

2 August 2021

Salsa and Society: Part 2 – Cuba

Castlemaine Free University

WHAT? — Come along once again to hear and engage with Dr Ralph Newmark on the **history of music and food in Latin America, specifically Cuba as a way to understand political, economic, cultural, and social change** in the region. Enjoy 'history through music and food' and participate in the Q&A.

WHO? — **Dr Ralph Newmark** is an historian and past Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at La Trobe University in Melbourne (ILAS, 2008–2020). A media regular, discussing Latin American affairs, he presents a 3CR radio program on the history and music of Latin America and the Caribbean. Ralph developed concepts of 'aural history' and 'tasting history' re. the innovative use of music and food to researching and teaching history.*



WHERE? —
[Northern Arts Hotel](#), 359
Barker Street,
Castlemaine, 3450

WHEN? — 7pm–9pm
Monday 2 August 2021

FREE — but the bar will be open for drinks to purchase.

TOPIC

Salsa & Society: Part 2. A History of Cuba – and Latin America. In this talk the senses will be satiated by using music and food to explore themes in Cuban and Latin American history. The development of Cuban music and the exchange of foodstuffs between the "Old" and "New" Worlds will demonstrate that sound and food are profound historical forces that provide awareness of Cuba's unique history and understandings of Latin America's political-economy.

***MORE on the SPEAKER**

Honorary Fellow, University of Melbourne (Spanish and Latin American Studies, School of Languages and Linguistics, Ralph Newmark was co-editor of *JILAS* ~ Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies (now *JILAR*) for over a decade, past President of the Association of Iberian and Latin American Studies of Australasia (2006–2008) and is an expert in Brazilian history, especially of the Getúlio Vargas era (1930s–1950s). He taught popular subjects on Latin American history, winning an Australian Government Award (2012) for his pedagogic methodologies. Publications include a chapter in *Australia and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities in the New Millennium*, ANU Press, 2014.

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