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VIDEO: Columbia Global Centers' Vision

An introduction and overview of Columbia Global Centers, featuring comments from Lee C. Bollinger, President of Columbia University, Professor Safwan M. Masri, Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development, and the directors of the global centers.

October Events

The Santiago Center will host some major events this month, beginning with a lecture on the relationship between sports and politics. Daniel Matamala’s talk, How Sports Help to Elect Presidents, Run Campaigns and Promote Wars is set for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22.

On Oct. 28, the director of the global center in Rio de Janeiro will deliver the keynote address at the Third Public Policy Meeting. Thomas J. Trebat’s lecture is on The Future of Brazil and its Implications for Latin America. The following night the Center will host an informational program for prospective Columbia journalism students with Ernest R. Sotomayor, Columbia’s dean of student affairs and a journalism alum.

Faculty Visits to the Santiago Center

During the last week of May, Don Melnick, professor and director of the Center for Environment Society, was in Chile to begin his projects with Universidad Católica. He is one of the Teams awarded by Chile-
Columbia Fund Grant 2014. In developing this project, Melnick was in Chile with Professor James Warfield, deputy director of the Center for Environment and Society. They visited temperate forest in the south of Chile and hold meetings with forest business in Santiago. The Center held a seminar entitled “The Rain Forest Standard” on May 26. The standard is the first which integrates carbon credits for forest conservation, including biodiversity and sustainability. The last week of May, two professors from the School of Social Work at Columbia University were in Chile: Yamile Marti and Ellen Lukens. Lukens was invited as a researcher on Community Mental Health by Universidad de Chile, and Marti participated in several meetings with non-governmental organizations related with women's issues and human rights. Both professors had a meeting with professionals from the Social Development Ministry of Chile to analyze possible joint projects.

Columbia Chaplain Visits Santiago
Columbia Chaplain Jewelnel Davis visited Chile May 25 to June 6 with three students under the initiative of the Kraft Global Fellow program. This program was initiated last year. They worked on the following issues: the role of Catholic Church in the post dictatorship period; the rise of evangelical movement; and the views of youth on the Pinochet dictatorship. They held different meetings with government and non-governmental organizations in poor neighborhoods of Santiago.

The Global Center Network
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