

**News from Lane Community College
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Reese Erlich on Tour: A Veteran Journalist's View of Obama Foreign Policy in Cuba and the Middle East

Eugene -- The Lane Peace Center, in co-sponsorship with Speakers and Performers Clearinghouse, and the Associated Students of Lane Community College (ASLCC) CALC, is proud to bring veteran journalist Reese Erlich to Lane Community College and Eugene.

With 40 years of first-hand reporting from the Middle East and Cuba, journalist Reese Erlich is especially well qualified to analyze the impact of President Obama's foreign policy in both areas of the world. Reese Erlich is the author of *The Iran Agenda: The Real Story of U.S. Policy and the Middle East Crisis* and co-author of the best-selling *Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn't Tell You*. He reports regularly for National Public Radio, Latino USA, Radio Deutche Welle, Australian Broadcasting Corp. Radio, and Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Radio. He also writes for the San Francisco Chronicle, St. Petersburg Times, and Dallas Morning News.

Before returning to his duties as an international reporter, Erlich will make a six city tour of Oregon, during which he will also talk about his newest book *Dateline Havana*. He explores the historic U.S. domination of Cuba and the power of the Cuba lobby. He offers trenchant observations about Cuba's political and economic system 50 years after its historic revolution. Erlich will analyze the prospects for change in both U.S. and Cuban policy under the new administrations of Barak Obama's and Raul Castro. Former CBS anchor Walter Cronkite says "Dateline Havana is a must read for anyone interested in understanding the problems and seeing change in U.S. Cuba policy."

The Erlich tour schedule in Eugene follows:

4/23 Thurs, 1 PM EUGENE - Lane Community College Main Campus, Building 17, Room 309 Sponsors: Lane Peace Center and ASLCC. If you need disability accommodations in order to attend or participate in this event at Lane Community College, please contact Disability Resources (541) 463-5150 (voice) or 463-3079 (TTY) at least one week in advance.

4/23 Thurs, 7 PM EUGENE - Harris Hall, 8th & Oak Sponsor: Eugene Media Action, A Committee of Eugene PeaceWorks

4/25 Sat, 2:30 PM EUGENE - UO Erb Memorial Union River Room (Food Justice Panel) Enviro Justice Conference; Sponsor: UO Coalition Against Environmental Racism

Reese Erlich is available for interviews to discuss the following news points:

- **The 5th Summit of the Americas (April 17–19, 2009), at which President Obama will meet President Hugo Chavez, President Evo Morales, President Daniel Ortega, President Tabare Vazquez, and other socialist leaders in the hemisphere;**
- **Obama's expected Cuban policy announcements at the Summit of the Americas; and**
- **The U.S. has prohibited Cuba's participation at the Summit, but Raul Castro's is expected to make additional reform announcements in Havana.**

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