

LASA CONFERENCE

LATIN AMERICA

THE AGENDA FOR A NEW ERA

2016

PROGRAM

30 SEPTEMBER · NEW YORK CITY



About the Latin American Student Association

Under the academic advice of former Minister and Columbia University Professor Jose Antonio Ocampo, LASA is an esteemed student organization focused on analyzing Latin America's current economic, political, environmental, and social affairs as well as promoting the region's culture together with enhancing opportunities for future intra-regional cooperation. The association's aim is to foster dynamic interaction with academic, private, non-profit and public institutions by organizing year-round, policy-oriented, academic and cultural events for the university's student body and the broader New York City community.

About the LASA Conference

Every year, LASA hosts world-renowned speakers at its annual conference to participate in panel discussions on Latin America's most pressing issues. In addition to its academic value, the conference serves as a place where students can meet prospective employers, as well as other academics and students from all over the world. In the past, we have hosted many experts on Latin America, such as James Robinson, Michael Shifter, Rebeca Grynspan, Former Vice-President of Costa Rica and Former United Nations Under-Secretary General; Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; and Humberto Lope, World Bank Director for Central America.

This year, the LASA annual conference is co-sponsored by the CAF Development Bank of Latin America.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

<p align="center">"LATIN AMERICA: THE AGENDA FOR A NEW ERA" <i>Reshaping the regional agenda in the global scene</i></p> <p align="center">Friday, 30 September 2016 Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs Room 1501 420 W 118 St., New York, NY, 10027</p>	
9:00 am – 9:40 am	Registration and breakfast
9:40 am – 9:45 am	LASA welcome by Alejandro Cajas, President
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Opening remarks by Prof. José Antonio Ocampo , Advisor to LASA and Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration in SIPA, Columbia University
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<p>Ideological turn. A return to neo-liberalism?</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Sabatini, Lecturer in Discipline of International and Public Affairs <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan Gabriel Valdés, Chile Ambassador to the United States • Luis Carlos Ugalde, Former President of Mexico's Electoral Commission & President of Integralia Consultores • Rafael Benke, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Brazilian Center for International Relations (CEBRI)
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee break
12:00 – 1:30 pm	<p>Reshaping the productivity landscape in the region</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gray Newman, Adjunct Professor, SIPA <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inés Bustillo, Director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Washington Office • Barbara Stallings, William R. Rhodes Research Professor, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University • Marialisa Motta, Practice Manager of Trade and Competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean, The World Bank Group
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Statebuilding, political accountability and rule of law



	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Lagunes, Assistant Professor, SIPA <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Isacson, Director of Regional Security Policy at the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) • Sarah Daly, Assistant Professor of Political Science at University of Notre Dame • Cynthia Arnson, Director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
4:00 pm – 4:05 pm	Introduction to Keynote speaker and LASA closing remarks by Mariana Lef, Vice-president
4:05 pm – 4:30 pm	Keynote speaker Sergio Fajardo , Former Governor of Antioquia and former Mayor of Medellin
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Networking and cocktail reception Live Tango music by Trio de la Plata