

The Fifteenth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 19 and 20, 2010. **David Gaus** delivered the Eleventh Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture on "Accounting, Assassination and Healthcare Delivery in the Andes." **Aníbal Pérez-Liñán** (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh) delivered the First Faculty Keynote Address on "Democracy and Dictatorship in Latin America: Emergence, Survival and Fall."

The annual Latin American Social and Public Policy conference features presentations on social and public policy research in Latin America by students from the University of Pittsburgh and other universities, with comments by University of Pittsburgh faculty. For the fifteenth conference, fifteen students from six departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh and three non-Pitt students (from the University of South Florida and the University of Washington) presented papers and seven University of Pittsburgh faculty members provided discussion.

The 2010 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **Nora Bridges** (Anthropology), **Alejandra Boza** (History), **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita** (Political Science), **Oscar de la Torre** (History), **Jorge Enrique Delgado** (Education), **Chad Dorn** (Education), **Gabriela Núñez** (Communication), **Laura Macia** (Anthropology), **Katie Muller** (Public and International Affairs), **Maria Amalia Pesantes** (Anthropology), **Orlando Rivero Valdes** (History), and **Christine Waller** (Public and International Affairs) with direction and support from **Luis Bravo** (Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships). 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.

#### FRIDAY, February 19, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: **Kathleen M. DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)



Left to right: Christine Waller, Heather Imboden, John Frechione, Lisa DePaoli, and Carolina Forero.

10:00 a.m. *Human Security and Development Challenges*

Moderator: **Christine Waller**

**Carolina Forero** and **Sally Fishback** (University of Pittsburgh): "Human Security in Colombia"

**Heather Imboden** (University of Pittsburgh): "The Globalization of Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations: Colombian Connections and Beyond"

**Lisa DePaoli** (University of Pittsburgh): "'No Podemos Comer Billetes': Sustainability, Climate Change and Development in Southern Ecuador"

Discussant: **John Frechione** (Research Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)

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1:45 p.m. *Youth and Employment*

Moderator: **Orlando Rivero Valdes**

**Maria Cecilia B. Raposo** (University of Pittsburgh):  
“Youth Policy in Brazil to Increase Employment Rate”

**Chad Dorn** (University of Pittsburgh): “The Working  
Boy’s Center: Analysis of the External Impact Study  
Through an Asset Accumulation Lens”

Discussant: **Fatma El-Hamidi** (Adjunct Professor of  
Public and International Affairs and Economics,  
University of Pittsburgh)



Left to right: Orlando Rivero, Fatma El-Hamidi,  
Cecilia Raposo, and Chad Dorn.

3:15 p.m. *Contemporary Policy Issues in Fortaleza,  
Brazil*

Moderator: **Jorge Delgado**

**Genevieve Redd** (University of  
Pittsburgh): “The Social Movement to  
End Sexual Exploitation of Minors in  
Fortaleza (CE) Brazil”

**Alexa Swailes** (University of Pittsburgh):  
“Catholics vs. Condoms: Reconciliation  
of Conflicting Ideologies and Creation of  
Social Duty in Fortaleza, Brazil”

Discussant: **Ana Paula Carvalho**  
(Portuguese Language Coordinator,  
University of Pittsburgh)



Left to right: Ana Paula Carvalho, Jorge Delgado, Alexa Swailes, and Genevieve Redd.

4:45 p.m.

**2010 Keynote Address**

Introduction: **Kathleen M. DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

*Eleventh Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture*: “Accounting, Assassination and Healthcare Delivery in the Andes” by **David Gaus** (M.D. Co-Founder and Executive Director of Andean Health & Development; Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin; Adjunct Professor, Tulane University Department of Tropical Medicine; Executive Director, Hospital Pedro Vicente Maldonado, Ecuador)



**David Gaus, MD** is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Andean Health and Development in Ecuador and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Gaus received his BA in accounting from the University of Notre Dame in 1984. However, a trip to Quito, Ecuador after graduation convinced him that he was not to be an accountant and, after two years in Ecuador, he returned to Notre Dame to do pre-med studies. He earned his MD and a Master’s of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from Tulane University in 1992. In 1994, Dr. Gaus co-founded Andean Health and Development in Pedro Vicente Maldonado, Pichincha, Ecuador to attempt to deliver primary health care to rural Ecuadoreans. Andean Health and Development came to realize that in order to serve the community in relation to rural health care delivery, they needed a hospital and, therefore, founded the Hospital Pedro Vicente Maldonado. Dr. Gaus has served as President of the hospital since 2000.

He received the Thomas Dooley Award (University of Notre Dame, 1999), was recognized as Social Entrepreneur of the Year by the University of Notre Dame School of Business (2009), and has been an advisor and consultant to the World

Health Organization and the World Bank. He has published articles about his work in Ecuador in *Health Affairs* and the *PanAmerican Journal of Public Health*. Dr. Gaus’ lecture, “Accounting, Assassination and Healthcare Delivery in the Andes,” provided an invaluable, from-the-ground perspective by a practitioner working within the realm of social and public policy in Latin America.

