

14th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

The Fourteenth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 20 and 21, 2009. **Carlos Torres** delivered the Tenth Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture on “Education and Neoliberal Globalization in Latin America.” **Jorge Vargas-Cullell** (Program Sub-Coordinator, State of the Nation Program on Sustainable Human Development) also made a special presentation on “Democratization in Central America: Risks to Political Stability.”

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 fourteenth conference, twenty-one students from six departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh and three non-Pitt students (from University of Florida, University of Kansas, and San Diego State University) presented papers and seven University of Pittsburgh faculty members provided discussion.

The 2009 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **Alejandra Boza** (History), **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita** (Political Science), **Jorge Enrique Delgado** (Education), **Chad Dorn** (Education), **Gabriela Núñez** (Communication), **María Amalia Pesantes** (Anthropology), and **Katie Warner** (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 20, 2009

9:15 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m. *Political Economy of Development in Latin America*

Moderator: **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita**

Ted D. Serrant (University of Pittsburgh): “HIV/AIDS and Education in Nicaragua and Costa Rica”

Heather Imboden (University of Pittsburgh): “The Axis of Oil—The United States, Venezuela, and China”

Ian R. Carrillo (University of Kansas): “The Microfinance Movement in Oaxaca, Mexico: Revolutionary or Institutional?”

Shani E. Kruljac (University of Florida): “Public-Private Partnerships in Solid Waste Management: Sustainable Development Strategies for Brazil”

Discussant: **Nita Rudra** (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)



Left to right: Nestor Castañeda, Ian Carrillo, Ted Serrant, Heather Imboden, Shani E. Kruljac, and Nita Rudra.



11:00 a.m.

Special Presentation

Introduction: **Aníbal Pérez-Liñán** (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science)

Presentation: “Democratization in Central America: Risks to Political Stability” by **Jorge Vargas-Cullell** (Program Sub-Coordinator, State of the Nation Program on Sustainable Human Development)

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán and Jorge Vargas-Cullell.

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Left to right: Treva Clark, Bridgett Himel, Maureen Porter, Jorge Delgado, Jessica Oates, and Chad Dorn.

Jessica Oates, Nora Siewiorek, and Treva Clark (University of Pittsburgh): “Global Citizens Promoting Sustainable Development Through Service-Learning”

Discussant: **Maureen Porter** (Associate Professor, School of Education)



Gonzalo Lamana, Yolanda Hernández-Albújar, and Gabriela Núñez.

2:30 p.m. *Gender, Race and Religion: Shaping Cultural Identity*

Moderator: **Gabriela Núñez**

Laura Macía (University of Pittsburgh): “The Politics of Language: Spanish-Speaking Latinos in the United States”

Linda Marie Rowe (University of Pittsburgh): “Gender Violence in the Media: A Critical Analysis of Three Brazilian Newspapers”

Yolanda Hernández-Albújar (University of Pittsburgh): “Motherhood in the Context of Migration: Latin American Migrant Mothers in Pittsburgh”

Discussant: **Gonzalo Lamana** (Assistant Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

4:00 p.m.

2009 Keynote Address

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

Tenth Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture: “Education and Neoliberal Globalization in Latin America” by **Carlos Torres** (Professor of Social Sciences and Comparative Education and Director of the Paulo Freire Institute, University of California, Los Angeles)

Kathleen M. DeWalt and Carlos Torres.



1:00 p.m. *Peruvian Development: The History of NGOs, Formation of the Organic Intellectual and Sustainability*

Moderator: **Jorge Enrique Delgado**

Chad Dorn (University of Pittsburgh): “Symmetry, Organic Intellectuals, and Globalization”

Bridgett Himel (University of Pittsburgh): “Conflict, Post-Conflict, and Religious Organizations in Peru”

Saturday February 21, 2009

9:00 a.m. *Perspectives in Latin American Education*

Moderator: **Chad Dorn**

Keith Trahan (University of Pittsburgh): “Using Socio-Historic Frameworks to Analyze Educational Issues: Positioning Proyecto Andino de Tecnologías Campesinas Against the Dominant Educational Paradigm”

Kimberlee Eberle (University of Pittsburgh): “Access to Higher Education in Brazilian Universities”

Robin Sweitzer (University of Pittsburgh): “The Financial Affordability of Higher Education for Poor Socio-Economic Classes in Brazil and Mexico”

Jorge Enrique Delgado (University of Pittsburgh): “Scholarship in Latin America: Obstacles and Trends in Journal Publication”

Discussant: **W. James Jacob** (Visiting Assistant Professor and Acting Director of the Institute for International Studies in Education [IISE], School of Education)



Left to right: Chad Dorn, Keith Trahan, Robin Sweitzer, Jorge Delgado, James Jacob, and Kimberlee Eberle.



Left to right: María Amalia Pesantes, Elizabeth Monasterios, Katie Warner, and Dexter Hough-Snee.

10:30 a.m. *Social Policy and Ethnic Minorities in Latin America*

Moderator: **Katie Warner**

Dexter Hough-Snee (San Diego State University):

“Indigenous Collaboration and Community Objectives: Creating Standards in Peru’s Educación Intercultural Bilingüe”

María Amalia Pesantes (University of Pittsburgh):

“Intercultural Health Services in Peru: Understanding Indigenous People’s Demands”

Discussant: **Elizabeth Monasterios** (Associate Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

1:00 p.m. *Transforming Tradition: Cuenca, Ecuador*

Moderator: **Chad Dorn**

Chelsea Fitzgerald (University of Pittsburgh): “An Investigation into the Methods of Preferred Healing for Different Illnesses among Cuencanos and the Reasons Why”

Kate Lasky (University of Pittsburgh): “Labor and Autonomy in Cuenca, Ecuador: A Comparative Study Between Market Women in the Informal Economy and the Middle Class Women”

Angelina Zamary (University of Pittsburgh): “The Effect of Transnational Migration on Family Structure and Gender Roles in Cuenca, Ecuador” [paper presented by Kate Lasky]

Keely Carney (University of Pittsburgh)

“Sociological Impact of Dollarization in Cuenca, Ecuador”

Discussant: **María Auxiliadora Cordero** (Research Associate, Department of Anthropology)

2:30 p.m. *Social Concerns in the Consolidating Democracies of Latin America*

Moderator: **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita**

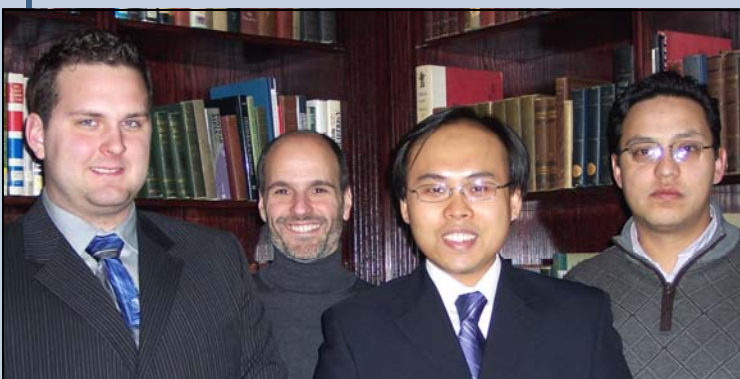
Yen-Pin Su (University of Pittsburgh): “Explaining Patterns of Popular Movements in Latin America, 1980-2000”

John Hartman (University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown): “Redefining Populism: An Examination of Ideology and Identity in Contemporary Bolivian Populism”

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



Left to right: Chad Dorn, Kate Lasky, Chelsea Fitzgerald, Keely Carney, and María Auxiliadora Cordero.



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