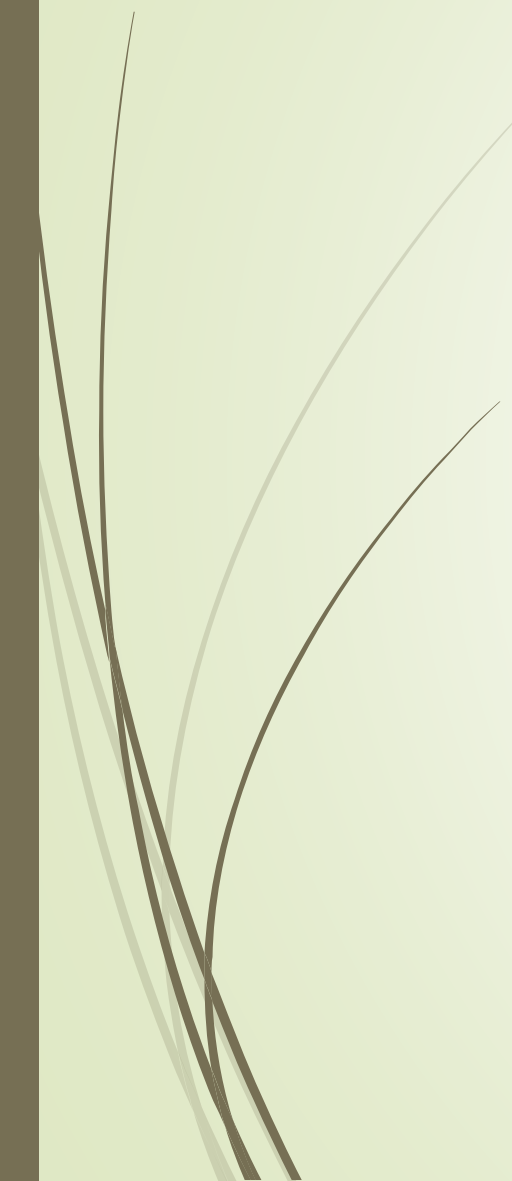
- ▶ The reality afflicting the Colombian agricultural production is understood by economic analysts, government officials, academics, agricultural producers and *campesinos* themselves.
- ▶ As a direct result of free trade the situation confronting Colombian agricultural production has gotten worse.
- ▶ In 1990,
 - ▶ Colombia imported under 400,000 tons of basic food commodities and 150,000 tons of processed food for a total of under 600,000 tons.
 - ▶ That same year 2,495,000 hectares of transitory crops were planted in Colombia and we had 1,243,000 hectares of permanent crops for a total (combining the two) of 3,738,000 hectares.


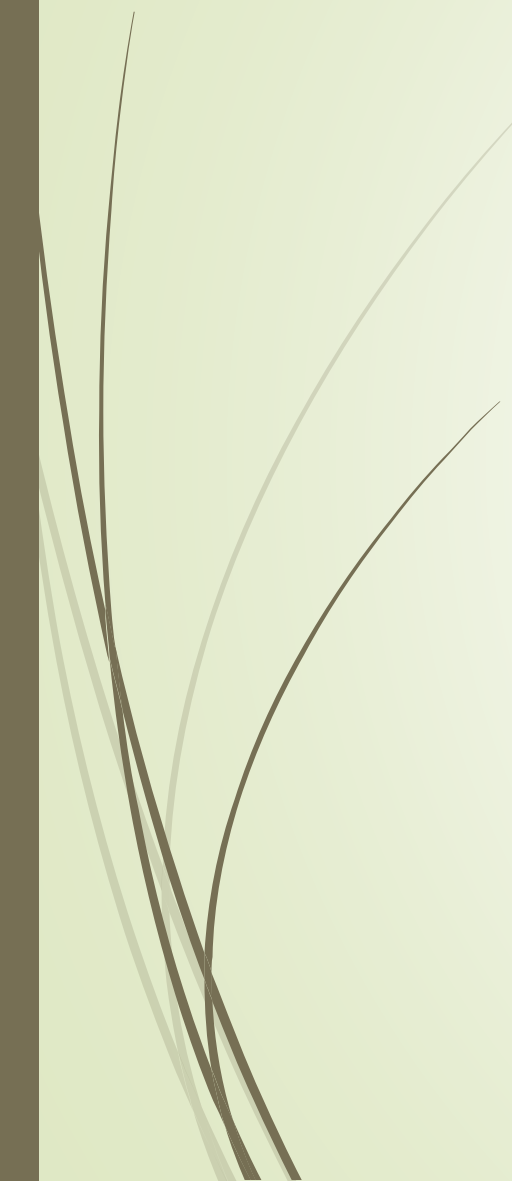
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- ▶ In 2014,
 - ▶ Imported products has risen to 10.2 million tons.
 - ▶ The total surface area cultivated in Colombia, 3.3 million hectares (59.2%) correspond to permanent crops.
 - ▶ The hectares of transitory crops has diminished to only 1.7 million hectares (31.7%).
 - ▶ Colombian farmers face the worst crisis in the history.
 - ▶ Agricultural credit and the rescue policies are inadequate,
 - ▶ income for Colombian farmers has fallen,
 - ▶ the costs of production have risen,
 - ▶ the Colombian peso has undergone revaluation,
 - ▶ climate change has produced calamities,
 - ▶ there is a lack of crop insurance,
 - ▶ sustainable prices and purchase guarantees have been abandoned
 - ▶ Absence of policies that would protect food production.
 - ▶ Before the free trade policies and economic opening, the agricultural sector protected itself. Until the 1990s. From then on sovereignty and national food security continued to decline dramatically.