**SATURDAY, February 20, 2010**9:30 a.m. *The Effects of Neoliberal Policy in Latin America*Moderator: **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita****Carolina Forero** (University of Pittsburgh): "Labor Market and Market Openness in the Manufacturing Industry in Colombia: 2001–2008"**Garrett Strain** (University of Washington): "Neoliberalism and Public Space in Buenos Aires"**Maria Cecilia B. Raposo** (University of Pittsburgh): "Political Context and Investments in the Amazon Region"Discussant: **Scott Morgenstern** (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh)

Left to right: Scott Morgenstern, Cecilia Raposo, Garrett Strain, Carolina Forero, and Nestor Castañeda.



Left to right: Yen-Pin Su, Elizabeth Lyons, Anne Marie Toccket, Katie Muller, and John Markoff.

11:00 a.m. *Civil Society and Social Mobilization*Moderator: **Katie Muller****Elizabeth Lyons** (University of Washington): "Institutionalizing Local Civil Groups: Diverging Trends Based in Political and Cultural Histories"**Anne Marie Toccket** (University of Pittsburgh): "Women's Textile Associations in the Cusco Region of Peru: A Best-Practices Analysis"**Yen-Pin Su** (University of Pittsburgh): "Party Institutionalization and Social Protest Mobilization in Latin America (1980-2007)"Discussant: **John Markoff** (Professor of Sociology, History and Political Science, University of Pittsburgh)1:45 p.m. *Minorities and the State*Moderator: **Laura Macia****Maria L. Toro-Hernandez** (University of Pittsburgh): "Attitudes, Policies, and Practice in Disability Employment Rates: A Comparison Between Colombia and the United States of America"**Paula Lezama** (University of South Florida): "Afro-Colombians' Welfare and Amartya Sen's Capability Approach"**Samantha Hosein** (University of Pittsburgh): "Domestic Violence and Latinas: Cultural and Social Barriers to Seeking Help"Discussant: **Lara Putnam** (Associate Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)

Left to right: Maria Toro-Hernandez, Samantha Hosein, Laura Macia, Lara Putnam, and Paula Lezama.

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Left to right: Kimberlee Eberle-Sudre, Jorge Delgado, Maureen Porter, Laura Macia, and Chad Dorn.

3:15 p.m. *Education and Access to Information*

Moderator: **Chad Dorn**

**Jorge Enrique Delgado** (University of Pittsburgh): "Scientific Journal Publication in Venezuela: Analysis of Universities and Publications"

**Kimberlee Eberle-Sudre** (University of Pittsburgh): "Conditional Cash Transfers in Mexico and Brazil: Development Through Education"

**Laura Macia** (University of Pittsburgh): "'You Need to Educate Yourself': Education, Transnational Migration, and the Creation of Citizens"

Discussant: **Maureen Porter** (Associate Professor of Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh)

4:45 p.m.

**Faculty Keynote Address**

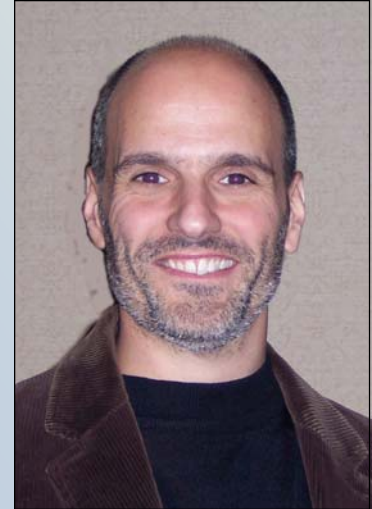
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**Castañeda-Angarita**

"Democracy and Dictatorship in Latin America: Emergence, Survival and Fall"

by **Aníbal Pérez-Liñán**

(Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh)



## Latin American Lecture and Symposium Series

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September 25, 2009

VOICES FROM LATIN AMERICA—a panel discussion on G-20 Policies and Alternative Models of Development with leaders of the Hemispheric Social Alliance and labor, indigenous, and environmental organizations from Mexico, Colombia, and Honduras, including **Benedicto Martinez Orozco** (Frente Autentico del Trabajo and Union Nacional de Trabajadores, Mexico), **Alberto Arroyo** (Red Mexicana Frente al Libre Comercio, México), **Miriam Miranda** (General Coordinator of the Fraternal Organization of Afro-Hondurans, Honduras), and **Enrique Daza** (Red Colombiana Frente al Libre Comercio and General Secretary, Hemispheric Social Alliance, Colombia)

October 1, 2009

AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM: REFLECTIONS ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM APPLEMAN WILLIAMS' *THE TRAGEDY OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY*—by **Greg Grandin** (Professor of History, New York University; Council on Hemispheric Affairs Senior Research Fellow)

