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Student Conference on Latin American Social and Public Policy

The Ninth Annual Student Conference on Latin American Social and Public Policy was held on February 5 and 6, 2004. **Susan Eckstein**, the 2004 Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecturer, delivered the keynote address at the conference on "Dollarization and Its Discontents: Cuba in the Post-Soviet Era." Dr. Eckstein is a professor of sociology at Boston University and the director of graduate studies in the Department of Sociology. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Back from the Future: Cuba Under Castro* (Routledge, 2nd Edition, 2003), and coeditor of *What Justice? Whose Justice? Fighting for Fairness in Latin America* (University of California Press, 2003) and *The Struggle for Social Rights in Latin America* (Routledge, 2002). Dr. Eckstein served as president of the Latin American Studies Association from 1997 to 1998.

The annual student conferences feature 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 ninth annual conference, 17 students from seven departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh and five students from the University of Denver, the University of New Mexico, Oxford University, Rutgers University, and Yale University presented papers, and six University of Pittsburgh faculty members provided discussion.

The ninth conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **María José Alvarez Rivadulla** (Sociology), **Luis Jiménez** (Political Science), **Veronica Lifrieri** (Linguistics), **Germán Lodola** (Political Science), **Hanne Müller** (Public and International Affairs), **María Del Rosario Queirolo** (Political Science), **Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Raga** (Political Science), and **Javier Vázquez** (Political Science), with vital support from **Luis Bravo** (Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships). The organizers and the Center 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 financial support from a U.S. Department of Education (Title VI) grant to the University of Pittsburgh/Cornell University Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs. A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

Thursday, February 5, 2004

9:00 a.m.

Welcome: **John Frechione** (Associate Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

9:15 a.m.

Elections and Institutional Design

Moderator: **Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Raga**

Rosario Queirolo (Political Science): "Economic Voting, Social Cleavages, and Ideology in Multiparty Systems: Voting Behavior in Uruguay"

Stacey Leigh Hunt (Rutgers University): "The Participatory Politics of Quota Laws in Colombia"

João Barroso (Sociology): "Businessmen and the 1988 Constitution: Class Struggle and Alliances in the Years Preceding the Constituent Assembly"

Miguel García (Political Science): "Political Participation and War: The Case of the 2002 Colombian Elections"

Discussant: **Barry Ames** (Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Comparative Politics and Chair, Political Science)



Rosario Queirolo and Miguel García.

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC POLICY (CONTINUED)

11:15 a.m.

*Educational Policies*Moderator: **Luis Jiménez****Timothy Locher** (Education): "Non-Formal Education as Violence Prevention in Rio de Janeiro"**Monique Puig-Antich** (Education): "Educating for the 'New Citizenship' in Brazil: The Work of Viva Rio"**Margarita Jara** (Hispanic Linguistics): "Statements and Entailments in Peruvian Bilingual Education Policies"**Gabriela Silvestre** (Education): "The Impact of University Reform on Professors' Work"Discussant: **Clementina Acedo** (Assistant Professor of Administrative and Policy Studies, Education)

Gabriela Silvestre and Monique Puig-Antich.



Margarita Jara.

2:00 p.m.

*Culture and Power*Moderator: **Veronica Lifrieri****Billy Ulibarri** (University of New Mexico): "Una Fuerza Increible: Examining the Disconnect Between HIV Prevention and Men's Sexuality in Mexico"**Miguel Rojas-Sotelo** (History of Art and Architecture): "The Bizarre Constructions of a Parallel World"Discussant: **John Beverley** (Professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature and Cultural Studies, Department Chair, Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

Miguel Rojas-Sotelo.

3:45 p.m.

*Globalization and Marginalized Groups*Moderator: **Germán Lodola****Hirotohi Yoshioka** (Sociology): "Mexico: The Agricultural Counter-Reform and its Effects on Rural Women"**Patricia Kanashiro** (Public and International Affairs): "Brazilian Poverty in the Era of Globalization"**Lisa Corrado** (Public and International Affairs): "The Consequences of 'Thinking Big'"**Angela Minnici** (Education): "An Examination of Child Advocacy in Mexico: The Impact of Global Norms"Discussant: **Nita Rudra** (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)

Friday, February 6, 2004

8:30 a.m.

