Americas Society and Council of the Americas — uniting opinion leaders to exchange ideas and create solutions to the challenges of the Americas today

Americas Society
Americas Society (AS) is the premier forum dedicated to education, debate, and dialogue in the Americas. Its mission is to foster an understanding of the contemporary political, social, and economic issues confronting Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada, and to increase public awareness and appreciation of the diverse cultural heritage of the Americas and the importance of the Inter-American relationship.1

Council of the Americas
Council of the Americas (COA) is the premier international business organization whose members share a common commitment to economic and social development, open markets, the rule of law, and democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere. The Council’s membership consists of leading international companies representing a broad spectrum of sectors including banking and finance, consulting services, consumer products, energy and mining, manufacturing, media, technology, and transportation.2

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1 Americas Society is a tax-exempt public charity described in 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
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# Americas Society

## Council of the Americas

## Annual Report 2016

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Dear Members and Friends,

As we have since our founding by David Rockefeller over 50 years ago, in 2016 our organizations continued to be at the cutting edge of the most important issues facing the Western Hemisphere. Through our incredible range of programmatic activity, we convened business, government, and cultural leaders and catalyzed dialogue around solutions to regional challenges.

Throughout the year, we held 322 cultural and public policy programs in 16 cities. Our Presidents of the Americas series brought together heads of state from eight countries with our members and other opinion makers for both intimate discussions and larger public programs. Our Cuba Working Group hosted leaders on both sides of the Florida Straits and led two business delegations to the island. Our Venezuela Working Group hosted both private programs and public panels on timely topics including Venezuela’s economic outlook. And the Young Professionals of the Americas, whose network now counts over 1,500 in New York and Miami, is ensuring the next generation of regional leaders is actively engaged in our mission and activities.

It was also an exciting year for Americas Quarterly. The publication unveiled its new Cultura section—a cultural supplement featuring contributions from established and emerging Latin American voices. In June we launched our Central America issue in Guatemala City, and in October we presented the fifth annual Social Inclusion Index with the State Department in Washington D.C. The publication’s online readership continued to multiply, with close to an 80 percent increase in site visitors from 2015 to 2016.

Our annual Spring Party brought together more than 500 guests in honor of two outstanding honorees: Jamie Dimon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Luis Carlos Sarmiento Angulo, Chairman of the Board of Grupo Aval. And we were proud to hold our first BRAVO Business Awards, where we honored eight business, policy, and social leaders who have helped to positively shape and continue to transform the hemisphere.

I want to express our gratitude to Susan Segal and the entire AS/COA team for their dedication. I also want to thank my fellow directors as well as our members and constituents for their support and engagement throughout the year.

March 20, 2017, marked the passing of our Founder and Honorary Chairman David Rockefeller at the age of 101. While we are sad to say goodbye to David, we honor his extraordinary life as someone who loved Latin America and made an enormous impact on the region. David was a visionary who stood as a fearless leader of dialogue as a tool for peace and growth across the Americas and around the world. We are privileged to help carry the weight of his legacy and committed to ensuring his example lives on through the work we do over the next year and beyond.

Andrés Gluski
Chairman
Dear Members and Friends,

2016 was another year of evolution at the Americas Society and Council of the Americas. We expanded our product offering with the acquisition of BRAVO, and through our ever-growing webcast and social media presence, we extended the depth of our network throughout the hemisphere and the world.

In Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Lima, Mexico City, Monterrey, Panama City, Santiago, and São Paulo, our Latin American Cities series sparked actionable dialogue among public and private sector leaders across the region. Our 46th Annual Washington Conference on the Americas was a great success, featuring Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela, as well as U.S. secretaries of state and commerce. Our Women’s Hemispheric Network, which celebrated its fifth year with packed events in New York and Miami, focused on empowering women to stay in the workforce. Videos from the network’s events have now received over 86,000 views on YouTube.

