

The Observatory on Latin America

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“Beyond the Economic Crisis: Assessing Impact and Defining New Norms for Economic Policy in Latin America”

Conference
Lang Student Center
November 2-3, 2009

Objective

A two day conference will be held on November 2-3, 2009, at the New School University in New York to assess the impact of the global economic crisis in Latin America and to identify new norms for economic policy and the framework for regionalization and cooperation between North and South. This discussion occurs within an evolving historical context in which the governments of the Latin American region have sought to strengthen their own regional frameworks and identify alternative policy approaches to those of the Washington Consensus.

The focus of the conference will address the following questions:

- What have been the short and longer term impacts of the global economic crisis on Latin America?
- What are the alternative approaches to policy and strategy which have been applied by governments within the region and what lessons can be drawn for their use in the longer term?

- What are the elements of a new normative framework which might help in the recovery from the current crisis and in prevention of impacts of future crises on Latin America?
- Given the trends towards greater regional cooperation in Latin America, will this crisis increase or reduce regionalization and/or North-South cooperation?

The conference will bring together government officials, representatives of international organizations, and academics to present papers and debate alternative options for policy and development strategy. The conference will focus on Latin America within a broader global perspective and also include perspectives from other regions, including China and India. The proposed tentative program is presented below.

Monday, November 2, 2009 - 10:00am-6:30pm

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - 9:30am-7:00pm

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor.

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PROGRAM

November 2, 2009

10am-11am: Session I: Opening

Introduction: Michael Cohen, Director, The Observatory on Latin America

Welcome: Tim Marshall, Provost, The New School

11am-1pm: Session II: The Spreading Global Crisis

Chair: Michael Cohen,

Speakers:

James Adams, Vice-President for East Asia and the Pacific, The World Bank

Deepak Nayyar, Professor of Economics, The New School

Discussants:

Floyd Norris, Chief Financial Writer, [The New York Times](#)

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor of International Affairs, The New School, and former Director, Human Development Report, UNDP

Lunch: 1-2:30pm

2:30-4:15 pm Session III: The Crisis in Latin America

Chair: Martin Abeles, former Secretary of Economic Policy, Government of Argentina and currently, UN Economic Commission for Latin America

Speaker: José Antonio Ocampo, Professor of Economics, Columbia University and former Under-Secretary General For Economic and Social Affairs

Discussant: Alberto Fernández, former Minister and Chief of Cabinet, Government of Argentina, 2003-2008

4: 15-4:30: Coffee Break

4:30pm-6:30pm Session IV: Country Responses:

Chair: Anwar Shaikh, Professor of Economics, The New School

Speakers:

Argentina: Martín Abeles

Brazil: Nelson Barbosa, Secretary of Economic Policy, Federal Government of Brazil

Mexico: Juan Carlos Moreno Brid, United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America, Mexico

November 3, 2009

Part II: Defining Norms for a New Economic Framework

9:30am- 11 am: Session IV: Urban Dimensions of Crisis and Recovery

Chair: Lisa Servon, Dean, Milano School of Management and Urban Policy

Speaker: Michael Cohen: "Policy Instruments and Stimulus Packages"

Discussant: Will Milberg, Professor of Economics, The New School

11:00-12:30: Session V: Poverty, Inequality, and Civil Society

Chair: Margarita Gutman, Associate Professor, International Affairs and Urban Studies , The New School

Speaker: Martha Chen, Professor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Discussants:

Alberto Croce, President, Fundación SES, Buenos Aires
Alberto Minujin, Fellow OLA, The New School

Lunch Break

2:00 pm-3:30pm Session VI Managing the Financial Sector and the Domestic Economy:

Chair: Teresa Ghilarducci, Director, Schwartz Center for Economic Policy, The New School

Speaker: Stephany Griffith-Jones, Professor of Economics, Columbia University

Discussant: Robert Buckley, Managing Director, Rockefeller Foundation

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

3:45pm-5:15pm Session VII: A New Role for the State

Chair: Andrew Arato, Professor of Sociology, The New School

Speakers:

Jeff Madrick, Research Director, The Schwartz Center for Economic Policy, and author of recent book, The Case for Big Government

Alberto Fernández

5:30-7:00 pm Session VI: New Global Norms for Managing the Economy

Chair: Sakiko Fukuda-Parr,

Roundtable Discussion:

Deepak Nayyar

Martin Abeles

Nelson Barbosa

Lance Taylor, Professor of Economics, The New School