Latin America Today: Challenges, Opportunities and Trans-Pacific Perspectives

Thursday, 27 September 2007
Council Chamber, Hunter Building,
Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

AGENDA

Introduction

9.00 Brief welcome and agenda - Professor Roberto Rabel and A/Professor Warwick Murray, VUW, New Zealand

Views from and on Latin America

9.10 Professor Luis Rubio, President, Centre for Development Research, Mexico – ‘The politics and ethics of Mexico’s economic and political transition’

9.50 Professor Martin Krause, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina – ‘New Zealand economic issues in some countries of South America’

10.30 Morning Break
Official Welcome and Prime Minister’s Address

11.00 Vice Chancellor’s Welcome – Professor Pat Walsh, Vice Chancellor, VUW

11.05 Prime Minister’s Address - Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand

11.30 Early Lunch

Views from and on Latin America continued

12.30 Mr Carlos Furche, Director, DIRECON, Chile – ‘Chile and New Zealand: Partners in the Pacific Rim’

13.10 Professor Augusto Castro Carpio, President, CISEPA, Catholic University of Peru, Peru – ‘Towards a greater integration between New Zealand and Peru’

13.50 Dr Paul Buchanan, Political Analyst, New Zealand – ‘Prospects and problems of indigenous socialism in Latin America’

14.30 Afternoon tea

14.50 Professor Sebastião Carlos Velasco e Cruz, State University of Campinas, Brazil – ‘A critical view on economic adjustment programs accomplished in Latin America’

Views from New Zealand towards Latin America

15.30 Mr Carl Worker, Director, Americas Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand – ‘New Zealand/Latin America ties: Making good progress’

16.00 Dr Des Darby, General Manager Strategy, GNS, New Zealand – ‘Current collaborations and opportunities in the earth sciences’

16.30 A/Professor Warwick Murray, VUW, New Zealand – ‘Building a VILLA – The Victoria Institute for Linkages with Latin America’

Trans-Pacific reflections

17.00 Rapporteur’s commentary - Mr. Brian Lynch, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs

17.20 Closing dedications - Professor Roberto Rabel, PVC International, VUW, New Zealand

17.30-19.00 Reception, Hunter Common Room, ‘Latin American sounds and flavours’

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