Explosive growth in our digital outreach has allowed us to bring people around the globe into our conversations. The 37 public events we webcast over the year received 3.5 million views. Traffic from Twitter rose 129 percent for AS/COA and 329 percent for Americas Quarterly.

It was an equally outstanding year for our cultural programs. In the Spring, we bestowed the Americas Society Cultural Achievement Award upon internationally celebrated composer Gustavo Dudamel, a tireless advocate of access to music for all, particularly children. Our Visual Arts gallery featured two exceptional artists: Silvia Gruner and Kati Horna, and also organized a contemporary fashion and dance performance with Mexican designer Carla Fernández. And our MetLife Foundation Music of the Americas concerts regularly sold out.

I would like to thank Andrés Gluski, who completed his first full year as our Chairman, for his mentorship, advice, and engagement throughout the year. I also want to thank our Boards and CIAC for their unwavering commitment. And I want to thank my amazing team who makes all of this possible with their energy and passion. Finally, I want to thank all of you—our members, constituents, and partners for your support—and active involvement in our organizations.

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of David Rockefeller, our Founder and Honorary Chairman. We celebrate David as a true statesman who transcended borders of the Americas and the world and believed deeply in integration and trade, shared prosperity, and a common cultural heritage. As I reflect on his incredible life and look to the year ahead, I see that his values and legacy are now more relevant than ever. His example stands as an inspiration to us all, and his vision will continue to drive our mission and work across the Americas.

Susan L. Segal
President and CEO
The presidents of Chile, Colombia, and Peru, along with Mexico’s economy secretary spoke at a Pacific Alliance discussion and private dinner in September.

Hosted for the first time by the Council of the Americas, the 22nd BRAVO Business Awards honored eight recipients, including Mexico’s now-Finance Secretary José Antonio Meade.

Our Latin American Cities Conference in Buenos Aires attracted 3.2 million live views, making it one of the top 10 events out of millions hosted online by Livestream.

Brazil’s Minister of Finance Henrique Meirelles and Central Bank President Ilan Goldfajn met AS/COA members in our New York headquarters in private meetings.

Our annual Latin American Cities Conference in Mexico City, was preceded by a private dinner with now-Secretary of Foreign Affairs Luis Videgaray.
In its first issue of the year, AS/COA’s flagship publication Americas Quarterly celebrated the top five figures behind Latin America’s historic corruption crackdown.

Established in 2016, the Venezuela Working Group hosted opposition leader and now-President of the National Assembly Julio Borges.

Venezuelan conductor Gustavo Dudamel received the 2016 Americas Society Cultural Achievement Award.

We hosted our first CEO Roundtable in Medellín, Colombia, featuring remarks by Mayor of Medellín Federico Gutiérrez Zuluaga.

Marking its fifth year, AS/COA Women’s Hemispheric Network has organized events in nine cities across the Americas.
Core Programs in the U.S.
Highlighting the Americas

Our Core Programs bring together the public and private sectors to confront some of the most important issues for the Western Hemisphere. We held nearly 70 public programs and 207 private meetings in New York, Washington, and Miami.

More: as-coa.org/events/leadership-events

L to R: A Complex Reality: Security, Trade, and the U.S.-Mexico Border. Eric Farnsworth, Vice President, AS/COA; Will Hurd, U.S. Representative (R-TX); Beto O’Rourke, U.S. Representative (D-TX) • Latin America’s Economic Outlook. Alejandro Werner, Director, Western Hemisphere Department, International Monetary Fund • The U.S.-Argentina Commercial Dialogue. Ken Hyatt, Acting Undersecretary for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce; Ambassador Anthony S. Harrington, Albright Stonebridge Group; Miguel Braun, Secretary of Commerce, Argentina
Row 1: Colombia’s Transformation and Future Challenges. Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia; Tom Gjelten, Correspondent, NPR • The Western Hemisphere’s Energy Landscape in 2017 and Beyond. Felipe Bayón Pardo, Ecopetrol; Amos Hochstein, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Ali Moshiri, Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration and Production Company

