



## MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

### 1100-1115: Conference Welcome



**Dr. John F. Stack, Jr.** is the founding Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University. He also holds a joint appointment as Professor of Politics and International Relations and Professor of Law. He specializes in Ethnicity and World Politics, Administrative Law, National Security, Florida Constitutional Law and Constitutional Law. As Dean of the Green School, he oversees eight academic departments, and more than 20 of the university's most prominent international centers, institutes, and programs, including the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, the Cuban Research Institute, and the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy.



**Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg** is the fifth president of Florida International University (FIU). He has served as president of FIU since August 2009. He is a political scientist specializing in Latin America. His academic career began at FIU in 1976 as an assistant professor of political science. In 1979, he founded the FIU Latin American and Caribbean Center, which today is one of the nation's premier federally supported research and teaching centers focusing on the region. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has testified before Congress numerous times, and has served as a consultant to the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

### 1115-1200: A Conversation with Lt. General Andrew Croft



**Lt. General Andrew Croft** serves as the Military Deputy Commander of U.S. Southern Command in Doral, Florida. After graduating from Menlo-Atherton High School in California in 1984, he attended the University of California, Los Angeles and participated in the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. He graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1988 with a military commission and a degree in history and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander of 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern) Commander at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. He has also served on the Joint Staff and in multiple joint assignments where his duties have included Deputy Commanding General of combined Air Forces during Operation Inherent Resolve; Deputy Director of the Joint Air Component Coordination Element during Operation Inherent Resolve; Vice Director of Operations at North American Aerospace Defense Command; and Strategic Planner in the Joint Staff Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy.



**Alison August Treppel** is the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the Organization of American States. Appointed in August 2016, she is responsible for promoting the Organization's counter terrorism agenda throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. She also manages the day-to-day operations of the CICTE Secretariat. She previously acted as Deputy Director of the OAS Department of Public Security where she provided technical and managerial oversight to OAS efforts to prevent and combat threats to citizen security in the Americas, including firearms trafficking. She also served as political liaison to numerous OAS security-related fora, such as the Committee on Hemispheric Security, Inter-American Conventions and meetings of national authorities on transnational organized crime, among others.

## 1200-1330: Security Landscape in Western Hemisphere



**Juan Gonzalez** is Special Assistant to the President and NSC Senior Director for the Western Hemisphere. He has a plethora of experience in various capacities of the government, including as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs from 2016-2017, Special Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden from 2013-2015, as National Security Council Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs 2011-2013, and in the Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, including as Chief of Staff to Assistant Secretary of State Arturo Valenzuela. He also has time in the academia and the private sector, serving as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service, and as Associate Vice President of the Cohen Group.



**Rafael Guarin** is the National Security Advisor for the President of Colombia. He is an expert in counterterrorism, counterinsurgency, and irregular warfare, with experience in analyzing illegal armed organizations as well as in formulating, advising, and executing political action plans against terrorist groups. He is also a political and security analyst and columnist in national and international media, as well as a researcher and consultant for public and private entities, publishing numerous academic papers and articles on topics related to democracy, electoral processes and political participation, the media, terrorism, and counterterrorism.



**Gerry Gouveia** is the National Security Advisor to President Irfaan Ali of Guyana. He is a veteran airline transport pilot with 40 years of service in the aviation, security, and tourism sectors in Guyana. He is a former military officer with over a decade of service in the Guyana Defence Force where he served as the Chief Pilot of the Army Air corps. In addition to his wealth of knowledge and expertise, he has formal training from institutions such as the NTSB Academy in Aircraft Accident Investigations, George Washington University in Aviation Safety and Security, and the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University, where he also serves as a fellow.



**Dr. Frank O. Mora** is the former Director of the FIU Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC). Prior to arriving at FIU, Dr. Mora served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Western Hemisphere from 2009-2013. He has held several teaching positions, including Professor of National Security Strategy and Latin American Studies at the National War College, National Defense University (2004-2009) and Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of International Studies, Rhodes College (2000-2004). During the last twenty years, Dr. Mora worked as a consultant to the Library of Congress, the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), the National Democratic Institute, U.S. State Department, the Organization of American States, and U.S. Southern Command. He has published over thirty academic and policy articles, book chapters and monographs on hemispheric security, U.S. - Latin American relations, civil-military relations, Cuban politics and military and Latin American political economy and integration.

## TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

### 1100-1230: The Impacts of Climate Change on Security in the Caribbean and Central America



**Selwin Charles Hart** is the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and ensures delivery of the Secretary General’s priorities on climate change. Before his appointment he served as the Executive Director for the Caribbean region at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). He was previously the Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States for Barbados and Director of the Secretary-General’s Climate Change Support Team. Throughout his career, he has served in several climate change leadership positions, including as a Climate Adviser for the Caribbean Development Bank, Chief Climate Change Negotiator for Barbados as well as the Coordinator and Lead Negotiator on Finance for the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS).



**Erika Mouynes** is the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Panama. In 2019, she served as Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs and Cooperation of the Foreign Ministry. She has spent more than 10 years working in law, business and government in both New York and Panama. In New York, she worked on structuring infrastructure projects with multilateral agencies and in investment negotiations in European and Latin American financial markets. In Panama, she practiced law at several firms in the corporate and litigation areas. In 2004, she was appointed Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries. She has a bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science, as well as a Master's degree in Corporate Law from New York University and a master's degree in international law from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Anthony Phillips-Spencer**, Brigadier General (Ret'd.) is Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States. He has more than 35 years of service in the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, where he served in a variety of roles, including as the Vice Chief of Defence Staff. He speaks fluently in both French and Spanish and is an avid reader, thinker and innovator on issues related to organizational development, change and transformation, leadership and management, and strategic security decision-making and public policy implementation.



**Maria Fernanda Bozmoski** is deputy director, programs at the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, where she leads the center's work on Mexico and Central America and supports the director with the center's operations. During her time at the Atlantic Council, she has co-led the center's Northern Triangle Task Force, helped shape the center's trade work, and scheduled events in Asia for US policymakers. Before joining the Atlantic Council, Bozmoski worked at the Cato Institute and the Council of the Americas. She also completed an externship at the Inter-American Dialogue. Bozmoski is fluent in Spanish, English, French, and Italian, and is able to do media in those languages. She is a frequent commentator in several US and regional outlets including Voice of America, El Financiero-Bloomberg, and Univision, among others. Originally from Costa Rica, Bozmoski earned a BA in European studies from the Sorbonne University in France as well as a MA in Latin American studies and political economy from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a MA in international law and human rights from the United Nations University for Peace.



**1300-1400: Political and Security Challenges in Central America and the Caribbean: A Conversation with Epsy Campbell Barr, Vice President of Costa Rica**



**Epsy Campbell Barr** is the Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica. She is an expert on social development issues, political participation of women of African descent, and equality. In 1996, she founded the Women's Forum for Central American Integration, which she coordinated until 2001. Concurrently, she also coordinated the Network of Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Women. She has participated as an international lecturer in different universities and seminars, organized by intergovernmental and multilateral organizations, as well as public institutions, electoral and political institutes in America and the Caribbean, and NGOs of the region. She has published books and articles on democracy and inclusion, political and economic participation of women, people of African descent, sexism, and racism, among other topics.



**Luis Guillermo Solis** is the former President of Costa Rica and Director of FIU's Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center. He served as president of Costa Rica from 2014-2018. He began his service in the Foreign Ministry in 1984, eventually becoming Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Relations from 1986-1990 and worked closely in the formulation and negotiation of the Peace Plan for Central America. He has also been a teacher, researcher, and academic administrator for over 30 years, at both the University of Costa Rica and the National University, as well as a Fulbright professor at the University of Michigan and Florida International University.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

**1100-1230: The Future of Military Institutions in the Americas**



**Dr. Kristina Mani** is an Associate Professor of Politics and Chair of Latin American Studies at Oberlin College. Her research centers on Latin American regional security issues, civil-military relations and the political economy of the military. Her book, *Democratization and Military Transformation in Argentina and Chile: Rethinking Rivalry*, examines how the process of democratization in the 1990s impacted military thinking and behavior, and ultimately reshaped security relations in the Southern Cone. She has published numerous journals and has consulted and produced papers for organizations including Transparency International, the United Nations Development Programme, Providing for Peacekeeping, and RESDAL.



**Dr. Paul Angelo** is a fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). His work focuses on U.S.-Latin American relations, transnational crime, violent actors, military and police reform, and immigration. A former active-duty naval officer, Angelo has extensive experience in military and government service. Angelo was formerly an International Affairs Fellow at CFR, and in this capacity, he represented the U.S. Department of State as a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where he managed the ambassador's security and justice portfolio.



