

The Left is facing a serious crisis of mere existence. This paper seeks to intervene in the revitalization of the organized Trinbagonian* Left by arguing that important fragments of a vibrant new plural, open, and democratic Left are lying about Trinidad and Tobago on the threshold of realization and that a historic leader of of popular resistance – the Oilfield Workers' Trade Union (OWTU) – has the potential to emerge as one of this "new" Left's leading centres.

After arguing for a plural, open, and democratic Left on Jamesian and post-Marxist theoretical territory, an outline of the OWTU's importance in the history of struggle in independent Trinidad and Tobago is given. Following this is the identification of four likely entry points from which this new Left may emerge. These are the fierce Debates on Democracy in the Left over freedom of expressions, the experiences of SOPO, the Assembly of Caribbean Peoples and other open collaborations, Extra-Labour Social Movements and plural discourses, and the willing and able Labour Movement. The paper concludes with a justification of the author's identification of the OWTU as a likely site for leadership in the new Left.