Row 2: Public Lunch and Presentation with Leading Argentine Officials. Margarita Stolbizer, National Deputy, Generación para un Encuentro Nacional (GEN Party); Juan Manuel Urtubey, Governor of the Province of Salta; Gabriela Michetti, Vice President of Argentina • Urbanization and Technology: Smart Cities in Latin America. Ellis J. Juan, Division Chief, Housing and Urban Development Division, Inter-American Development Bank; João Canais, Esri; Laura Gaviria, Citi; Gustavo Menendez-Bernalles, Cisco Systems

Row 3: Argentina Investment Conference 2016. Anthony Lim, GIC; John Paul Rathbone, Latin America Editor, Financial Times; Martin Marron, JPMorgan Chase & Co; Tom O’Flynn, The AES Corporation

Row 4: A Conversation with U.S. Ambassadors to Central America. John Feeley, U.S. Ambassador to Panama
Row 1: 2016 Panama Investment Conference. Daniel Korn, Microsoft Latin America; Joseph Fidanque III, General Manager, Tocumen; Sandra Miró, DHL Panama; Aristides Chiriatti, President, American Chamber of Commerce, Panama; Colon Import & Export; Jose A. Zapata, Delta Air Lines • Brazil: The Year Ahead. Monica de Bolle, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics; Samar Maziad, Moody’s Investors Service

Row 2: Venezuela and PDVSA’s Bonds: What to Expect. Francisco Rodriguez, Torino Capital; Russ Dallen, Caracas Capital Markets; Lucas Aristizabal, Fitch Ratings; Diego Ferro, Greylock Capital • Reconnecting Buenos Aires with the World: Entrepreneurship and Investment in Argentina. Horacio Rodriguez Larreta, Mayor of Buenos Aires; Andres Freire, Minister of Modernization, Innovation, and Technology of the City of Buenos Aires

Row 3: Mexico’s Economic and Political Outlook after the Elections. Ragnhild Melzi, Vice President, Public Policy Programs and Corporate Relations, AS/COA; Vivianne Rodrigues, Latin America Managing Editor, Bloomberg News; Alonso Cervera, Credit Suisse; Ruben Kraiem, Covington & Burling LLP; Mauro Leos, Moody’s Investors Service

Row 4: Guatemala’s Progress and Challenges 20 Years after the Peace Accords. Fernando Quevedo, Representative in Guatemala, Inter-American Development Bank; Humberto López, Country Director for Central America, The World Bank; Gladys Marithza Ruiz de Vielman, Ambassador of Guatemala to the U.S.
Row 1: Energizing Cuba Conference. Narciso Cobo Roura, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Havana; Vice President, Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration; Renato Santos, General Electric; Antonio Sarmiento Sera, Professor, Center for the Study of Renewable Energy Technologies (CETER), Higher Polytechnic University of Havana; Alana Tummino, Senior Director, Policy; Head, Cuba Working Group, AS/COA; Carlos Fernández-Aballi, Cuba Strategies Inc.

Row 2: Canada’s New Trade Policy. Carlo Dade, Director, Center for Trade and Investment Policy, Canada West Foundation; Eric Miller, Vice President, Innovation and Competitiveness, Business Council of Canada; Ambassador Alan Wolff, Dentons; Chairman, National Foreign Trade Council; Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion in Latin America. Filomena Ruffa, Visa Latin America and Caribbean; Serge Elkine, Yellow Pepper; Gustavo Sorgente, Cisco Systems, Inc.

Presidents of the Americas
Leading the Americas

Over the year, we host heads of state from the region at our U.S. offices to dialogue on their countries’ investment opportunities and current economic and political environments.

