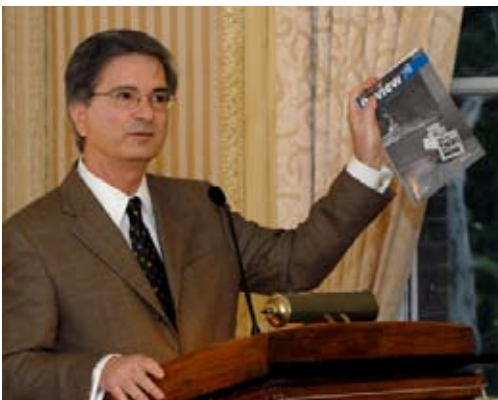


Americas SOCIETY COUNCIL OF THE Americas

Mid-Year Report 2009



Elite Events

Our elite member-only events bring together the region's opinion leaders to discuss the hemisphere's pressing issues. Some meetings are also accompanied by public presentations; over 100 members and guests gathered to hear Roberto Mangabeira Unger, Brazil's Minister of Strategic Affairs, speak.

Minister of Strategic Affairs, Brazil



Roberto Mangabeira Unger, then-Minister of Strategic Affairs, Brazil; Mario Garnero, Brasilinvest

Vice President of Colombia



William Irwin; Chevron; Francisco Santos Calderón, Vice President of Colombia

President and CEO, Petrobras



José Sergio Gabrielli, President and CEO, Petrobras

Secretary of Education, Mexico



Josefina Vázquez Mota, then-Secretary of Education, Mexico

Former President of Chile



Ricardo Lagos, former President of Chile; Susan Greenwell, MetLife, Inc.

Former Chief of Cabinet, Argentina



Alberto Fernández, Former Chief of Cabinet, Argentina

Minister of Finance, Chile



Patricio Damm, Consul General of Chile in New York; José Fernández, Latham & Watkins LLP; Andrés Velasco, Minister of Finance, Chile; Susan Segal, President & CEO, AS/COA

Secretary of Economy, Mexico



Gerardo Ruiz Mateos, Secretary of Economy, Mexico

Governor of the State of Ceará, Brazil



Carlos Guimarães, Invest Tur Brasil; Cid Ferreira Gomes, Governor of the state of Ceará, Brazil

Public Panels

AS/COA's public panel discussions cover the challenges and opportunities facing the hemisphere and aim to provide a better understanding of these issues for a wider audience.

The Financial Crisis and Latin America



Geoffrey Dennis, Citigroup Inc.; Peter Marber, Halbis Capital Management (USA), Inc.; Ricardo Hausmann, Harvard University

Panel on the Venezuelan Referendum



Allan Brewer Carías, Columbia Law School; Alejandro Grisanti, Barclays Capital; Luis Vicente León, Datanalisis

FIEL Economists on Argentina



Santiago Urbiztondo, FIEL, Buenos Aires; Juan Luis Bour, FIEL, Buenos Aires; Daniel Artana, FIEL, Buenos Aires; Fernando Navajas, FIEL, Buenos Aires

New Administration Panels

In early 2009, Americas Society and Council of the Americas hosted a series of panels focusing on the new administration's first steps within the Western Hemisphere. Panels looked at President Obama's visit with President Lula of Brazil, his first official trip to Canada, the U.S. Secretary of State in Mexico, and the Summit of the Americas. The panels were video conferenced between New York and Washington D.C. and viewable online via live webcast.

Summit of the Americas: Prospects and Possibilities



Amb. Heraldo Muñoz, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Ragnhild Melzi, Senior Director of Public Policy Programs, AS/COA

Expectations for President Lula's Trip to the United States



Joyce Chang, J.P.Morgan; Paulo Viera da Cunha, Tandem Global Partners; Clifford Sobel, U.S. Ambassador to Brazil

Mexico & U.S.: Neighbors, Partners & Friends



Eric Farnsworth, Vice President, COA; Arturo Sarukhán, Ambassador of Mexico to the United States; James R. Jones, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

President of Colombia



Álvaro Uribe, President of Colombia

President of the Central Bank, Chile



José de Gregorio, President of the Central Bank, Chile

Spanish Ambassador to the United States



Jorge Dezcallar, Ambassador of Spain to the United States

Briefing by Peruvian Ambassador to the United States on Amazon clashes



Luis Valdivieso, Ambassador of Peru to the United States

U.S. Deputy Trade Representative



Federico Humbert, Ambassador of Panama to United States; Susan Schwab, U.S. Deputy Trade Representative

Brazilian Ambassador to the United States



Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador of Brazil to the United States; Eric Farnsworth

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia



Susan Segal; Jaime Bermudez, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia

World Bank Vice President, Latin America and Caribbean



Pamela Cox, World Bank

Renewing the Promise of Prosperity 39th Washington Conference on the Americas

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton closed the 39th annual Washington Conference of the Americas, emphasizing the United States' commitment to promoting social equality and engaging other countries in solutions to regional issues. Leading administration officials joined hemispheric leaders to discuss economic integration, social inclusion, security, and the question of Cuba.



