Research Director of Chile’s Universidad Católica Visits Campus

Maria Elena Rivas, Research Director of Chile’s Universidad Católica (UC), visited the Columbia University campus to hold a series of meetings with Colombian counterparts in the field, including Mario Pérez, Executive President for Research; Deborah Sahn, Vice President of Research Operations; and Victoria Hamilton, Director of the Office of Research Initiatives. These discussions on policies and procedures included research compliance and training, clinical study, animal care and use, human research protection, institutional review boards, environmental health and safety, and postdoctoral affairs.

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Professor Rivas, a top Columbia scholar, for her work on legal, immigration, and environmental health and safety issues.

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The event, held at the southern Chilean city of Puerto Varas, was organized by the Santiago Center, the Law School’s Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Governance, and the School of Economics and Business at Universidad Diego Portales.

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**CHILEAN ECONOMIST APPOINTED TO KEY POSITION AT BUSINESS SCHOOL**

Monica Lustosa, who joined Columbia’s Business School in 2012, has been appointed Roger F. Morgenstern Professor of Finance. Her research focuses on the determinants of corporate finance, financial intermediation, and development economics. Specifically, she studies corporate finance with a focus on the flow of financial systems and intermediaries among member countries.

Lustosa has three publications in top finance journals, including the Review of Financial Studies and the Journal of Financial Economics. In addition, she won the prestigious 2015 Blaxall Scholar Award — the first woman to win it — for her Review of Financial Studies paper.

**SUCCESSFUL MBA INFORMATION SESSION ORGANIZED BY THE SANTIAGO CENTER**

More than a hundred enthusiastic young Chilean professionals, plus many from other Latin American countries, registered to attend Santiago Center’s MBA Information Session held on August 1.

Amanda Cordero, Assistant Dean of Admissions at the Business School, described the programs and degree offered by the School, and listed some courses plus the ample availability of classes, options for specializations and dual master programs in administration.

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**MALMÁN STUDENTS’ FIELDWORK IN CHILE**

Two Malmán School of Public Affairs graduate students, Rirí Rodríguez and Maí Múchica, spent four months this past summer working on a research project under the leadership of Roxana Gómez, Deputy Head of the Ministry of Public Works at the Secretariat of Public Works (SOP), and advisor professor at the National University of Chile.

The Malman is part of a program supported by the Malman School of Public Affairs, the Columbia Global Centers | Santiago, and the University National Commission for Science and Technology (Conicyt).

**BOOK LAUNCH: “ANA. REIMAGINANDO EL DIARIO DE ANA FRANK”**

On August 5, the Santiago Center, with the sponsorship of the National and International Human Rights Organizations, as well as the support of the Santiago Chamber of Commerce, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Chilean Parliament and the University of Chile, presented an emotive seminar to launch the children’s book “Ana. Reimagining the Diary of Anne Frank,” written by Marjorie Agosín and illustrated by Francisca Valdivieso.

Throughout the event, adult readers from the public and private sector, university and secondary school students, and children participated. The event was organized by the Santiago Center and implemented by their teachers and the school’s principal.

Her presentation was followed by a panel discussion featuring Gatta Godoffein, a Chilean award-winning novelist; Jesus Flores, a psychologist; and Carmen Missé, professor of Literature at Universidad de Chile.

**SANTIAGO CENTER TEAMS UP WITH MIT AND HARVARD**

On August 2, Columbia Global Centers | Santiago teamed up for a second time with Harvard Club of Chile, Harvard’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, the Institute of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), and the MIT Sloan Management Review of Latin America Office to host a series of panel discussions on a series of topics.

This time, the topic was “The Other Digital Divide” and featured Maurice Ross, CEO of Events; Claudia Meneses, President of Teleméxico; and Mauricio Retamal, Founder of Vemocity. They all agreed that one of the main problems the countries face is the lack of experts, especially women, in IT companies.

They also analyzed the challenges regarding data in interpreting new procedures in a government process, the slow pace of adoption of new ITs both in the public and private sectors, and the lack of focus on women in IT companies.

The first panel of this series, entitled “The Role of Chile’s Private Sector in Promoting Private Equity,” included Andrea Viveros, Managing Director at the Columbia Global Centers’ International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Joseph Romano, President of the National Philanthropic Committee; and Marcelo Langarica, Executive Director at Victoria Partners.