L to R: Richard C. Adkerson, Freeport-McMoran; Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, President of Peru; Alejandro Bulgheroni, Pan American Energy; Tabaré Vázquez, President of Uruguay; Susan Segal, President and CEO, AS/COA; Ali Moshiri, Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration and Production Company; Michel Temer, President of Brazil; Martin Marron, JPMorgan Chase & Co
Michel Temer, President of Brazil • Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, President of Peru • Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia
Row 2: Juan Carlos Varela, President of Panama • Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile • Tabaré Vázquez, President of Uruguay
Row 3: Luis Guillermo Solís, President of Costa Rica • Jimmy Morales, President of Guatemala
Our Elite Events provide singular opportunities to engage with presidents, ministers, senior officials, and influential business leaders from across the Americas in private, off-the-record settings at our U.S. offices and in cities across the region.

Row 1: Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States • José Antonio Meade, Secretary of Social Development, Mexico; Susan Segal, President and CEO, AS/COA; José A. González Anaya, CEO, Pemex • Henrique Meirelles, Minister of Finance, Brazil

Row 2: Rodrigo Valdés Pulido, Minister of Finance, Chile • Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Argentina • Jane Fraser, Citigroup; Luis Videgaray, Secretary of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico • Alfredo Thorne, Minister of Economy and Finance, Peru
Row 1: William F. Morneau, Minister of Finance, Canada • Daniel Rachmanis, The Estée Lauder Companies; Lenin Moreno, former Vice President of Ecuador, presidential candidate • Dulcidio de la Guardia, Minister of Economy and Finance, Panama

Row 2: Ilan Goldfajn, President of the Central Bank, Brazil • Vicente Fox, former President of Mexico; Nancy Anderson Bolton, Senior Director, AS/COA • David Abney, UPS; Alejandro Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Row 3: Alexander Mora, Minister of Foreign Trade, Costa Rica • Ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis, Chargé D’Affaires, U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba; Josefina Vidal, General Director of U.S. Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cuba • Enrique García, President, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America • Carlos Fernández Valdovinos, President of the Central Bank, Paraguay

Row 4: General Óscar Naranjo, Delegate of the Colombian Government to the Peace Talks in Havana, Cuba; Adriana La Rotta, Senior Director, Media Relations, AS/COA
Our **Latin American Cities** series creates a forum for prominent government and business leaders and investors to discuss some of the most important issues the region faces, including political and economic outlooks, energy, competitiveness, and innovation.

**More:** as-coa.org/LatAmCities
Row 1: Marcos Peña, Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, Argentina; Susan Segal, AS/COA; Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, Mayor of Buenos Aires; Jorge Luis Di Fiori, President, Argentine Chamber of Commerce

Row 2: Mauricio Cárdenas, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Colombia; Ragnhild Melzi, Vice President, Public Policy Programs and Corporate Relations, AS/COA; Sergio Clavijo, President, ANIF; Leonardo Villar, Executive Director, Fedesarrollo; Fernando Turner Dávila, Secretary of Economy and Labor, Nuevo León state, Mexico; Otaviano Canuto, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund

Row 3: Augusto Arosemena, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Panama; Paula Bellizia, Microsoft Brazil; Flavio Cotini, Walmart Brazil; Julian J. Nebreda, Grupo AES Brazil

Row 4: Martín Vizcarra, First Vice President, Minister of Transport and Communications, Peru
Working Groups & Initiatives
Analyzing the Americas

Row 1: Alexis Meissner, HSBC; Suzy White, HSBC; Courtney Wright, HBSC; Katia Bouazza, HSBC; Trinidad Jiménez, former Foreign Affairs Minister of Spain; Telefónica

Row 2: Kathy Castor, U.S. Representative (D-FL); Tom Emmer, U.S. Representative (R-MN); Arturo Sarukhan, former Mexican Ambassador to the U.S; John Cornyn, Senator (R-TX); Amos J. Hochstein, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Row 3: Alejandro Grisanti, Barclays; Julio Borges, Congressman, Primero Justicia, Venezuela

