

## Session 13

# Closing Discussion: Globalization's New Indians



# The “New Indians”

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**“We are the new Indians...there are people today who want to discover us again, who want to conquer, enslave, and colonize us, and who want to use us like the conquistadores once did....The Indians were sacked for centuries...we are the new Indians and we need defenders.**

**“We are doing worse than our Indians did during colonial times, because at that time there was no illiteracy. They had their culture. There were no differences. There were no beggars then. There were no beggars. There were no abandoned children. All these inequalities and this tragedy did not exist. These things that the new Indians are enduring did not exist then”.**

**“at present they [rich and powerful nations] take more from us every year than what the conquerors took over three centuries. There are more of us Indians now, and we produce more gold now”.**

**“...Because we are the new Indians of this hemisphere. I was saying that in my opinion, when we analyze the social and economic situation of our peoples, I said that the level of exploitation is greater, and in my opinion, in this hemisphere our peoples have become net exporters of capital to the rich countries, to those who have exploited us for centuries, those who made themselves the owners...those that became rich with our sweat and blood, and today continue to exploit us”.**

**“today, perhaps every year that passes, from our sweat, our efforts, our sacrifices, they extract from this America of ours more gold than they extracted in one century before. I would almost go as far as to say they are extracting more gold than all the gold they took in four centuries, or in three centuries”.**

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