Hillary Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State



L to R: Lawrence H. Summers, Director of the National Economic Council; Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ); Francisco Santos Calderón, Vice President of Colombia



L to R: Gary Locke, U.S. Secretary of Commerce; Agustín Carstens, Secretary of Finance, Mexico; Jim Prentice, Minister of Environment, Canada; José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States



L to R: Jane Holl Lute, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Fernando Gómez-Mont, Secretary of Government, Mexico; Paulo Bernardo, Minister of Planning, Budget, and Management, Brazil; James Steinberg, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State



Congressman Eliot L. Engel, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, was presented with the Chairman's Award for Leadership in the Americas. L to R: Eric Farnsworth; Eliot L. Engel; Luis Alberto Moreno, IDB; Susan Segal; William R. Rhodes

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Beatriz Nofal, Secretary of State/President, National Investment Promotion Agency of Argentina

Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere



Congressman Eliot L. Engel (D-NY); private meeting

President, Central Bank of Brazil



Henrique Meirelles, President of the Central Bank of Brazil; Nancy Anderson, Senior Director, AS/COA Miami

Doing Business in Latin America: Launch and Discussion of World Bank-IFC Report



L to R: Sylvia Wolf, The World Bank-IFC; Liliana Maria Rojas, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Colombia; Christopher Sabatini, Senior Director of Policy, AS/COA; Luis Manuel Kolster, General Motors Latin America; Juan Pablo Cappello, Greenberg Traurig LLP

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Mexico City, March 12: Economic Prospects and Opportunities in the New Global Scenario



L to R: Felipe Calderón, President of Mexico; Amb. Ira Shapiro, Greenberg Traurig LLP and former U.S. Trade Representative; Amb. James R. Jones, Manatt Jones Global Strategies and former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico; Gerardo Ruiz Mateos, Secretary of the Economy; Bruno Ferrari, ProMéxico

São Paulo, June 9: Challenges and Opportunities in the New Global Scenario



L to R: Roberto Civitas, Grupo Abril. Roberto Rodriguez, Shell Oil; Eric Farnsworth; Marvin Odum, Shell Oil Company, Shell Exploration & Production; Susan Segal; Luiz Furlan, Sadia S.A.; Ivan Ramalho, Vice-Minister of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade; Juan Carlos Felix, The Carlyle Group; John Welch, Banco Itaú BBA; Alan Thompson, Temasek

Bogota, June 17: Colombia in the Eyes of Wall Street



L to R: Álvaro Uribe, President of Colombia; María del Rosario Guerra, Minister of Communications; Ali Moshiri, Chevron Latin America and Africa; Oscar Iván Zuluaga, Minister of Finance; Luis Oganés, J.P.Morgan

Santiago, Chile — July 2

Asuncion, Paraguay — August 28

Buenos Aires, Argentina — August 26

Lima, Peru — November 4/5

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Americas Quarterly

The first two issues of 2009 focused on bridging the digital divide in the Americas and how the global financial crisis is affecting the region.



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Trade Advisory Group

Comprised of leading experts on trade policy, the Trade Advisory Group examines the defining issues affecting trade today, issuing reports and recommendations to hemispheric leaders.



Álvaro Vargas Llosa, The Independent Institute; Gary Hufbauer, Peterson Institute for International Economics; James Bacchus, Chairman of the Appellate Body of the WTO; Eric Farnsworth

Energy Action Group

The Energy Action Group (EAG) launched a two-year initiative beginning in 2009. Throughout 2009 and 2010, the EAG will work to develop recommendations for hemispheric leaders on improving energy and climate cooperation.



Roberto Rodrigues, International Biofuels Commission; Marvin Odum, Shell Oil Company, Shell Exploration & Production; Eric Farnsworth

Spring 2009 Issue Launch



Christopher Sabatini, Editor-in-Chief, *Americas Quarterly*; Benjamin Wolf, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP; Jason Marczak, Senior Editor, *Americas Quarterly*; Paulo Viera da Cunha, Tandem Global Markets, at McNally Jackson bookstore



The Trade Advisory Group released the report *Building the Hemispheric Agenda: A New Framework for Policy* in January 2009.

Hispanic Integration Initiative

Working in New Orleans and Nashville, the Hispanic Integration Initiative strengthened its partnerships with local organizations to promote greater business involvement with Hispanic integration.

Review 78:

Literature and Arts of the Americas - U.S. Latino Writing and Arts

The May 2009 issue of *Review* focuses on the cultural legacy of U.S. Latinos, highlighting writers whose development largely took place within the United States.



