

II Graduate Conference on Latin American Law and Policy

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Venue:

St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

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Sponsors:

Faculty of Law Centre for Socio-Legal Studies Latin American Centre

Keynote Speakers:

Joaquim Falcão

Helena Alviar Garcia

Roberto Gargarella

About the conference

Since the 1980s, Latin American states have embarked in ambitious legal reforms, from the adoption of new constitutions to the enactment of new legal fields dealing with competition law or public procurement. These transformations brought changes in government structures and individuals perceptions of their relationship with state power. Fundamental rights are now as important as the notion of efficiency. Central banks became key institutions in the state's finances. *Technopols* have displaced the traditional bureaucracy in state administration. However, old problems remain – income inequality, corruption, and environment pollution continue to be pervasive. Yet, as these reforms have focused on law and legal institutions, the role of law continues to be highly important in (re)shaping social relations in Latin America.

The purpose of the Graduate Conference on Latin America Law and Policy is to open an academic space for consideration of the role of law and policy in this region, as old problems persist and new challenges loom ahead. Also, it aims to provide graduate students with an opportunity to meet and to discuss their work. Attendance to this conference is free, but previous registration at eventbrite is mandatory and the limited number of spots at the conference room will be allocated on a first-come and first-serve basis. If you want to guarantee your place, come early.

The first edition organized by Andrés Palacios and Larissa Boratti at UCL in 2013 counted with 10 panelists, 4 faculty members, and was a huge success – and we must thank UCL and the UCL Colombian Society for this. The second edition in Oxford will have 3 keynote speakers, 11 panelists, and 9 faculty members. We look forward to seeing you in the second edition at Oxford!



Program

09h00 - **Registration**

09h25 – **Opening Remarks:**

Dean Timothy Endicott (Faculty of Law)

Dr. Fernanda Pirie (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies)

Dr. Timothy Power (Latin American Centre)

09h45 – **Keynote Speaker: Brazilian Supreme Court and Public Opinion**

Dean Joaquim Falcão (FGV Law School)

10h15 – **Panel 1: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and Transnational law.**

Chair: Professor Denis Galligan (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford)

Tom Gerald Daly (DPhil c., Edinburgh), **Brazilian Supremocracy and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: is the ‘Closed’ Supreme Court Subverting ‘Open’ State Policy?**

Damian Gonzales Salzberg (DPhil c., Reading), **Complying (partially) with the judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.**

Marcelo Torelly (DPhil c., Brasilia), **Transnational Legal Process and Constitutional Engagement: How Domestic Courts in Latin America Dealt With the Inter-American Human Rights System?**

Discussant: Professor William Twining (UCL)

11h15 – **Coffee Break**

11h45 – **Panel 2: Institutional and regulatory strategies in contemporary Latin America**

Chair: Dr. Bettina Lange (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford)

Jose Miguel Mendoza (DPhil, Oxford), **Bypass strategies for institutional reform in Latin America.**

Ligia Arias Barrera (DPhil c., Warwick), **Multiple strategies of financial regulation adopted in Colombian security market: the case of OCT derivatives.**

Laura Bernal-Bermudez (DPhil c., Oxford), **Successful prosecution of corporate human rights abuses: a critical analysis of redress mechanisms.**

Guillermo Jimenez (DPhil c., UCL), **Non-judicial Administrative Justice in Latin America: A Case-Study on the Chilean Comptroller General.**

Discussant: Professor Mariana Prado (University of Toronto).

13h00 – **Lunch**

14h00 - **Keynote Speaker: Law and Development in Contemporary Latin America**

Dean Helena Alviar Garcia (Los Andes Law School)

14h30 – **Panel 3: Inequality and access to substantive rights – Latin America and beyond**

Chair: Professor Dr. Dr. Peter Sester (St. Gallen University).

Alberto Coddou McManus (DPhil c., UCL) **Anti-discrimination law and equality in the context of an awakening welfare state in Latin America.**

Maria Luiza Gatto (DPhil c., Oxford), **Electoral Security of Incumbents at the Puzzle of Gender Quota Adoption in Latin America.**

Paula Westenberger, (DPhil c. Queen Mary), **Digital Culture, Copyright, and the Orphan Works Issue.**

Emmanuel Kolawole Oke (DPhil c. Cork), **The incorporation of a right to health perspective into the Brazilian patent reform process.**

Discussant: Tilman Quarch (Max Planck Institute, Hamburg).

15h45 – **Tea**

16h15 – **Keynote Speaker: The Challenges of Latin American constitutionalism in the 21st century.**

Professor Roberto Gargarella (Universidad Torcuato di Tella).

16h45 – **Concluding Remarks**

17h00 – **End of the Conference**

18h30 – **Cocktail Reception at the Latin American Centre**

