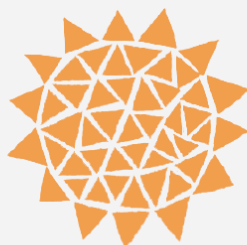




# Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference Program

March 23 & March 24, 2018



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# Keynote Speaker



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The Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference



**Keynote Speaker:**

**DR. CARLOS E. PONCE**

*Director, Freedom House-Latin America*

**Corruption and impunity in Latin America:  
Democracies in crisis**



Friday, March 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

232 Cathedral of Learning

The recent wave of corruption scandals has put impunity at the top of the headlines and a major concern facing Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of democracy and governance. From a scheme to shelter assets from powerful politicians or business leaders leaked by the “Panama Papers” documents or the “Paradise Papers”, to the Petrobras and Odebrecht scandals or the FIFA scandal or the major money laundering, drug-cartels and corruption from Venezuela; the news of Presidents, former presidents and major business owners indicted or involved in such scandals have spread to Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Venezuela and beyond.

Fragile institutions, authoritarian governments and weak rule of law have been allowing corruption to act with total impunity. Investigative journalists and civil society organizations (CSOs) have been able to play their vital role in exposing corruption and impunity in Latin America and allowing these cases to become public and forced a response from global, regional and national forces. His presentation will cover the impact of authoritarian kleptocracies in current weakening and in some cases collapse of democracy in the region and how journalists and civil society keep fighting, even in the worst cases like Venezuela, Cuba or Nicaragua. He will expose some specific cases as well as some of the responses internally and externally. The conference will also provide an opportunity to review current trends in the region in a complicated electoral year.

He will also take advantage of the opportunity to introduce Freedom House (FH) to the participants. For 75 years FH has been one of the most influential organizations focused on the protection and promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide through a unique combination of research, programming, and advocacy. Their role documenting or supporting human rights organizations and journalists in LAC will be part of our conversation. <https://freedomhouse.org/regions/americas>

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# Program

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**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. Welcome, Breakfast and Registration**

**ROOM: 4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall**

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**ROOM: 4430 Wesley W. Posvar Hall**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

## **Environmental Protection and Sustainability**

- ◆ **Grace Krauser** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Amazon Rainforest Deforestation: Strengthening Brazilian Conservation Policy
- ◆ **Akudo Ejelonu** (*University of Pennsylvania*)  
Quantitative Evaluation on Community Perceptions of Sanitation and Hygiene in Rural Guatemala
- ◆ **Maria Paz Avilez Pincheira** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Behind the Progress on Drinking Water in Rural Areas of Peru

Discussant: **Giorleny Altamirano Rayo** (*Carnegie Mellon University*)

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**ROOM: G74 Hillman Library**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

## **Social Policy**

- ◆ **Alejandra Kisahí Ríos Mendiola** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Challenges of Decentralization: Federalism and Social Policy in Mexico
- ◆ **Daniel Vasconcellos Archer Duque** (*Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*)  
Public Investment and Performance in Primary Education in Latin America: Decomposing Expenditure and PISA's Scores
- ◆ **Lycia Tramujas Vasconcellos Neumann** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
The Profile and Unmet Needs of Cancer Patients' Family Caregivers in Brazil

Discussant: **Javier Vázquez D'Elia** (*University of Pittsburgh*)

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**11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.— ROOM: 232 Cathedral of Learning**

## **Keynote Speaker:**

**Dr. Carlos E. Ponce**, *Director for Latin American Programs, Freedom House*

Friday, March 23, 2018 (*cont'd*)

12:20 —1:20 p.m. —Lunch—ROOM: 232 Cathedral of Learning

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1:30 – 3:00 – p.m.—ROOM: Latin American Lecture Room-Hillman Library—1st Floor

### Culture, and Power

- ◆ **Benjamin Barson** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Jazz and the Black Atlantic in Cuban Performance Worlds
  - ◆ **Jason Garcia** (*California State University San Bernardino*)  
Music is Power! Nueva Cancion's Push for an Indigenous Identity
  - ◆ **Arivel Figueroa** (*New York University*)  
Cultural Plans  
Discussant: **Emily Pinkerton** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
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1:30 – 3:00 p.m.—ROOM: Room G74 Hillman Library