What the Colombian Constitution says

- ▶ The Constitution of 1991 contains three articles that refer to agriculture.
 - ▶ Article 64 declares the duty of the State to promote progressive access to ownership.
 - ▶ Article 65 states, “**Food production will enjoy the special protection**”
 - ▶ Article 66 states: “Provisions that are stipulated with respect to credit practices **can regulate the special conditions of agricultural credit.**”
- ▶ Nevertheless, the Colombian State imposed on the agricultural sector the (FTAs) that explicitly do not allow food production to enjoy the “protection of the State.”
- ▶ How can it be that Colombian agricultural producers are condemned to compete with transnational monopolies when these interests enjoy State protection?



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- ▶ The U.S. Agricultural Act of 2014 provides, 489 billion dollars in subsidies and support to their farmers for the next 5 years. The situation is catastrophic for Colombian farmers and livestock producers.
 - ▶ Various aspects allow us to see the difference between what the Constitution says and what applies in reality.
 - ▶ Credit is scarce, costly and tedious.
 - ▶ Competition under no equality. Our national production is ruined and foreign production dominates our market.
 - ▶ The Colombian Constitution, also says –in Article 333—“**(...) Everybody has a right to free economic competition, which comes with responsibilities.**”
 - ▶ Article 100 of the Constitutional Charter indicates: “**Foreigners will enjoy in Colombia the same civil rights as those granted to Colombians.(...)**”
 - ▶ Based on these articles, the Constitutional Court declared the constitutionality of the trade agreement known as FTA.

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- ▶ Thus, the Constitutional Court approved the FTAs that do so much damage to Colombian agricultural production.
 - ▶ The legislative act that Dignidad Agropecuaria is working on challenge those presented by the Constitutional Court.
 - ▶ The explanation of grounds for the proposed legislative act stresses the following: (..) *the current initiative has the purpose of developing a special treatment for national food production.*"
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The Reform bill that Dignidad Agropecuaria will promote

- ▶ The proposal to reform the Colombian Constitution that Dignidad Agropecuaria is promoting requires the support of at least 5%.
- ▶ To modify article 64 and incorporate the following points:
 - ▶ “The State must protect and promote national agricultural jobs”
 - ▶ “The State must guarantee national production and food security.”
 - ▶ “The State, must give priority to national agricultural production”
 - ▶ “No trade agreement will be allowed to affect national production or work.
 - ▶ The Government, shall be required to renegotiate the aspects of the current Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) that affect national food

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- ▶ In Article 65
 - ▶ State promote research and the transfer of technology for the production of food and primary resources of agricultural origin
 - ▶ Also, “Food production will be promoted in the interest of national economic development
 - ▶ The State must assure food sovereignty and access to it by the population”
 - ▶ The State must guarantee access to credit for all agricultural sectors.
 - ▶ It is also proposed that Article 100 of the Colombian Constitution “not allow foreign goods and services to derive equal treatment, with respect to the goods and services of national producers, and that it not be allowed to derive equal and similar treatment for goods and services originating from abroad.”
 - ▶ Dignidad Agropecuaria is committed in the months ahead to waging the legal battle –through social mobilization of agricultural producers-- to achieve the constitutional modifications outlined above
 - ▶ We invite Colombian patriots and democrats to support the effort.

Q&A – Guest Speakers

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➤ Oscar Gutiérrez



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- Released TPP Text
- Q&A



Q&A on Released TPP Text