**Dr. John Polga Hecimovich** is an assistant professor at the U.S. Naval Academy. His research is broadly focused on the effects of political institutions on democratic stability, policymaking, and governance, especially in Latin America. He has taught political science at Wake Forest University, the College of William and Mary, and FLACSO-Ecuador, and has conducted academic fieldwork in Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, and Colombia. He has published peer-reviewed scholarship in *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Democratization*, and *Electoral Studies*, among others, and book chapters in both English and Spanish.



**Dr. Craig Deare** is the Department Chair for Strategic Initiatives and Leadership, and a Professor at the National Defense University. He is an expert on national security strategy, defense policy, and security and defense issues related to the Western Hemisphere. He has over 35 years of experience in government capacities, including as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the National Security Council under President Trump; as Senior Country Director from Mexico within the office of Interamerican Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1995-1997; and service in the U.S. Army for 20 years, where he specialized in Military Intelligence.



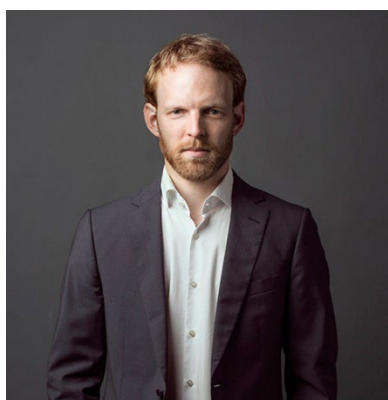
**Randy Pestana** serves as Assistant Director of Research and Strategic Initiatives at FIU's Gordon Institute for Public Policy. He also serves as Director of Education and Training at Cybersecurity@FIU. His technical specialization is in International Relations with focuses on U.S. foreign policy, security studies, and cybersecurity. The majority of his work has been linked to governance and security in Latin America and the Caribbean and cybersecurity workforce development issues broadly stated. He has published and assisted on various publications for both academic and defense audiences related to U.S. foreign policy and national security. He has also appeared on local and national news outlets as a political commentator and supported the U.S. national security community through academic discourse.

## THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

### 0930-1100: The Impact of COVID-19 on Security in the Americas



**John Otis** is a journalist who reports on South America for NPR and the Wall Street Journal and a consultant for the Committee to Protect Journalists. He has been based in Bogotá since 1997 and served for eight years as the South America Bureau Chief for the Houston Chronicle. His 2001 investigation of Colombia's FARC guerrillas was honored by the Overseas Press Club as the best reporting out of Latin America. He is author of the book *Law of the Jungle*, a book about the rescue of three American hostages held by Colombia's FARC guerrillas.



**Dr. Oliver Della Costa Stuenkel** is an Associate Professor of International Relations at the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) in São Paulo. He coordinates the Graduate Program at FGV's School of International Relations, as well as the São Paulo branch of the School of History and Social Science (CPDOC) and the executive program in International Relations. He is a non-resident Fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin and a columnist for *EL PAÍS* and *Americas Quarterly*. Aside from his academic research, he has written op-eds for newspapers, including the *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Global Times*, among others. His research focuses on Brazilian foreign policy, China's rise, and its impact on global governance, as well as on Latin American politics.



**Dr. Lucía Dammert** is a Professor of International Relations at the Universidad de Santiago de Chile. Her research interests lie in the field of public security, criminal organizations, and criminal justice reform. She has consulted for the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, and the European Commission. She has also held key advisory positions within the UN, and governmental bodies of Argentina and Chile, and Mexico. She has also served as a senior advisor to the Department of Public Security of the Organization of American States.



**Cynthia Arnson** is the Director of the Wilson Center’s Latin American Program, where she has served at for more than 20 years. She is an expert on Latin American politics, political economy, and international relations, including U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere. She has testified before the House and Senate and has produced scores of publications on Colombia, Central America, Argentina, Venezuela, security and organized crime, energy, human rights, and U.S. policy in Latin America. She is also a member of the advisory boards of the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES) and Human Rights Watch/Americas.

