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## Research Agenda

- Legal Component, *2006 Latin American Business Environment Report*
- “Judicial Reform, Military Justice, and the Case of Chile’s *Carabineros*” presented at the 2006 Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18





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7th Annual Conference on Legal & Policy  
Issues in the Americas

*Creating a Consensus for Justice Reform in  
Peru*

May 25th -26th, 2006

Lima, Peru



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## Interdisciplinary Lectures & Graduate Seminars

- *The Chilean Legal Environment & Implications for Business*
- *A Proposal for the Establishment of Small Claims Courts in Chile / Una Propuesta para el Establecimiento de Cortes de Menor Cuantía en Chile*
- *Governance, With A Particular Focus on Crime in Jamaica; Policing: Solutions and Problems*
- *Judicial Reform, Military Justice, and the Case of Chile's Carabineros*
- *Latin American Political Economy: The Justice System's Role in Democratic Consolidation and Economic Development*
- *Issues & Perspectives in Latin American Studies: The Quality of Democracy and Citizenship*



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Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar  
**Law & Policy in the Americas - LAW 6936**

2 Credits

Spring 2007

The course evaluates the development of legal systems in the Americas including a comparative analysis. Topics include constitutional comparisons, trade and commercial development, alternative dispute resolution mechanism use and development, citizen security and human rights, property rights, and a review of regional judicial reform efforts focusing on efforts to improve access, efficiency and transparency in justice systems as a means to promote accountability and combat corruption. Readings are both theoretical and applied and focus on topics such as differing legal cultures, distinguishing features of the civil and common law systems, the informal economy and access to property rights, and utilize current periodicals to follow regional political developments and trade agreement negotiations.

*The Spring 2007 course has received an [Internationalizing the Curriculum Grant Award](#).*



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## Increased Faculty & Student Exchange

- Visiting Professors, Guest Lecturers:
  - Symposium, The Evolution of Constitutional Courts in Latin America: Political Implications.
  - Robert G. Kerrigan, "The Alien Tort Claims Act as a Tool to Further Corporate Responsibility and Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations"
- Legal Institutions of the Americas Study Tour: Chile
- Law student exchanges in Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, and Peru in the areas of human rights, judicial reform, property rights and trade.



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