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The Conference at a Glance

**DAY ONE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

5:30–6:00 P.M.  **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME**  
*Location: Santa Rita Room 3.502*

6:00–6:45 P.M.  **OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION**  
NICOLAS SHUMWAY, Director, LLILAS  
*Location: Santa Rita Room 3.502*

**OPENING ADDRESS**  
LUIGI MANZETTI  
Dept. of Political Science  
Southern Methodist University

6:45–7:30 P.M.  **RECEPTION**  
*Location: Santa Rita Room 3.502*
DAY TWO: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30–9:00 A.M.  CONTINUED REGISTRATION
Location: African American Culture Room 4.110*

9:00–10:45 A.M.  SESSION ONE
Panel 1. Upward and Outward? The Fruits of Social and Student Activism
Panel 2. I Will Survive: Economic Development and Identity of Marginalized Groups

11:00–12:45 P.M.  SESSION TWO
Panel 1. One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?
Panel 2. Fruits of Our Labor?
Panel 3. The State of Gender/ Gender and the State

1:00–2:30 P.M.  LUNCH BREAK
Brown Bag with Luigi Manzetti
Location: Chicano Culture Room 4.206

Brown Bag with Carlos Monsiváis
Location: Asian Culture Room 4.224

2:30–4:15 P.M.  SESSION THREE
Panel 1. Land, People, State
Panel 2. Privatizing the Public
Panel 3. Engaging Culture: Traditional and Modern

7:30 P.M.  DINNER
Location: The Clay Pit Restaurant, 1601 Guadalupe***
DAY THREE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00–10:45 A.M.  SESSION FOUR
Panel 1. Explorations in the Written Word
Panel 2. We’re Not in Kansas Anymore
Panel 3. Invisible Hand, Iron Fist

11:00–12:15 P.M.  SESSION FIVE
Panel 1. Representing Mesoamerica

2:00–2:45 P.M.  CLOSING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION
JOSÉ LIMÓN
Director of Center for Mexican American Studies
Location: Quadrangle Room 3.304

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
CARLOS MONSIVÁIS
Prominent Mexican essayist, satirist, and novelist

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Some of Dr. Manzetti’s publications are *Privatization South American Style*; *Institutions, Parties, and Distributional Coalitions in Argentine Politics*; and *Political Forces in Argentina*

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Panel 1. Upward and Outward? The Fruits of Social and Student Activism

Location: Lone Star Room 3.208
Moderator: Charles R. Hale, Dept. of Anthropology

Is the Latin American Revolution Dead?
Wes Johnson, Baylor University

The Afro-Brazilian Identity and the Idea of Africa in the Afro-Brazilian Museum of Bahia
D. Ryan Lynch, Emory University

Advocacy beyond Classes and the Creation of Advocacy Networks in an Urban Setting: The Case of Rio
Rodrigo Nunes, University of Texas at Austin

The Role of Porros in the Latest Manifestation of the Mexican Student Movement: The Strike of 1999–2000
Jaime Pensado, University of Chicago

Spanish-Language Press: Prelude to the Cuban-Spanish-American War
Carol Wilcox, University of North Carolina

Panel 2. I Will Survive: Economic Development and Identity of Marginalized Groups

Location: Asian Culture Room 4.224
Moderator: Greg Knapp, Dept. of Geography

Bolivia’s War on Drugs: Toward a More Participatory Development Strategy
Eric Jacobstein, Georgetown University

Medición del impacto del uso de los comedores populares en Perú: Estudio del caso
Pablo Lavado, Universidad del Pacífico
Peruvian Women Speak Out about Micro Credit  
Jennifer Smith, Clark University

Agencias indígenas: Conflicto e identidad en Los Andes  
Mauro Vega Bendezu, Universidad del Valle

Co-opted and Condemned: 10 Years of Constitutional Clientelism in Colombia  
Tanner Neidhardt, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 3. WHO ARE YOU? REFLECTIONS ON IDENTITY
Location: Chicano Culture Room 4.206
Moderator: Joe Straubhaar, Dept. of Radio-Television-Film

The Construction of Meaning of Espacios Lesbicos among Lesbian and Bisexual Women in Mexico City  
Constance McGuire, University of Texas at Austin

Paulistas y Gaúchas  
Alessandra Oliveira Ribeiro, Emory University

Mexican Rock: Political Expressions of Marginalized Youth  
Magdelana Red, University of Texas at Austin

Myth of the Mask: Imagery and Aesthetic Symbolism of Subcomandante Marcos  
Doug Starnes, Baylor University

Watching Miramar from Cameroon: Telenovelas and “Parallel Modernity”  
Olivier Tchouaffe, University of Texas at Austin
Session Two 11:00 A.M.–12:45 P.M.