### Participation, Influence, and Lobbying

- ◆ **David McCoy** (*University of Pittsburgh,*)  
Participatory Representation? Testing A General Framework for Democratic Accountability in São Paulo's Participatory Councils
  - ◆ **Manoel Santos** (*Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais*)  
Business Preferences and Development Paths Under Center-Left Governments: The Case of Chile and Brazil
  - ◆ **Felix Puemape** (*PUC-Peru*)  
Contentious Politics in High-Income Areas During the Construction Boom in Peru  
Discussant: **Aníbal Pérez-Liñan** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
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3:15 – 4:15 p.m. – ROOM: Latin American Lecture Room-Hillman Library—1st Floor

### Inequality, Education, and Democracy

- ◆ **Gregory W. Saxton** (*University of Kentucky*)  
Distributive Unfairness and Satisfaction with Democracy: Linking Inequality, Fairness Perceptions, and Political Support in Latin America
- ◆ **Erika Abarca Millán** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Access to Higher Education in Chile: A Literature Review  
Discussant: **Jose Incio** (*University of Pittsburgh*)

Friday, March 23, 2018 (*cont'd*)

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.—ROOM: G74 Hillman Library

**State, Violence, and Power**

- ◆ **Collin Grimes** (*University of California Riverside*)  
Virtue, Vice, and Partial Defense Industry Reform: The Promise and Peril of Closing Ranks in Argentina, 1983-1989
  - ◆ **Mercedez Callenes** (with Jennifer Holmes and Agustin Palao) (*University of Texas at Dallas*)  
Paramilitary Violence in Colombia: A Multilevel Negative Binomial Analysis
  - Discussant: **Javier Vázquez D’elia** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
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4:30 – 5:30 p.m.— ROOM: G74 Hillman Library

**The Politics of Natural Resources**

- ◆ **Jose Incio** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Nontax Revenue and Subnational Competition: Evidence from Peruvian Municipalities
  - ◆ **Veronica Hurtado Lozada** (*University of British Columbia*)  
Mining Power: Subnational Participation in Social Conflicts in Peru
  - Discussant: **Javier Vázquez D’Elia** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
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Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:30 a.m. Breakfast—ROOM 1503 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

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9:00– 10:30 a.m.—ROOM: 1500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

**Human Security and Policing**

- ◆ **Mariana Ceva-Alvarez** (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Sex Trafficking in Argentina: The Gap between Legislation and Implementation
- ◆ **Mary Ellen Stitt** (*University of Texas at Austin*)  
Redefining Crime to Redefine Enforcement: Restorative Policing in Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- ◆ **Mercedes Calzado** (*George Washington University*)  
Elections & Urban Violence-Security as a Public Policy in Argentina Presidential Campaign, 2015
- Discussant: **Javier Vázquez D’Elia** (*University of Pittsburgh*)

Saturday, March 24, 2018 (*cont'd*)

**ROOM: 1502 Wesley W. Posvar Hall**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Rethinking the Welfare State**

- ◆ **Natassia Nascimento** (*Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*)  
How Can Taxation Help Improve the Incipient Welfare State in Latin America
  - ◆ **Pedro Maia** (with **Daniel Duque**) (*Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*)  
Negative Income Tax: Four Designs to Simulate Its Impacts in Brazil
- Discussant: **Bert Rockman** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
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**10:45 – 12:15 a.m.—ROOM: 1500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall**

**Measuring Attitudes and Behavior**

- ◆ **João Guedes-Neto** (with Manoel Santos and Asbel Bohigues) (*University of Pittsburgh*)  
Same-Sex Marriage, Abortion, and Drugs: An Assessment of Non-Economic Liberal Values Among Political Elites
  - ◆ **Debora Thome** (*Universidade Federal Fluminense*)  
Aspirant Women in Brazil – Searching New Evidences for an Outlier
  - ◆ **David Becerril** (*Carnegie Mellon University*)  
Challenges and Opportunities of Using Twitter for Statistical Purposes: Characterization of the Mexican Twitter Population
- Discussant: **Barry Ames** and **Scott Morgenstern** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
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**10:45 – 11:45 a.m. ROOM: 1502 Wesley W. Posvar Hall**

**Public Investment and Participation**

- ◆ **Dafne Murillo** (*Columbia University*)  
Recall as a Tool for Accountability: Evidence from Peruvian Municipalities
  - ◆ **Alfredo Trejo** (with Hibah Khan, Linda Kuster, and Payce Madden), (*Carnegie Mellon University*)  
Cuba: Social Progress in Education and Health
- Discussant: **Silvia Borzutzky** (*Carnegie Mellon University*)
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**12:30 p.m.—Room 1503 Wesley W. Posvar Hall**

Lunch and Closing Ceremony

**Reflections on Latin American Studies** by **Scott Morgenstern** (*University of Pittsburgh*)



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