

Colombia – The Human Impact of Trade, War and the Rule of Law

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9:00 am – 6:30 pm, including reception and silent auction

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 6th floor, Washington, DC
and

**Video-Conference with the Universidad de los Andes Law School - Bogota, Colombia
Moderated by Professors Henrik López Sterup, PhD and Pablo Rey Vallejo, PhD**

9:00 am *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

9:30 am **TRADE: ECONOMICS, LAW, AND POLITICS**
Welcome Remarks: Dean Claudio Grossman, Washington College of Law
Introductory Address: to be confirmed

10:00-11:20 am *FTA Creation*
Speakers: **Adam Isacson**, Center for International Politics: Director of Colombia Program;
Arturo Porzecanski, Professor, School of International Service; and **Jerome Levinson**, Professor,
Washington College of Law
Moderator : to be confirmed
Colombian Participation: **Pablo Rey Vallejo** – Professor of Law at the Universidad de los Andes

11:30-12:50 pm *FTA Impacts*
Speakers: **Sofia Plagakis**, Center for International Environmental Law - Trade & Sustainable
Development Program: Program Associate; **Lesley Gill** – Professor of Anthropology, Researcher
on Colombian Labor Unions
Moderator: **Michael L. Evans**, The National Security Archive, Director of the Colombia
Documentation Project

1:00–2:20 pm ACTION LUNCH

Sit-down buffet lunch moderated by experts in the field. Conference participants will be able to speak with panelists and others working on Colombian issues in a small group setting.

Keynote Address: **Michael Shifter**, Inter-American Dialogue, Vice President of Policy and Director of the Andean Program

2:30–3:50 pm LEGAL APPROACHES TO ACHIEVING JUSTICE AND PEACE: CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS & NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Speakers: **Rodrigo Rivera**, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow; former Colombian Senator; Presidential Candidate in 2006; **Eric Olson**, U.S. Office on Colombia, Program Director; **Mark Schneider**, International Crisis Group, Senior Vice President and Special Adviser on Latin America

Moderator: **Joseph Eldridge** – American University Chaplain, former Director of Lawyers Office for Human Rights (Human Rights First)

Colombian Participation: **Henrik López Sterup**, Professor of Law, Universidad de los Andes

3:30–4:50 pm SEEKING JUSTICE FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

Speakers: **Gimena Sanchez-Garzoli**, Washington Office on Latin America, Senior Associate for Colombia; **Angelita Baeyens**, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Fellow, Human Rights Attorney from Colombia; and **Shaina Abre**, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, Associate for Policy

Moderator: *to be confirmed*

5:30 – 7:00 pm: RECEPTION

This reception will create the opportunity for students and practitioners to reflect on the day's discussions and explore opportunities. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to IDP communities in Colombia. **The closing address will be given by a U.S. Asylum Seeker from Colombia.**

General Registration – required but no charge. To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

CLE Accreditation (4.5 credits) will be applied for – *CLE Registration* - \$55

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