Spring Party

On Monday, June 15, Americas Society hosted its twenty-ninth Annual Spring Party at Cipriani Wall Street. Americas Society awarded the **2009 Gold Medals** to **Roger Agnelli**, President and CEO of Vale, the global diversified mining company headquartered in Brazil; **Alberto Baillères**, Executive President and Chairman of the board of Grupo Bal, a group of five premier Mexico-based organization; and **Luis Alberto Moreno**, President of the **Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)**. The evening also celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the IDB. All were honored for their roles promoting sustainable socioeconomic development and important education initiatives within the Americas and the Caribbean. There was also a special toast celebrating the ninety-fourth birthday of Americas Society founder David Rockefeller.



L to R: David Rockefeller, Americas Society Honorary Chairman, greets Alberto Baillères



A birthday toast to David Rockefeller



L to R: Andrea Agnelli and Isabelle Maerki

Gold Medal Recipients



L to R: Susan Segal with 2009 Gold Medal recipients Alberto Baillères, Luis Alberto Moreno, and Roger Agnelli



L to R: John Bembach, Francois Olivier, André Desmarais, Francois Plamondon



L to R: William R. Rhodes, Paulina and Manuel Medina-Mora



L to R: Susan Segal and Erica Roberts



L to R: Nicolas and Ines Aguzin with Tereza and Carlos Guimarães

Spring 2009 Culture Highlights

Highlights included the Summer 2009 exhibition *Dias & Riedweg...and it becomes something else* featuring five video installations examining identity, exile, and the moving image. The latest issue of *Review* examined the first, second, and subsequent generations of immigrant writers within the United States. Award-winning Brazilian musicians Antonio Meneses and Celina Szrvinsk presented selections from their latest release *Soirees Internationales*.

Antonio Meneses and Celina Szrvinsk



Sebastian Zubieta, Music Department Director, AS; Celina Szrvinsk, Brazilian pianist; Antonio Meneses, Brazilian cellist

Literature

The Spring 2009 season featured a series on U.S. Latino writers, culminating in the publication of *Review* 78. The series' opening event explored the Quebecois roots of the American icon Jack Kerouac. Another panel explored the notion of borders and its force in U.S. Latino writing.

As part of the season's book presentations, renowned Nicaraguan author Sergio Ramírez presented his novel *A Thousand Deaths Plus One*, with readings in Spanish and English.

"Geography" in Latino Writing Today



Maria Hinojosa, Mexican journalist and author; Mayra Montero, Cuban novelist and journalist; Manuel Muñoz, author; Loida Maritza-Pérez, Dominican novelist

Dias & Riedweg...and it becomes something else



Launch of *Review* 78



Daniel Shapiro, Literature Department Director; Nelly Rosario; Ruth Behar; Cristina García; Guest Editor Gustavo Pérez Firmat

Sergio Ramírez



Sergio Ramírez, Nicaraguan author; Leland H. Chambers, translator of *One Thousand Deaths Plus One*

Jack Kerouac: An Unlikely Franco-American Writer



John Tytell; Regina Weinreich; Québec journalist Gabriel Anctil; Joyce Johnson; Daniel Shapiro

Music

The Music of the Americas concert series featured musicians and musical genres from throughout the Western Hemisphere. The explosive sounds of salsa legend Larry Harlow and his group drew an over-capacity crowd. Other concerts included the presentation of *Pasión por la Vida*, an album of original tangos.

The Music Education Program brings musicians from across the Americas to perform in public schools in Queens.

Music Education Partnerships



Al Smith with students from PS92

Visual Arts

Mexico City-based artist Thomas Glassford spoke with art historian Mary Coffey on his public projects' interaction with the politics of space, as part of the ongoing series *Vis-à-vis: Dialogues between Artists and Historians from the Western Hemisphere*.

Priceless artifacts from the Domeyko Cassel Collection were displayed in the exhibition *Moon Tears: Mapuche Art and Cosmology*, curated by renowned anthropologist Professor Thomas Dillehay. In a public program associated with the show, Professor Dillehay gave a lecture on Mapuche culture.

Vis-à-vis with Thomas Glassford



Thomas Glassford, artist; Mary Coffey, art historian

Larry Harlow and the Latin Jazz Encounter



Larry Harlow and the Latin Jazz Encounter

Pasión por la Vida



Roger Davidson, pianist; Raul Jaurena, bandoneonist

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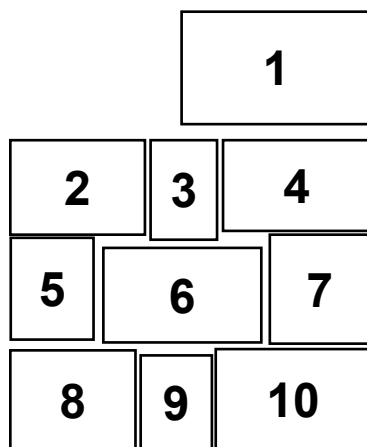
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