

12th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

The Twelfth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 22 and 23, 2007. **José C. Moya**, the 2007 Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecturer, delivered the keynote address on “Immigration and the Development of Regional Inequalities in the Western Hemisphere.”

The annual Latin American Social and Public Policy conference features presentations on social and public policy research in Latin America by graduate students from the University of Pittsburgh and other universities, with comments by University of Pittsburgh faculty. For the twelfth conference, 15 students from seven departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh, two Pitt alumni (who traveled from Mexico and Washington, DC), and three non-Pitt students (from Columbia University, the State University of New York, and the University of Texas at Austin) presented papers, and seven faculty members provided discussion.

The 2007 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **Alejandra Boza** (History), **Jorge Delgado** (Education), **Yolanda Hernández-Albújar** (Sociology), **Verónica Lifrieri** (Linguistics), **Gabriela Núñez** (Communication), **Oscar de la Torre** (History), and **Javier Vázquez** (Political Science), with direction and support from **Luis Bravo** (Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships, CLAS). The organizers and the Center would like to thank everyone involved in the conference.

The conference was sponsored by the Latin American Social and Public Policy Program of the Center for Latin American Studies, with supplementary support from a U.S. Department of Education (Title VI) grant to the University of Pittsburgh. A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

8:30 a.m.

Welcome: **Eileen Weiner** (Acting Assistant Director, University Center for International Studies)

9:00 a.m. *Education in National Contexts*

Moderator: **Alejandra Boza**

•**Matt Rhodes** (University of Pittsburgh): “Models of Community School Interaction in Venezuela”

•**Yadira García** (University of Pittsburgh): “Escuelas Bolivarianas”

•**Jorge Delgado** (University of Pittsburgh): “Inequalities in Colombian Higher Education”

Discussant: **John Myers** (Assistant Professor, School of Education)



Left to right: Yadira García, Matt Rhodes, John Myers, and Jorge Delgado.



1:00 p.m. *Reshaping the Urban Space*

Moderator: **Gabriela Núñez**

•**Giancarlo Marcone** (University of Pittsburgh): “Modern Social Forces at Ancient Sites”

Discussant: **Angela Foster** (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)

Giancarlo Marcone and Angela Foster.

3:00 p.m. *Social Inequality and Education*

Moderator: **Javier Vázquez**

- **Alison Tweedie** (University of Pittsburgh): “Latino Population Growth and Educational Attainment”
 - **Gabriela Núñez** (University of Pittsburgh) “Importance of Intercultural and Oral Communication in Andean Peruvian Rural Education”
 - **Alison Tweedie** and **Katia Silva** (University of Pittsburgh): “Projeto Aprendiz: Youth on the Go, ‘Rumo Certo’”
- Discussant: **Erik Ness** (Assistant Professor, School of Education)



Left to right: Gabriela Núñez, Katia Silva, Erik Ness, and Alison Tweedie.



Left to right: Andrea Castagnola, Juan Negri, Ana Carolina Garriga, William Keech, and Lisl Brunner.

5:00 p.m. *Institutional Performance in New Democracies*

Moderator: **Javier Vázquez**

- **Ana Carolina Garriga** (University of Pittsburgh): “Regime Type and Foreign Policy: Evidence from Latin America (1950-1979)”
 - **Juan Negri** (University of Pittsburgh): “Coalitions and Presidentialism: An Institutional Explanation”
 - **Andrea Castagnola** (University of Pittsburgh) “Instability of Argentine Justices in Office: A Critical Appraisal”
 - **Lisl Brunner** (University of Pittsburgh): “The Arancibia Clavel Decision of the Argentine Supreme Court”
- Discussant: **William Keech** (Emeritus Professor of Political Economy, Carnegie Mellon University)

Friday, February 23, 2007

10:00 a.m. *Contemporary Debates*

Moderator: **Yolanda Hernández-Albújar**

- **Luís Martín del Campo Fierro** (Universidad Iberoamericana, México): “México: Crisis, Stabilization, and Crisis Again”

- **René Alberto Ramos** (Columbia University): “The Centennial Social Adjustment in Mexico”

- **Catherine Pees Scott** (University of Texas at Austin): “Did Social Policy Success win a Presidential Reelection? Bolsa Familia and Lula”

- **April Karen Baptiste** (State University of New York): “Evaluating Environmental Awareness: A Case Study of Nariva Swamp, Trinidad, W.I.”

Discussant: **Lara Putnam** (Associate Professor, Department of History)



Left to right: Catherine Pees Scott, April Karen Baptiste, Luís Martín del Campo Fierro, Yolanda Hernández-Albújar, Lara Putnam, and René Alberto Ramos.



Left to right: Luis Vivaldi, Laura Wills-Otero, Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, and Oscar de la Torre.

1:10 p.m. *Political Regimes and Democratic Governability*
Moderator: **Oscar de la Torre**

•**Laura Wills-Otero** (University of Pittsburgh):

“Presidential Public Support in Colombia: Economic, Contextual, and Symbolic Determinants”

•**Luis Vivaldi** (University of Pittsburg): “Crisis and Political Learning: Shantytown Movements and Political Parties in Chile, 1973-1988”

Discussant: **Aníbal Pérez-Liñán** (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science)

3:00 p.m. *States and Social Movements*

Moderator: **Verónica Lifrieri**

•**Felipe A. Zuluaga** (alumnus, University of Pittsburgh): “The Historical Evolution of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC): From Guerrillas to Terrorists”

•**Oscar de la Torre** (University of Pittsburgh): “A Middle Class Project: Afro-Brazilian Political Activism in 1927- 1937”

•**Alejandra Boza** (University of Pittsburgh): “Costa Rican Indians and the State: Indian Reservations and Indigenist Policies, 1930-1970”

•**Christian Frenopoulo** (University of Pittsburgh): “Resource Mobilization and Indigenous Groups: The Struggle for Management of Biomedical Health Services in the Brazilian Amazon”

Discussant: **Joshua Lund** (Assistant Professor, Department of Hispanic Language and Literatures)



Left to right: Felipe A. Zuluaga, Joshua Lund, Verónica Lifrieri, Alejandra Boza, Oscar de la Torre, and Christian Frenopoulo.

5:00 p.m.

2007 Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture

Introduction: **Alejandro de la Fuente** (Associate Professor, Department of History)

Lecture: “Immigration and the Development of Regional Inequalities in the Western Hemisphere” by **José C. Moya** (Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles, and Professor of Latin American History, Barnard College)



José C. Moya is Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles; Professor of Latin American History, Barnard College; and Senior Fellow, Columbia University, Institute for Latin American Studies. He is the author of *Cousins and Strangers: Spanish Immigrants in Buenos Aires, 1850-1930* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998), which won five prestigious awards and was the subject of a forum in the journal *Historical Methods* (Winter 2001), where its theoretical and methodological contributions to the field of migration studies were discussed. He is currently working on a social, cultural, and intellectual history of anarchism in belle époque Buenos Aires. He also is working on a sociocultural history of May Day (the international labor day, not the maypole spring festivity) in New York, Buenos Aires, London, Paris, and Barcelona.