AS/COA Women’s Hemispheric Network  as-coa.org/women
AS/COA Cuba Working Group  as-coa.org/cuba
North American Trade Initiative  as-coa.org/trade
Energy Action Group  as-coa.org/energy
Venezuela Working Group More: as-coa.org/venezuela
Young Professionals of the Americas

With a network of over 1,500 young people in New York, Miami, and across the hemisphere, **Young Professionals of the Americas (YPA)** inspires future leaders through professional development and social events. In 2017, YPA will expand to Washington, DC.

**More: as-coa.org/YPA**

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**Row 1:**
- YPA: Private Tasting and Holiday Cocktail with Chilean Chef Francisco Mandiola in NY
- YPA’s Brazilian Baile Funk Carnival Party in New York
- Book Launch: The 10% Entrepreneur, by Patrick McGinnis

**Row 2:**
- YPA Miami Cafecito Series: What’s Next for Brazil?
- YPA: Kitchen Tour and Conversation with Cosme’s Owners in NY

**Row 3:**
- YPA: Cocktail with Ambassador Diego Gómez Pickering,
  - Diego Gómez Pickering, Consul General of Mexico in New York City
Americas Quarterly
Engaging the Americas

*Americas Quarterly (AQ)* is the premier publication on business, politics, and culture in the Americas. 2016 issues covered corruption, Brazil, Central America, and memos to the next U.S. president. AQ’s online readership continued to grow, with close to an 80 percent increase in unique page views.

More: AmericasQuarterly.org

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Above: Issue 1, Issue 2, Issue 3, Issue 4
Opposite, Row 1: AQ Launch: Latin America’s History-Making “Corruption Busters.” Iván Velásquez, Prosecutor; Head, CICIG, Guatemala; Thelma Aldana, Attorney General, Guatemala; Brian Winter, Editor-in-Chief, AQ; Vice President, Policy, AS/COA; Antonio Carlos Welter, Prosecutor; Senior Member, Lava Jato Unit, Brazil; José Ugaz, Jurist; Global Chair, Transparency International

Row 2: Sérgio Moro, Federal Judge, Brazil; Brian Winter, AQ • The New Water Agenda in Peru. Tarcila Rivera Zea, Member, U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues • AQ 2016 Social Inclusion Index cover

Row 3: Cuba Night with Americas Quarterly. Alana Tummino, Senior Editor, AQ; Senior Director, Policy; Head, Cuba Working Group, AS/COA; Yosbel Ibarra, Greenberg Traurig’s Latin American and Iberian Practice

Row 4: Lanzamiento de AQ: Avances y prioridades para una mejor Centroamérica. Rubén Morales Monroy, Minister of Economy, Guatemala • Brazil Night with Americas Quarterly. Carol Pires, journalist formerly at Pau!; João Augusto de Castro Neves, Eurasia Group
The Washington Conference on the Americas brings together senior government officials, thought leaders, and private-sector representatives at the U.S. Department of State. Our forty-sixth conference included additional, sponsor-only events at the Organization of American States.

More: as-coa.org/2016wca

L to R: Juan Carlos Varela, President of Panama; Trinidad Jiménez, former Foreign Affairs Minister of Spain; Telefónica; Carlos A. Giraldo, Procter & Gamble Panama; Brian Butcher, Shell; John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State; Ambassador John D. Negroponte, Chairman Emeritus, AS/COA; Tom Shannon, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Susan Segal, President and CEO, AS/COA
Row 1: Andrés Gluski, Chairman, AS/COA; Juan Carlos Varela, President of Panama ● Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States ● Private meeting at the Organization of American States

Row 2: Shawn Donnan, World Trade Editor, Financial Times; Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce ● Mark Feierstein, Senior Director, Western Hemisphere Affairs, National Security Council ● Carissa Etienne, Director, Pan American Health Organization; Eric Farnsworth, Vice President, AS/COA