Panel 1. One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?

Location: Lone Star Room 3.208
Moderator: Kurt Weyland, Dept. of Government

Una Nueva reforma fiscal en México
Carlos Juárez Cruz, Octavio Méndez Castro, and Jorge Raúl Muñoz Delgado, Universidad Tecnológica de México

Judicial Reform and Foreign Investment in Latin America
Michael Menendez, University of St. Thomas

Descentralización e implicancias fiscales: Perú 2003
Fabrizio Orrego, Universidad del Pacífico

Intra-State/Inter-National Relations: Pachakutik and State Construction in Ecuador
Thomas Roberts, University of Massachusetts–Amherst

Reproductive Capital, Fertility, and the Changing Face of Religion in Mexico
Jennifer Tovar, University of Texas at Austin

Panel 2. Fruits of Our Labor?

Location: Asian Culture Room 4.224
Moderator: Jonathan Brown, Dept. of History

Native Railroad Workers and Foreign Business in Argentina
Byron Crites, University of Texas at Austin

Maintaining Their Dignity: Mineworkers, Companies, and the Avilacamachista State (Mexico: 1940–1946)
Meredith Glueck, University of Texas at Austin

The Golden Years Tarnished: Unequal Pension Distribution and Women's Retirement in Brazil
Maren Jiménez, University of Texas at Austin
The New Unemployment Insurance Scheme in Chile
Kirsten Sehnbruch, University of Cambridge

Juárez and Cancún, Mexico
Christopher Tamborini, University of Texas at Austin

Yerba mala nunca muere
Roberta Villalón, University of Texas at Austin

**Panel 3. The State of Gender / Gender and the State**
*Location*: Chicano Culture Room 3.208
*Moderator*: Shannon Speed, Dept. of Anthropology

**Young Women in Santiago and the State: A Story of Disconnects?**
Jael Goldsmith, University of Texas at Austin

**Gender, Democracy, and Politics: A Costa Rican Case Study**
Jennifer M. Piscopo, University of Cambridge

**Life in Bolivian Wataywasi**
Chloe Schwabe, University of Texas at Austin

**El Concubinato and the Common Law Marriage**
Ann Skowronski, University of Texas Law School

**Women’s Political Participation in Latin America: Colombian Women as Individual Actors**
Edme Pernia, Florida International University

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Moderator: Bryan Roberts, Dept. of Sociology

Is It the Land? The Impact of Changing Land Tenure on the Opportunities of Guarani in Southern Bolivia
Matthew Fry, University of Texas at Austin

Increased Levels of Education: A Positive Externality of Coffee Farming?
Seth Gitter, University of Wisconsin

The Catholic Church and the Presidency of Jacobo Arbenz Guzmán
Bonar Hernandez, University of Texas at Austin

Ecotourism and Sustainability: The Costa Rican Experience
Lynn Horton, University of Texas at Austin

Imágenes y contraimágenes del Urabá: Un encuentro de regiones
Mauricio Moscoso, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Land-Allocation Decisions within Ejidos after the 1992 Mexican Agrarian Reform
Eulália Puig Abril, University of Wisconsin at Madison

Panel 2. Privatizing the Public
Location: Asian Culture Room 4.224
Moderator: Raúl Madrid, Dept. of Government

Deconcentration versus Devolution of Water Management in Mexico: Inferences from the Río Bravo (Río Grande) Basin
Howard Donnell, University of Texas at Austin
Water Privatization in Bolivia
Alicia Gottfried, Trinity University

Aportes e limites da perspectiva de redes de políticas públicas: O caso da política nacional de recursos hídricos
Adriana Luchini, Fundação Getúlio Vargas

The Restructuring and Privatization of Electricity Distribution and Supply in Brazil: A Social Cost-Benefit Analysis
Rafaella Mota, University of Cambridge

Panel 3. Engaging Culture: Traditional and Modern
Location: Chicano Culture Room 3.208
Moderator: T.B.A.

Lowrider Customization: Storytellers of the Unique Chicano Experience
William Calvo, Arizona State University

The Mormon Movement in Latin America
Gayle Lasater, Florida International University

Transatlantic Cultural Forms: Gilberto Gil’s Musical Representation of the Culto dos Eguns
Megwen Loveless, Harvard University

La Medicina y las Nahuas de Milpa Alta
Manuel Enrique Morales Santiago, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana

Un Brindis con la etiqueta del enemigo
Dylon Robbins, Rice University

Puerto Rican Folk Healing as Somatic Practice
Fanny Santiago-Saaedra, Ohio State University
Day Three: Saturday, February 15

Session Four: 9:00–10:45 A.M.