**VISITS FROM CAMPUS**

Xavier Soca del Moro, Professor of Development Economics, visited Santiago to participate in a speaker event on a major infrastructure event and also to launch his book “Economía en Colores” (“Economy in Colors”).

Beauchot Moxon, Director of Columbia’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, visited Chile to support Universidad Andrés Bello’s (UAB) efforts in implementing a new core curriculum in line with the model Columbia has taught since 1919. In addition, professor Moxon gave lectures on Contemporary Civilization in the UAB’s Santiago and Valparaíso sites.

Francisco Stucki, director of the PhD and Master’s programs in Global and Conceptual Practices Program at Columbia’s GSAAP (Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation), visited Chile to participate in several activities related to the program “Contemporary Architecture Criticism.” Stucki brought together students and gave public lectures at Universidad de Chile to present his recent book “Where Is That Thing?”

**FIRST ALUMNI GATHERING OF 2016**

A group of Columbia alumni got together in Santiago’s Santiago Hotel Curanto during the evening of June 30. Organized by Gonzalo Abad (Ma 2010), Omar Bada (Ma 2016) and Pablo Sermont (MPH 2016), the gathering brought together former students from several schools and generation groups. This year, the Columbia Global Centers | Santiago joined forces with the Santiago Center to organize the first events that draw on both centers’ strengths to bring Columbia alumni and students in Latin America together.
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Amanda Cortés, Assistant Dean of Admissions at the Business School, kicked off proceedings. She is charged with the selection of students admitted to the MBA program. She explained the selection process and answered questions from the attendees.

Several students attended the event and shared their experiences: the professional pathway they had followed after their degree and the academic benefits of Columbia’s MBA vis a vis other Ivy League Schools.

Malcolm Students’ Fieldwork in Chile

Two Malcolm School of Public Affairs graduate students, Ria Kottigere and Mai Celik, spent five weeks in Chile working on a research project under the leadership of Runa Dalal, Malcolms assistant at the Institute for Public Affairs at the School of Public Affairs (SPA), and adjunct professor at the New York City Bar.

The goal was to write a paper on pension reform in Chile that would be used as a tool for the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism.

Book Launch: “Ana. Reimaginando el diario de Ana Frank”

On August 5, the Santander Center, with the sponsorship of the Portales (UDP) and adjunct professor at the Robert N. Butler Columbia Mailman School of Public Health, the Columbia Global Center | Santiago teamed up to launch the book “Ana. Reimaginando el diario de Ana Frank” written by Marjorie Agosín and illustrated by Francisco Vidal.

The presentation was followed by a panel discussion featuring Carla Godoy, a Chilean award-winning novelist, Jean Flores, a psychoanalyst, and Gabriela Mason, professor of Literature at Universidad Andrés Bello.

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On August 2, Columbia Global Centers | Santiago teamed up for a second time with Harvard Club of Chile, Harvard Dean’s Roundtable for Latin American Leaders, Hilite Club of Chile, and the MIT Sloan Management Latin America Office as part of a series of panels/discussions on recent developments in Latin America.

This time, the topics were “E&I’s Digital Challenge” and “Are Tech’s Privacy Issues a Reality or a False Promise?”

More than 100 people attended the event.

Visits From Campus

Xavier Salo de Mórtin, Professor of Development Economics, visited Santiago to participate as a keynote speaker at a major international event dedicated to his book “Economía y Crecimiento.”

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Several students attended the event and shared their experience, explained the professional world to students who had followed their degree and described the academic benefits of Columbia’s MBA vis à vis other Ivy League Schools.

Book Launch: “Ana. Reimaginando el diario de Ana Frank”

On August 7, the Santander Center, with the sponsorship of the National and International Human Rights Institutions, as well as that of the embassies of The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, hosted an socially active reunion to launch the children’s book “Ana. Reimaginando el diario de Ana Frank” written by Marjorie Augot and illustrated by Francisco Valdes.

Throughout the event, study guides adults from a local municipal school, taught in a less-income areas of Santiago, read pieces from the publication. They had been reading topics related to human rights and the Holocaust for the last two months in an effort promoted by local companies, located in a local municipal school, as well as a public school.