Row 3: John Lipsky, former First Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund; Fernando Aportela, Under Secretary of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico; Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer, World Bank; Nathan Sheets, Under Secretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Treasury

Row 4: Carolina Barco, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia; Luis Carlos Villegas, Minister of Defense, Colombia ● Roberta Jacobson, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs
COA Symposium & BRAVO Business Awards
CFO Forum Series and CEO Roundtables

In 2016, Council of the Americas assumed control of Latin Trade’s spectrum of live events, including the Symposium, BRAVO Business Awards, CFO Forum Series, and CEO Roundtables. In their first year as part of COA, these events gathered more than one thousand participants, spanning 11 programs in seven countries.

More:
as-coa.org/bravobiz
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L to R: Patricia Villela Marino, Humanitas360 Institute • José Antonio Meade, Secretary of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico • Ali Moshiri, Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration and Production Company • Marcos Galperín, MercadoLibre • Federico Gutiérrez, Mayor of Medellín, Colombia
Row 1: Andrés Gluski, Chairman, AS/COA; Marcos Galperín, MercadoLibre, Inc.; Francisco Garza, Arca Continental; José Antonio Meade, Secretary of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico; Susan Segal, President and CEO, AS/COA; Eduardo J. Padrón, President, Miami Dade College; Patricia Villela Marino, Humanitas360 Institute; Ali Moshiri, Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration and Production Company; Federico Gutiérrez, Mayor of Medellín, Colombia; Ambassador John Negroponte, Chairman Emeritus, AS/COA


Row 3: CFO Mexico City Forum. María Loria, Jose Cuervo • COA Symposium. Xavier Serbiá, News Anchor, CNN Dinero; Blanca Treviño, Softtek; César Cernuda, Microsoft Latin America; Claudio Muruzábal, SAP Latin America and the Caribbean, Laxman Narasimhan, PepsiCo; Luiz Ros, Special Advisor for Innovation - Digital Economy, Inter-American Development Bank
Music

The MetLife Foundation Music of the Americas Concert Series’ 21 programs included the U.S. premiere of the contemporary opera *Inteligencia Artificial*, a newly commissioned string quartet at the Banff Centre in Canada, and performances of the music of Alberto Ginastera, one of which took place in Central Park.

More: as-coa.org/music

Row 1: Venezuelan conductor Gustavo Dudamel with AS/COA’s President and CEO Susan Segal at the 2016 Americas Society Cultural Achievement Award ceremony

Row 2: La calle de los pianistas. Two-piano recital with Natasha Binder and Karin Lechner • Magos Herrera and Javier Limón for Valentine’s Day; • Soprano Maria Goso with pianist Marcelo Ayub as part of Instituto Superior de Arte del Teatro Colón’s An Evening of Opera Favorites

Row 2: Brasil Guitar Duo in their Leo Brouwer Naxos CD release concert • Onix Ensamble at National Sawdust • Orfeón San Juan Bautista at The Hispanic Museum & Library
Visual Arts

Americas Society’s Visual Arts program presented two exhibitions Hemispheres: A Labyrinth Sketchbook by Silvia Gruner and Told and Untold: The Photo Stories of Kati Horna in the Illustrated Press. Our 24 programs also included a fashion show/contemporary dance performance by Mexican designer Carla Fernández.

