

# Tulane hosts conference, 'Mexico at the Crossroads'

Tulane University's Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, in conjunction with the Colegio de México, will hold an important conference Nov. 17 and 18 titled "Mexico at the Crossroads: Learning from History, Facing the Future."

The sessions will take place at LBC Stibbs Conference Room 203, 2nd Floor, Uptown Campus, and will focus on the main challenges faced by Mexico in this era.

Michael Bernstein, provost at Tulane University, and Javier Garcíadiago, president of Colegio de México, will address the participants at 9 a.m., followed by different panels of scholars from both institutions. Chairs of the panels are Tulane University professors Thomas F. Reese, Ludovico Feoli, James Alm, Marco Castañeda, Aaron Schneider, Jimmy Huck and David Ortiz.

Keynote speaker for the lunch Nov. 17 will be Julián Ventura, Mexican undersecretary for North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Jaime Serra-Puche, chairman of SAI Consulting, principal of NAFTA fund and former Minister of Trade of Mexico, will give

the keynote address Nov. 18. He will be introduced by Scott Cowen, Tulane University's president.

Panel members from the Colegio de México are professors Francisco Alba, Arturo Alvarado, Alejandro Castañeda, Manuel Angel Castillo, Ana Covarrubias, Gerardo Esquivel, Javier García diego, Manuel Ordorica, Jean-Francois Prud'homme, Isidro Soloaga, Fernanda Somuano, Josefina Z. Vázquez and Gustavo Vega.

Other participants are professors Robert Blecker from American University, Rod Camp from Claremont McKenna College, Peter Hakim from Inter-American Dialogue, Sergio Bejar and Nora Lustig from Tulane University, Jaime Ros from UNAM, and Riordan Roett from SAIS.

Discussion facilitators are Kris Lane, John Edwards, Rolando Cordera, Wayne Cornelius, Andrew Selee and Francisco González.

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**NOTICIAS:** Honduras has suffered recently from widespread flooding and landslides that have washed away homes, roads and bridges. Thousands are homeless and more than a dozen have died. Elka Herrera, tteral of Honduras in



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New Orleans, has established an assistance committee to collect goods such as canned food, bottled water, blankets, mats, powdered milk, children's clothes, disposable diapers, over-the-counter medications such as aspirins, analgesics, cough and flu medications, etc. as well as money to help defray shipping costs.

Several sites in the city have been selected as drop-off points for goods. An account has been set up at Capital One to receive financial donations: Account 208-2081-464, named the Honduran American Emergency Fund — Honduras Consulate.

For more information, call the Honduran Consulate at 504.522.3118 or 504.305.5473.

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