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**RESEARCH SEMINAR: DEMOCRACY, GOOD GOVERNANCE, CIVIL SOCIETY,
AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CORRUPTION**

American University, Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, Washington, DC

Faculty of UNIVO Center of Research on Democracy and Governance
Democracy and Civil Society in the Eastern Region Project, USAID/ El Salvador

DESCRIPTION

This seminar provides insights into principles, theories, analytic methods, practical tools, and applications to understand democratic governance and civil society. In keeping with the objectives of UNIVO's "Democracy and Civil Society in the Eastern Region Project," we will examine the ways in which robust civil society and civic engagement can be instrumental in the establishment and consolidation of democracy and good governance, with particular emphasis on transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption efforts. In addition to examining the role of bottom-up engagement in these processes, the training will emphasize the study of political institutions and the state in advancing accountability. The program will enhance UNIVO's capacity to develop a research agenda and to link its academic efforts to civil society stakeholders. The seminar will achieve these objectives with a combination of assigned and recommended readings, lectures, discussions, individual and group activities, and meetings with practitioners and researchers at American University and with organizations in Washington, DC.

BASIC STRUCTURE

A typical day will include sessions focusing on key concepts, theories, and methods related to CIDEMO's work and meetings with practitioners from civil society or government working on these issues in Washington, DC, Central America, and beyond. There will also be time for individual and group study and research, workshopping of research plans or proposal development, or some combinations of these.

Saturday, October 2 UNIVO faculty arrives to Washington, DC

Sunday, October 3 5:00 PM Welcome dinner (Eric Hershberg's residence)

PART 1. FRAMEWORKS AND CORE TOPICS

Day 1: Monday, October 4

Introduction to the Seminar and Democratic Governance in Theory and Practice

Morning Session: Introduction to the seminar, updates on CIDEMO projects, and discussion of democratic governance

Facilitated by: Mike Danielson, CLALS Fellow and UCDC Professor and Eric Hershberg, CLALS Director

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Applying Theory to Practice

Facilitated by: Fulton Armstrong, CLALS Fellow

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Day 2: Tuesday, October 5

Linking State to Society and Drivers of Policy Change

Morning Session: Clientelism, Political Parties, and Civil Society

Facilitated by: Eric Hershberg and Fulton Armstrong

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 323, American University

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Site visit at U.S. Capitol with Senate and House staff

Time: 3:30 - 6:00 PM

Location: Capitol South Metro Stop

Meeting: Alex Sadler, Policy Analyst, U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Tim Rieser, Senior Foreign Policy Aid to U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, U.S. Congress

Accompanied by: Alexandra Flinn-Palcic, CLALS Program Coordinator, and Anthony Manuzzi, CLALS Graduate Research Assistant

Group Dinner

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Tortilla Coast

Accompanied by: Alexandra Flinn-Palcic

Day 3 Wednesday, October 6
Democracy and Inequity

Morning Session: Defining and Understanding Democratization and De-democratization

Facilitated by: Ernesto Castañeda, Associate Professor of Sociology, American University

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Gender analysis of economic issues and user guide to gender statistics

Facilitated by: Mieke Meurs, Professor of Economics and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, American University

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Day 4 Thursday, October 7

On-campus visit from Due Process of Law Foundation; Hall of Science and Tidal Basin Tours

Morning Session: On-campus visit from Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF)

Facilitated by: Leonor Arteaga, Program Director, DPLF

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 PM

Afternoon Activity 1: American University Hall of Science Tour

Facilitated by: Andrea Moore, Equipment and Facilities Manager, College of Arts and Sciences, American University

Accompanied by: Valery Valdez, CLALS Graduate Research Assistant

Time: 1:15 - 2:30 PM

Location: AU campus

Afternoon Activity 2: Tour of Tidal Basin Monuments

Accompanied by: Eric Hershberg

Time: 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Location: Travel together to National Mall, Tidal Basin

Group Dinner

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: MXDC Cocina

Accompanied by: Eric Hershberg

Day 5 Friday, October 8

*Civil Society and Anti-Corruption Efforts in Central America and Violence and Democracy
Ethnographic Research Methods*