*Democratization and Representation*Moderator: **Javier Vázquez****Rogelio García-Contreras** (University of Denver): "Overcoming Authoritarianism: The Civic Search for Democracy, Security and Social Justice in Contemporary Mexico"**Luis Jiménez** (Political Science): "Here's Pointing at You: Informal Institutions and Political Outcomes in Mexico"**Karem Roitman** (University of Oxford): "Ethnic Identity: Policies to Affect the Dominant Sector"**Hanne Müller** (Public and International Affairs): "Land and Peace: Reintegration of Ex-Combatants and Internally Displaced Populations in El Salvador and Guatemala"Discussant: **Anibal Pérez-Liñán** (Assistant Professor, Political Science)

10:15 a.m.

*Issues in Political Economy*Moderator: **Hanne Müller****Jaime Garron** (Public and International Affairs): "Fiscal Deficit and Pension Reform: The Case of Bolivia (1997-2002)"**Scott Jablonski** (Law): "Sí, Po: Foreign Investment and Dispute Resolution in the US-Chile FTA"**Germán Lodola** (Political Science): "The Rush to Market Reform in Latin America: Does Federalism Make a Difference?"**José Luiz Rossi Jr.** (Yale University): "The Role of Exchange Rate Regime in Corporate Financial Policies: Evidence from Brazil"Discussant: **Sebastián Saiegh** (Assistant Professor, Political Science)

Sebastián Saiegh and Germán Lodola.

1:00 p.m.

2004 Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture

Introduction: **Mitchell A. Seligson** (Daniel H. Wallace Professor of Political Science and Professor of Public and International Affairs)

Susan Eckstein (Professor of Sociology, Boston University): "Dollarization and Its Discontents: Cuba in the Post-Soviet Era"



Susan Eckstein and Mitchell Seligson.

Latin American Current Issues Series

For academic year 2003-04, CLAS' Latin American Current Issues Series focused on the current work of the Center's distinguished faculty and students. The goal was to create a bit of time and space for those involved in CLAS to get to know the work of their colleagues. The presentations were designed to provide a forum for exploring common interests among faculty and students, hopefully leading to insightful and productive interchange. The disciplines represented by the speakers included anthropology, Hispanic languages and literatures, history, medicine, political science, and sociology. A wide range of topics and countries/regions were covered in the presentations.

September 16, 2003

SLAVERY AND MORAL REGIMES IN THE BRITISH WEST INDIES—a lecture by **Cecilia Green** (Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology)

September 29, 2003

THE MULATO AND CUBANIDAD/EL MULATO Y LA CUBANIDAD—a lecture by **Shawn Wells** (doctoral candidate, Department of Anthropology)



Shawn Wells.

October 14, 2003

AFTER MILITARY COUPS: THE POLITICS OF IMPEACHMENT IN LATIN AMERICA—a lecture by **Aníbal S. Pérez-Liñán** (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science)

October 29, 2003

INFORMATION DIFFUSION IN COMPLEX ELECTORAL ENVIRONMENTS: VOTING BEHAVIOR IN TWO BRAZILIAN CITIES—a lecture by **Lucio Renno** (doctoral candidate, Department of Political Science)

November 4, 2003

PROTESTANT AND NATIVE EVANGELISM IN CENTRAL MEXICO—a lecture by **Hugo G. Nutini** (University Professor, Department of Anthropology)

January 14, 2004

IN THE NAME OF THE PUEBLO INDIGENA: COMMUNITY QUEENS, IDENTITY, AND THE STATE IN GUATEMALA, 1970-1978—a lecture by **Betsy Konefal** (doctoral candidate, Department of History)

January 27, 2004

BLACK MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA: TWO LIVES—a lecture by **G. Reid Andrews** (University Center for International Studies Research Professor, Department of History)

March 25, 2004

LUIS DE LIÓN AND EL TIEMPO PRINCIPIA EN XIBALBA: MAYA DISCOURSES AND POSTCOLONIAL CHALLENGES IN GUATEMALA—a lecture by **Emilio del Valle Escalante** (doctoral candidate, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

March 30, 2004

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AMONG YOUNG WOMEN SEEKING HIV TESTING IN RIO DE JANEIRO: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN CONDUCTING HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH IN ANOTHER COUNTRY—a lecture by **Robert L. Cook** (Assistant Professor, School of Medicine and Graduate School of Public Health)



Hugo Nutini.



Lucio Renno.