Panel 1. Explorations in the Written Word

Location: Eastwoods Room 2.102  
Moderator: Naomi Lindstrom, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese

Caribbean Literature, Popular Music, and Gender: The Case of Pedro Antonio Valdez’s Bachata del Ángel Caído
Kathleen Costello, University of Iowa

Acerca de la filosofía de Arthur Danto
Juan Carlos Lozano Mahecha, Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas

Intensities through Octavio Paz: Eroticism, Culture, and the Debate about Modernity
José Saúl Martínez and Eduardo Santana, University of Texas at Austin

Why Biography Matters
Andrew Paxman, University of Texas at Austin

La Representación del “Judío Errante” en la literatura Judeo-Latinoamericana: “La Vida a Plazos de Don Jacobo Lerner” por Isaac Goldenberg y “Claper” por Alicia Freilich
Andrew Stevenson, Georgetown University

Panel 2. We’re Not in Kansas Anymore

Location: Lone Star Room 3.208  
Moderator: Martha Menchaca, Dept. of Anthropology

El Pueblo Mapuche—“Gente de la Tierra”—en Santiago
Diana Carreon, University of California, Santa Cruz

Causas de la migración estacional rural al sureste de México, de la comunidad Xoconilaj
Elsa Henández Méndez, Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala
Canto del bracero
Paul Kasper, Rice University

Changing Destinations and New Impacts: The Mexican Migrant Community in Dalton, Georgia
Jordan Alexandra McDuff, Florida International University

The Haitian Diaspora in the Bahamas
Ria Treco, Florida International University

PANEL 3. Invisible Hand, Iron Fist
Location: Chicano Culture Room 4.206
Moderator: Anne Golla, Ph.D. candidate, Dept. of Economics

Education Reform in Post-Revolutionary Nicaragua: The Case of Bluefields and Pearl Lagoon
Patrick Bouchez, University of Texas at Austin

Capital Unleashed: Capital Flows under NAFTA and the Proposed FTAA
Richard Brame, Cambridge University

Institutions and Transformations in the Current Trends of the Mexico–European Union Relationship
Roberto Dominguez, University of Miami

Campo sin campesinos: The Transformation of the Mexican Agricultural Sector
Donn Gladish, University of St. Thomas

Helen O’Reilly, Georgetown University

From Tragedy to Disaster? Argentina and the International Monetary Fund 1976–1990
Klaus Veigel, Princeton University
Session Five: 11:00 A.M.–12:15 P.M.

Panel 1. Representing Mesoamerica
Location: Eastwoods Room 2.102
Moderator: Ken Ward, Ph.D. candidate, Dept. of History

Signing in the Black Speared Earth Cave: Emic Conceptions of Caves among the Classic Maya as Recorded on Kerr Vessel 1440
Michael Carrasco, University of Texas at Austin

Mexico’s Accidental Saint, San Felipe de Jesús
Cornelius Conover, University of Texas at Austin

Análisis interpretativo del concepto Chichimeca: Torquemada y el debate sobre presencia de humanidad
Mónica Pérez Navarro, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas

Analysis of the Representation of Spaniards in the Mexican Manuscript Paintings
Margarita Vargas-Betancourt, Tulane University

Location: Chicano Culture Room 4.206
Moderator: Lawrence Graham, Dept. of Government

Repression, Human Rights, and Economic Policies
Galia Benitez, Indiana University

The U.S. Invasion of Panama (1989)
Majorie Bernard, University of Texas at Austin

A New Drug Dependency: The Mexican Military after NAFTA
Veronica Chapa, University of Texas at Austin

State Terror and Masculinity in Argentina and Chile
R. Matthew Gildner, University of Texas at Austin
Evangelista López Grijalba
Ana Catalina Varela, Florida International University

Political Odd Couple: Military Brazil’s Recognition of Socialist Angola
Jackie Zahn, University of Texas at Austin

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Carlos Monsiváis

A prominent essayist, satirist, and novelist living in Mexico City, Monsiváis has contributed to Mexican journals such as Excelsior, Siempre, and Nexos and currently writes for La Jornada as well as El Financiero. He is the author of more than a dozen books in Spanish, both fiction and nonfiction, including Amor perdido; Dias de guardar; A Ustedes les consta; Nuevo catecismo para indios remisos; and Escenas de pudor y liviandad.

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** Coffee and snacks are available throughout the day in the African American
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*** Directions will be provided.