The book launch was followed by a panel discussion featuring Carla Guelfinbeto, a Chilean award-winning novelist; Jesús Flores, a psychologist; and Emma Mason, professor of Literature at Universidad de Chile.

Santiago Center Teams Up with MIT and Harvard

On August 2, Columbia Global Centers | Santiago teamed up for a second time with Harvard Club in Chile, Harvard David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Behavioral Hills, HKF Club de Chile, and MIT Sloan Management Latin America Office as part of series of panel/discussion events centered on technology and entrepreneurship.

This time, the topics were “Chile’s Digital Challenges” and “Innovation.”

Amanda Castro, CIMMYT’s Chief of Events; Claudia Medrano, President of Handshake Center; and Nadia Berruezo, founder of Fintech Chile, all agreed that one of the main problems the country faces is the lack of experts, especially women, in FINTECH companies.

They also emphasized the challenge regarding digital in interpreting two prominent businesses in the government presence, the startup of initiatives to attract more startups and the loosening of rules in BICI by local companies.

The first panel of the session, entitled “The Role of Chilean Startups in Promoting Productivity Growth” included: Marilena Veach; Aboitiz; Visiting Professor at the Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA); José Ramos, President of The National Private Foundation; and Marcelo Larragut, former Director General of the MIT Club de Chile.

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A group of Columbia alumni got together in Santiago’s Mandarin Oriental Casablanca during the evening of June 8. Organized by Gonzalo Durán (MA Journalism ‘08) and Graciela Ibáñez Brena Sena (MA Journalism ‘08), the gathering brought together former students from several social sectors in the country.

Retracing the Night with Harpo, a public event for past and present students, the Columbia’s Alumni Association in Santiago and the Santiago Center organized the reunion.

The event was a great opportunity to connect with former students and for students to enjoy the event at the Mandarin Oriental Casablanca’s restaurant, "Harpo’s Bar and Grill."
**COLUMBIA PARTICIPATES IN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ON RESILIENCE IN CHILE**

Columbia University’s Mathematical Sciences Department, in collaboration with Columbia Global Centers | Santiago and the Santiago Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2) at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory hosted the 2016 Conference on Resilience in Chile. The public seminar was followed by a closed working session where the international guests discussed long-term resilience strategies with members of a local multidisciplinary task force, including the Commission for Resilience to Address Natural Disasters (CONRED), organized by the CHILE-CLIMATE Project.

In addition, Columbia participated in a seminar on the “Role of Vulnerability: Its Many Faces” and “Understanding and Implementing Innovation and Resilience” organized by the Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CRED), in collaboration with the University of Chile’s School of Physical and Mechatronic Sciences.

**COLUMBIA PARTICIPATES IN WORKSHOP ON SALMON FARMING**

Two top Columbia scientists from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Ajit Subramaniam and Sonya Dyhrman, visited Chile in August to participate in a workshop and seminar on the impact of oceanic algae blooms (HABs) on the salmon farming industry.

The event, held at the trademark Chilean city of Pucon, was organized by the Chilean Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI). During the event, held on August 25, local and international experts discussed how research and development can help create resilience and how to develop long-term strategies to confront the risk of harmful algal blooms, which threaten the salmon farming industry.

**IN MEMORIAM OF PROFESSOR DAVID KLEATTE (1948 - 2016)**

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He was received in the Journalism School in 1983 and was well known for introducing the School’s broadcast curriculum, among other responsibilities. He ran the broadcast journalism program for 26 years. He was also an active member of our Faculty Steering Committee.

The Santiago Center, with Arthur Lerner-Lam, the former Director of the Journalism School, hosted a memorial service to honor Professor Klatell.

**RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF CHILE’S UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA VISITS CAMPUS**

Professor Gauri Chakravorty Spivak, renowned Columbia professor from the Department of English, Comparative Literature and Society, visited the Santiago Center on August 12 to discuss the importance of managing ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) risks and in addressing the increasing risk of entailed “She also met with several local business organizations and attended a workshop and seminar on the impact of harmful algal blooms (HABs) on the salmon farming industry.”

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