Morning Session: Anti-Corruption Efforts in Central America

Facilitated by: Chuck Call, Professor, School of International Service, American University

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 312, American University

Lunch: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Afternoon session: Ethnographic Research on Insecurity and Democracy

Facilitated by: Anthony Fontes, Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 312, American University

Group Dinner:

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Satay Club

Accompanied by: Alexandra Flinn-Palcic

Saturday, October 9: White House/National Portrait Gallery/OAS Museum (Optional)

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Accompanied by: Valery Valdez, CLALS Graduate Research Assistant

Sunday, October 10: Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (Optional)

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Accompanied by: Christopher Kambhu, CLALS Program Coordinator

PART 2. PRACTICUM: IDENTIFYING POLICY REFORMS, POLICY GOALS, AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES IN CONTEXT

Day 6 Monday, October 11

Developing Research Agendas

Morning Session: Workshop: Developing Research Questions and Research Designs

Facilitated by: Mike Danielson and Rachel Nadelman, Policy Advisor, ARC, American University

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Spring Valley Building 517, American University

Lunch: 12:00 -1:00 PM

Afternoon session 1: On-campus visit from Oxfam America

Facilitated by: Sarah Gardiner, Senior Policy Advisor, Oxfam America

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Location: Spring Valley Building 517, American University

Afternoon session 2: Tour of Spring Valley Building and Introduction to CLALS

Facilitated by: Eric Hershberg

Time: 2:50-3:30 PM

Group Dinner

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Surfside Restaurant

Accompanied by: Alexandra Flinn-Palcic

Day 7 Tuesday, October 12

Practitioner-Academic Collaboration and Post-Conflict Gender Research

Morning session: Partnering Outside Academia: The AU Immigration Justice Clinic

Facilitated by: Jayesh Rathod, Associate Dean, AU Washington College of Law and Director, Immigration Justice Clinic

Time: 10:00 - 11:45 AM

Location: Spring Valley Building 517, American University

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 PM

Afternoon session 1: Research on Gender in post-Conflict Situation

Facilitated by: Ana Maria Tribin, Public Policy Specialist, UNDP (Zoom) and Mieke Meurs

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Location: Spring Valley Building 517, American University

Afternoon Session 2: Visit with Max Paul Friedman, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, The importance of Centers and of international partnerships for research universities

Accompanied by: Valery Valdez

Time: 3:15 - 4:30 PM

Location: Main Campus, Amphitheatre

Group Dinner

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Nando's Peri Peri

Accompanied by: Sergio Ovalle, CLALS Operations Administrator

Day 8 Wednesday, October 13

Migration and Transparency and Accountability

Morning Session: Migration and Immigrant Integration

Facilitated by: Ernesto Castañeda

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Spring Valley Building 517, American University

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Accountability and Transparency

Facilitated by: Jonathan Fox, Professor, AU School of International Service and Director, ARC and Rachel Nadelman, ARC

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Location: Spring Valley Building 517, American University

Day 9 Thursday, October 14

Data for Research and Advocacy

Morning Session: The Art and Science of Getting and Using Data

Facilitated by: Mike Danielson and Rachel Nadelman

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 PM

Afternoon Session: Bank Information Center and discussion of their Central America work

Facilitated by: Mariel Palomino, Social Inclusion Senior Program Associate, Bank Information Center and Rachel Nadelman

Time: 2:30-4:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Group Dinner

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Clyde's

Accompanied by: Christopher Kambhu

Day 10, Friday, October 15

Drivers of Change and Conclusion of the Training Seminar

Morning Session 1: Drivers of Policy Change

Facilitated by: Fulton Armstrong

Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Morning Session 2: Recap, wrap-up, and discussion of research agendas

Facilitated by: Mike Danielson and Eric Hershberg

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Mary Graydon Center 313, American University

Lunch, concluding toast, and distribution of course certificates

Facilitated by: Eric Hershberg

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Farewell Dinner

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Maggiano's

Accompanied by: Eric Hershberg

Saturday, October 16: Day-off

Sunday, October 17: UNIVO faculty departs