More: as-coa.org/visualarts

Row 1: A Labyrinth Sketchbook by Silvia Gruner. Installation view

Told and Untold: The Photo Stories of Kati Horna in the Illustrated Press; 2016 catalogue

Row 2: Book Launch of Hans Ulrich Obrist: Conversations in Mexico. Boris Dirma, Tres Mares Group; Pedro Reyes, artist; Hans Ulrich Obrist, curator

Carla Fernández’s Fashion Show

Row 3: Collecting Latin American Art. Pedro Barbosa, Brazilian collector; Judko Rosenstock Faingezicht, Costa Rican collector; Henrique Faria, Henrique Faria New York and Buenos Aires, Isabella Hutchinson, art consultant, private dealer in Latin American art; August Uribe, PHILLIPS; Mónica Espinola, independent curator
Chairman’s International Advisory Council

Americas Society’s Chairman’s International Advisory Council (CIAC) is a network of distinguished leaders who focus on issues of hemispheric interest through our conferences, elite programming, and special events throughout the Americas.

Inaugural Dinner

The Inaugural Dinner was held on November 17 at Americas Society. The evening’s guest speaker was Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon Jr., under secretary of state for political affairs at the U.S. Department of State.
Spring Party

On June 2, Americas Society hosted its 36th Annual Spring Party at Cipriani Wall Street. The 2016 Americas Society Gold Medal was awarded to two outstanding financial and philanthropic leaders: Jamie Dimon, chairman and chief executive officer of JPMorgan Chase, and Luis Carlos Sarmiento Angulo, chairman of the board of Grupo Aval.
In Memory of Our Founder David Rockefeller

We were deeply saddened by the passing of our founder, David Rockefeller, in 2017. A true statesman, he promoted democracy, open markets, and the rule of law in the Western Hemisphere and beyond, leaving a legacy that will long outlive him. David Rockefeller founded Americas Society and Council of the Americas in 1965 to promote closer inter-American cooperation on business and cultural levels, as well as dialogue between the public and private sectors. He served as Chairman from 1981 through 1992 and as Honorary Chairman until his passing.

In his memory, we look at some of the historic moments he shared with us.

Row 1: David Rockefeller joins the toast for his ninety-fifth birthday celebration at the 2010 Americas Society Spring Party • AS Visual Arts Director Gabriela Rangel, AS Board Member Patricia Phelps de Cisneros, David Rockefeller, AS CIAC Member Gustavo Cisneros, and AS/COA President and CEO Susan Segal at the Boundless Reality exhibition at 680 Park Avenue

Row 2: David Rockefeller with Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat • David Rockefeller attending the 2012 inauguration of the David Rockefeller Atrium at our 680 Park Avenue headquarters • Oscar de la Renta, Beatrice Santo Domingo, and David Rockefeller at Americas Society Spring Party
Row 1: David Rockefeller with AS CIAC Member Gustavo Cisneros, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, and AS/COA Chairman Emeritus William R. Rhodes in 2003. Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa with David Rockefeller.

Row 2: David Rockefeller with U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson. Robert C. Helander and David Rockefeller congratulate Costa Rican President Óscar Arias for receiving the Americas Society’s Gold Insigne Award. U.S. President Ronald Reagan receiving the 1987 Gold Insigne from AS/COA President Emeritus George W. Landau and David Rockefeller.


Row 4: Carlos Arosemena shakes the hand of then-Veracruz Governor Miguel Alemán in a Americas Society CIAC trip. David Rockefeller took to the Mexican state in 1999. David Rockefeller congratulates Chilean President Ricardo Lagos for receiving the 2005 Americas Society Gold Insigne Award.
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Restoring the Incas Room

AS/COA brought back to life the nineteenth-century French wallpaper decorating the Incas Room, seen as the pièce de résistance of our New York headquarters at 680 Park Avenue.

The hand-blocked scenic wallpaper “Les Incas” was originally produced in Paris in 1818 by the firm Dufour et Cie and consists of 25 panels depicting a romanticized version of the conquest of Peru by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro. The restoration project involved stabilizing the wallpaper by pinpoint painting with color matching to keep the original design intact.

Row 1, L to R: An assistant restorer applies paint using a syringe on one of the wall panels • Before and after photos of a portion of the wallpaper • An assistant restorer cleans one of the wall panels  
Row 2: Room shot of the Incas Room at 680 Park Avenue, NY
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