**1100-1200: United States Southern Command COVID-19 Fireside Chat with Dr. Anthony Fauci**



**Major General Christopher Sharpsten** is the Deputy Director for Supply, Production and Distribution for Operation Warp Speed. The Operation Warp Speed mission is to deliver 300 million doses of a safe, effective vaccine for COVID-19 by January 2021, as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics. MG Sharpsten deployed on multiple combat and contingency security operations in support of U.S. national interests, including deployments to Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Thailand, as well as missions to other countries in the Persian Gulf, Levant and North Africa. He also participated in Humanitarian relief operations supporting refugee relief in southern Iraq in 1991, Hurricane Iniki response in Hawaii in 1992, and Hurricane Sandy response in New Jersey and New York in 2012. MG Sharpsten completed his undergraduate studies at the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. MG Sharpsten earned his Master of Business Administration from Michigan State University and a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College.





**Admiral. Craig Faller** is a native of Fryburg, Pennsylvania and 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He is also a 1990 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School with a master's in National Security Affairs (Strategic Planning).

At sea, he served as reactor electrical division officer, electrical officer and reactor training assistant aboard USS South Carolina (CGN 37); operations officer aboard USS Peterson (DD 969); station officer aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65), and executive officer of USS John Hancock (DD 981). As commanding officer of USS Stethem (DDG 63), he deployed to the Arabian Gulf and participated in maritime interception operations in support of United Nations sanctions against Iraq. During his tour as commanding officer of USS Shiloh (CG 67), he assisted victims of the devastating tsunami off Indonesia. Finally, as commander, John C. Stennis Strike Group/Carrier Strike Group 3, he deployed to the Middle East supporting Operations New Dawn (Iraq) and Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan).



**Dr. Anthony Fauci** is the Director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Chief Medical Advisor to President Biden. Dr. Fauci was appointed Director of NIAID in 1984. He oversees an extensive research portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose, and treat established infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, tuberculosis and malaria as well as emerging diseases such as Ebola and Zika. NIAID also supports research on transplantation and immune-related illnesses, including autoimmune disorders, asthma and allergies. The NIAID budget for fiscal year 2021 is an estimated \$6.1 billion. Dr. Fauci has advised seven Presidents on HIV/AIDS and many other domestic and global health issues. He was one of the principal architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a program that has saved millions of lives throughout the developing world.



**Ambassador Jean Elizabeth Manes** was confirmed by the Senate on December 9, 2015 as the United States Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. She is a member of the Senior Foreign Service with the Department of State, having joined in 1992 and has served under four Presidents. Throughout her career she has led large scale operations focusing on empowering people and prioritizing resources. Prior to confirmation, Ambassador Manes served as Principal Deputy Coordinator for the Bureau of International Information Programs, which leads 21st Century foreign public engagement, including digital strategies for outreach, technical infrastructure for over 450 Embassy and Consulate websites, and oversight of 700+ American Spaces around the world.



**Colonel Susan Moran** serves as the Command Surgeon for the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in Miami, Florida. In this role, Col Moran supports the SOUTHCOM Commander by establishing the strategies and priorities for US military medical activities in the region. This encompasses strengthening partner nations, countering threats, and guaranteeing the safety of DOD service members and civilians within Latin America and the Caribbean. Expanding global health engagements, her team focuses on US military humanitarian assistance, emergency preparedness, disaster response, biosurveillance and biosecurity. Taking a whole-of-society approach, her team plans numerous exercises each year ensuring a coordinated multi-national US Government interagency effort.

Prior to her assignment at SOUTHCOM, Col Moran served as the Air Force Medical Corps Director and Chief of Medical Personnel Plans and Integration, in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General at the Defense Health Headquarters. In this role, she was responsible for the design and implementation of force management strategies for over 3,500 physicians and 1,200 medical students. In addition to overseeing career development, she managed recruiting, accessions, training, and retention programs to ensure 122 specialties were staffed and skilled to meet wartime requirements. Col Moran also led the Military Health System Council for Female Physician Recruitment and Retention, which tackled gender barriers throughout the healthcare system.



## 1300-1400: A Conversation with Dan Erikson, DASD Western Hemisphere



**Dan Erikson** is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Western Hemisphere Affairs. He was previously Managing Director at Blue Star Strategies, LLC, where he led the firm’s Latin America practice. He was also a Senior Fellow at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement. Previously, he served in the White House as Special Advisor to the Vice President, where he focused on Western Hemisphere Affairs and covered foreign affairs and national security issues. In addition to his US government experience, he previously served as director of Caribbean Programs and senior associate for US Policy at the Inter-American Dialogue.



