The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR) is proud to announce a one-day symposium, open to the public, on the Representativeness and Effectiveness of Latin American Institutions and Democracies. Join 12 scholars from different countries and disciplines (political science, sociology and law) as they examine institutions in the region - how do these variables work in congress, judicial institutions and civil society? Are some more important when building a strong democracy? What are their relationships?

**REPRESENTATIVENESS & EFFECTIVENESS**

**- IN CONGRESS -**
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Eduardo Alemán, University of Houston
  Reflections on the Effectiveness and Representativeness of the Chilean Congress
- María Amparo Casar, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, A.C. México
  Representation and Decision Making in the Mexican Congress
- Mark Jones, Rice University
  Peronism and the Functioning of the Argentine Congress
- Moira MacKinnon, Tulane University
  Congress in Action: Representativeness and Effectiveness in Chile and Argentina 1900-1930
- Lucio Renno, Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil
  Reelection and Legislative Power: Surprising Results from Brazil

**- IN JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS -**
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM
- Javier Couso, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile
  The Role of Chile’s Constitutional Court in the Consolidation of Democracy (1990-2010)
- Matt Ingram, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
  Ideational Origins of Judicial Strength: Progressive Court Building in the Brazilian States of Acre, Rio Grande do Sul, and Maranhão
- Julio Ríos, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, A.C. México
  Effectiveness and Representativeness of Judicial Institutions in Mexico’s Transition to Democracy
- Daniel A. Sabsay, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
  Judiciary and Democracy in Argentina and other Latin American Countries

**- IN CIVIL SOCIETY -**
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM
- Evelina Dagnino, University of Campinas, Brazil
  Meanings and Challenges of ‘Representativeness’ in Brazilian Civil Society
- Gonzalo de la Maza, Universidad de los Lagos, Chile
  Democratic Institutions and Political Effectiveness of Post 90s Chilean Civil Society
- Alberto J. Olvera, Universidad Veracruzana, México
  Deficits of Representation and Lack of Effectiveness in Mexican Civil Society: the Historical Causes
- Enrique Peruzzotti, Universidad Di Tella, Argentina
  Civil Society and Democratic Representation

**CLOSING REMARKS**
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

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**when: 3/24/2011 (8:30AM - 4:30 PM)**
**where: 100a Jones Hall, Greenleaf Conference Room**

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