

9th Annual Conference on Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas
May 26-28, 2008
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Agenda

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Monday, May 26 RDC Auditorium, PUC-Rio Campus

Afternoon Registration

4 p.m.

Opening ceremonies

Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Adriano Pilatti, Dean, PUC-Rio College of Law

4:30-6 p.m.

“Legal Education, Professional Responsibility and Ethics”

This panel will discuss professional standards for the legal system, including ethics, regulatory structures, bar examinations, admissions issues, regulation of law schools, legal education for transnational lawyers, and judicial qualifications, education and ethics.

Panelists:

Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Daniela Trejos Vargas, Professor of Law and Vice-Dean of the Center of Social Sciences, PUC-Rio, Brazil

Fernando Galvão, District Attorney in Rio de Janeiro and Professor of Legal Ethics, PUC-Rio, Brazil

Rafael González Ballar, Dean, University of Costa Rica law faculty, San Jose, Costa Rica

Anne C. Conway, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando

Alan Hawkins, Assistant Director, Law and Policy in the Americas Program, University of Florida

Doorgal Gustavo Borges, District Judge, State of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Elizabeth Jenkins, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Tampa, Florida

Elizabeth Lowe, Associate Director, University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies

6:30 p.m.

Welcoming Reception

PUC-Rio, Leme Building, 12th floor

Tuesday, May 27 RDC Auditorium, PUC-Rio campus

9-11 a.m.

“Best Practices in Judicial Reform in the Americas”

This panel will discuss levels of judicial reform that include: administrative reform, personnel reform, and fundamental reform. Administrative reform includes the process of the system of justice, including transparency and access to information. Personnel reform

includes selection, training and retention of judges and judicial staff. Fundamental reform includes balancing public support, legislative support, and the media into a system of access to and administration of justice at all levels.

Panelists:

Peter J. Messitte, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

Minister Carlos Mário da Silva Velloso, Past President, Supreme Federal Tribunal of Brazil

Meredith Fensom, Special Assistant, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Office of the Americas, Washington, D.C.

Pedro Malavet, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Carlos Alfredo Villavicencio Rios, Law Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica Del Perú, Lima, Perú

Sérgio Bermudes, senior partner at Bermudes Advogados, Professor of Law, PUC-Rio, Brazil

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

“The Rule of Law: An Essential Component of the Financial War against Organized Crime and Terrorism in the Americas”

This panel will examine and define financial crimes and money laundering. It will include an analysis of the Brazilian legislation on terrorism and other legislative reforms under way in Brazil. The panelists will address issues of corruption within governments, the training of anti-terrorists and anti-organized crime law enforcement agencies within the Americas, terrorism in the tri-border area, money laundering aspects, and high street violence.

Panelists:

Fletcher Baldwin, Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law and Director, Centre for International Financial Crime Studies, University of Florida Levin College of Law

George Millard, Police Chief, São Paulo State Police, São Paulo, Brazil

Alan Lambert, former detective in the United Kingdom, private consultant on financial intelligence

Peter M. German, Assistant Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada

Antenor Madruga, Partner, Barbosa, Mussnich & Aragão, former Director of the Asset Recovery Office of the Brazilian Ministry of Justice

“Profiles of Crime Victimization in Latin America”

Ludmila Riberio, IUPERJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1-2:30 p.m.

Lunch, PUC-Rio Cafeteria

2:30-4 p.m.

Panel on Human Rights

Panelists:

Moderator: Berta E. Hernández-Truyol, Levin, Mabile & Levin Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

“Building a Culture of Rights: Access to Justice and Democracy in Brazil”

Marcia Nina Bernardes, Professor of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

"Social Inclusion: From Morality to Social Justice"

Maria Clara Dias, Professor of Philosophy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“Smuggling and Trafficking of Persons”

Michelle S. Jacobs, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

“Social Inclusion and the Right of Education”

Mario Nogueira, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

4-6 p.m.

“Property Rights, Land Tenure and Reform, and Rural Violence”

This panel will focus on how different land tenure regimes in Latin America foster resilience as well as conflict and violence. The papers also highlight the role of policy interventions and their impact on legal and customary property rights.

Panelists:

Moderator: Carmen Diana Deere, Director, Center for Latin American Studies, and Professor of Food and Resource Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Florida

“Beyond Property, Beyond Ecology: Social-Ecological Resilience of Land and Resource Tenure in Latin America”

Thomas T. Ankersen, Director, Conservation Clinic, Center for Governmental Responsibility University of Florida Levin College of Law

Grenville Barnes, Associate Professor, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida

“Land Regularization of Traditional Communities: The Experience of Pará (Brazil)”

José Benatti, President, Land Institute of Pará, Brazil

“Land Conflict, Violence and Land Reform in Brazil”

Leonilde Medeiros, Sociologist and Professor of Social Sciences in the Center for Development, Agriculture and Society of the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“Land Rights and Vulnerability to Violence: Land Policy Implications”

Pilar Useche, Assistant Professor of Food and Resource Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Florida

Augusto Werneck, State Attorney in Rio de Janeiro, Professor at PUC-Rio

Miguel Baldez, Professor at Universidade Cândido Mendes

Leonardo Chaves, District Attorney, Professor at PUC-Rio

8 p.m. Everest Hotel, Penthouse Restaurant

Keynote Dinner

Stephen N. Zack, Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP, Miami, Florida; Chair, House of Delegates, American Bar Association

Wednesday, May 28

9-11 a.m.

"Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Sustainability"

This panel will explore the relative importance of and connections between these topics. Panelists will seek a framework for a general overview, looking at challenges and opportunities related to agriculture and the environment. Topics will include forest management, management of water resources, pesticide impacts, environmental justice, community displacement, and industrial agriculture.

Panelists:

Jeff Wade, Director, Environmental Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Tim McLendon, Staff Attorney, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Mary Jane Angelo, Associate Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Joan Flocks, Director, Social Policy Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Michael T. Olexa, Professor & Director, Agricultural Law Center, Department of Food and Resource Economics, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida

Robertson Fonseca de Azevedo, State Prosecutor, Ministério Público of State of Paraná, Rio Branco do Sul, Paraná, Brazil

Saint-Clair Honoratos Santos, Ministério Público, Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil

Paulo Roberto Pereira de Souza, Doctor of Environmental Law, University of Maringá, Parana, and University of Marilia, São Paulo, Brazil

Teodoro Irigaray, State Attorney of Mato Grosso and Director of the Law School of the Federal University of Mato Grosso, Brazil

Fernando Walcacer, Professor of Environmental Law and Director of the NIMA-JUR, PUC-Rio

Danielle Moreira, Professor of Environmental Law and Deputy Director of the NIMA-JUR, PUC-Rio

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

"MERCOSUR's Tangible and Prospective Assistance in Closing Infrastructure Gaps, Improving the Use of Mediation to Settle Disputes and Invocation by Private Parties of Dispute Processes, and Fostering the Wider Sharing of Trade's Economic Benefits"

The Trade, Business, and Dispute Settlement Panel has several objectives. Panelists will identify effective means to increase use of mediation to resolve disputes and participation by private parties in initiation of dispute settlement processes. The Panel also seeks to

analyze whether and how trade instruments can serve as vehicles to enhance sharing the benefits of trade and fuller participation by civil society in economic growth, thus improving not only global competitiveness but also standards of living. In addition, Panelists will investigate methods for Latin American and Caribbean states to maximize use of public revenues to close infrastructure gaps that hinder trade, economic growth, and development, including through pooling public funds with private and multilateral sources of income, sharing the risks and benefits of these ventures. Finally, the Panel will take a close look at the proposed Inter-American Ethanol Alliance advanced by Brazil and the US to create regional/global trading in biofuels, a project in which Florida has played a leadership role.

Panelists:

Stephen J. Powell, Director, International Trade Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Nadia de Araújo, Professor of International Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Adrián Makuc, National Director of Foreign Trade Policy in the Secretariat of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Economy of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Terry McCoy, Professor of Latin American Studies and Political Science, University of Florida

Saulo Casali Bahia, Professor of Constitutional and International Law, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil; Federal Judge, Judicial Section of Bahia, Brazil

Don Peters, Professor of Law and Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution, University of Florida Levin College of Law

1 p.m.

Adjourn

**May 29-30, 2008
Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil**

Thursday, May 29

Auditorium of Ministério Público, Centro Cívico, Curitiba, Paraná

“Workshop on Urban Planning and the Environment”

Given Curitiba's influence and reputation in the field of urban planning and sustainability, the content of the program will be provided primarily by academics, agency personnel and policy makers in Curitiba, with a focus on both the successes and the needed improvements. Topics include the historical and current approaches to urban planning, bus rapid transit (BRT), innovative recycling and waste management programs, planning for green space and parks, and education for sustainability. Presentations and institutional support will be provided by the Ministério Público, the Curitiba Institute for Urban Research and Planning (IPPUC), Coordination of the Curitiba Metropolitan Region (COMEC), and the Interdisciplinary Node for Environment and Development (NIMAD) at the Federal University of Paraná.

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Opening

Olympio de Sá Sottomayor Neto, Attorney General, State of Paraná

Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Presentation and discussion

IPPUC (Curitiba Institute for Urban Research and Planning)

10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Presentation and discussion

COMEC (Coordination of the Metropolitan Region of Curitiba)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Presentation and discussion

NIMAD (Interdisciplinary Node for Environment and Development, Federal University of Paraná)

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Presentation and discussion

GTU-Internacional (International Institute for Technical Management of the Urban Environment)

3:30-4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00-5:00 p.m.

“Comparative Analysis of Urban Planning Issues in Brazil and the U.S.”

Dr. Joseli Macedo, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Florida

5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Closing

Friday, May 30

All day

Curitiba Field trips