**Brian Fonseca** Brian Fonseca is the Director, FIU Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University’s (FIU) Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs and an adjunct professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations and the Honors College. Brian also serves as the Executive Director of FIU’s Cybersecurity@FIU Emerging Preeminent Program and is a Cybersecurity Policy Fellow at the D.C.-based think tank New America. Brian’s technical expertise is in U.S. national security and foreign policy with a focus on Latin American governance and security. His recent publications include an edited volume with Gabriel Marcella and Orlando titled Democracy and Security in Latin America: State Capacity and Governance under Stress (Routledge, 2021), an edited volume with Eduardo A. Gamarra titled Culture and National

Security in the Americas (Lexington Books, 2017) and is the co-author of The New US Security Agenda: Trends and Emerging Threats (Palgrave, 2017) with Jonathan Rosen. From 1997 to 2004, he served in the United States Marine Corps and facilitated the training of foreign military forces in both hostile theaters and during peacetime operations.

## FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

## 1100-1230: The Future of the Amazon: Strategic and Global Implications



**Raul Jungmann** served as Brazil’s Defense and Public Security Minister from 2016 to 2018. Previously, he served two terms in the Brazilian House of Representatives from 2003 to 2010, where he chaired the Commission on Public Security and the Congressional Front for Arms Control. He also served as minister of Agricultural Development between 1999 and 2002 and chaired the National Agrarian Reform Institute from 1996 to 1999 and the National Institute for the Environment (IBAMA) between 1995 and 1996. He is a founding member of Brazil’s Popular Socialist Party and is presently vice-chairman of the State Directory of the Party in Pernambuco and member of the Party’s National Secretariat.



**Brian Winter** is Vice President for Policy at Americas Society/Council of the Americas and editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly. He spent a decade living in Latin America as a journalist for Reuters, based in São Paulo, Buenos Aires, and Mexico City. Since 2015, he has been based in New York City, overseeing Americas Quarterly's growth into a must-read for Latin America's most influential investors and opinion leaders, while more than tripling its readership online. Proficient in Spanish and Portuguese, he speaks frequently about Latin America's past, present, and future to investors and general-interest audiences.



**Cecilia Tornaghi** is the managing editor of Americas Quarterly. A Brazilian-American journalist, she has been covering Latin America for over 20 years with a focus on policy, business, and economics. She spent 13 years at Bloomberg, starting as a NASDAQ reporter and moved her way up to Latin America correspondent for Bloomberg TV interviewing heads of state, cabinet members, and executives across the region. She left Bloomberg to help build a news platform dedicated to emerging markets coverage and human-interest coverage about Latin America to a global audience. Prior to AQ she was also managing editor of LatinFinance.



**Brenda Brito** has worked since 2004 as a researcher at Imazon (Amazon Institute of People and the Environment), a nongovernmental organization focused in environmental research in the Brazilian Amazon, where she coordinates the climate change program. She has also served as Executive Director of Imazon between 2009 and July 2012. Brenda has focused her research activities in three main issues: enforcement of environmental laws to protect the forest; improvement of land laws and land administration in the Amazon and on actions and mechanisms to reduce deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+). She has published 35 studies on these topics, including papers in national journals and international conferences, books and book chapters, most of them in Portuguese. She has also attended major international conferences regarding climate change in the last 5 years as an observer and as speaker in side events, such as the Conferences of the Parties for the climate convention from 2008 to 2011 and Rio+20.



**Dr. Adriana Erthal Abdenur** is a Brazilian social scientist and policy expert. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of Plataforma CIPÓ, an independent, women-led institute based in Brazil and dedicated to issues of climate, governance and peace in Latin America and across the Global South. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Sciences-Po Paris, where she teaches on climate and security in the Amazon basin. At UNU-CPR, her work focuses on building a roadmap towards a Global Forest Convention and other innovations in climate governance. Dr Abdenur is currently serving a second term in the UN ECOSOC Committee on Development Policy (CDP). She is also a member of the Climate Governance Commission, the Expert Working Group on Climate-related Security Risks (created to provide input to the UN system on climate and security), and the Strategic Advisory Board of the Weathering Risk initiative.

**1230-1245: Conference Closing Remarks**