



Demystifying Colombia's troubled history: **El Bogotazo**

On April 9, 1948, Colombian presidential candidate Jorge Eliécer Gaitán (liberal Party) was shot down in the street outside of his office in Bogotá. This triggered rioting in the streets, looting and murdering. This riot is known as the “Bogotazo” or “Bogotá attack.” When the dust settled the next day, 3,000 were dead, and much of the city had been burned to the ground.

Tragically, the worst was yet to come: the Bogotazo kicked off the period in Colombia known as “La Violencia,” or “the time of violence,” in which hundreds of thousands of ordinary Colombians would die.





Please **join us** for an interesting conference about the background, actual event and consequences of Gaitán's assassination on April 9, 1948 on it's 70th anniversary.

	<p>WHEN: Saturday April 7, 2018 2:00 PM</p> <p>WHERE: East Commons, Christensen Center Augsburg College</p> <p>720 22nd Ave S. Minneapolis, MN.</p>
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Integración Cultural Colombiana en Minnesota is a not-for profit organization whose main goal is to promote, diffuse and teach Colombian culture among Twin Cities' residents including Colombian-born immigrants, friends of Colombia and in general all those people interested in Colombian culture.

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