

President & CEO's Column



It has now been almost a year since my appointment as the seventh President & CEO in the Institute of the Americas' 40-year organizational history. I came on aboard as the devastating impacts of the COVID pandemic were being felt across the Western Hemisphere with Latin America facing its worst economic crisis in modern history.

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Programs



PUBLIC PROGRAM
The Institute of the Americas announces merger of UC's Gulf of California Marine Program into its Environment & Climate Change Program

The merger of University of California's Gulf of California Marine Program (GCMP) will facilitate expanded collaboration between scientists, policymakers and key stakeholders in Mexico while helping to improve the interpretation of marine science research on emerging policy issues through improved science communications with the goal of disseminating lessons learned across the Americas.

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PUBLIC PROGRAM
Institute's Hemisphere in Transition Webinar Series highlights emerging regional challenges and opportunities amidst COVID-19 pandemic

Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic brought forth socio-economic disruptions of historic proportions globally with countries across the Americas among the hardest hit.

At the same time, the year 2020 was a time of political changes with general or parliamentary elections in Peru, Guyana, Suriname, Bolivia, Chile, Venezuela and, in particular, the United States



ENERGY PROGRAM
Institute's 30th anniversary La Jolla Energy Conference staged virtually

This past May marked the 30th anniversary of the Institute of Americas' La Jolla Energy Conference.

We celebrated the occasion by hosting and organizing several programs throughout the month

Announcements



Ambassador Thomas A. Shannon Jr. nominated to the Institute's Board.



Jorge Rosenblut and Jose Fimbres re-nominated as the Institute of the Americas' Chairman, Vice Chairman.



Tania Miranda's, the Institute's new Director for Policy & Stakeholder Engagement, Environment & Climate Change Program.



Catalina Lopez joins the Institute as the Director of its Gulf of California Marine Program.



James Clark joins Institute as a Senior Advisor to support expanded public programming .

In the News:

Election returns in Mexico 'put up a yellow light' on upending energy reform

San Diego Union Tribune, June 10, 2021

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Programa Marino Golfo de California se integra al Instituto de las Américas,

Excelsior (Mexico City), June 16, 2021

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Latin America's Challenge of Financing Energy Recovery

Inter-Press Service News, May 29, 2021

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How Latin America's Oil Sector is Gearing Up for a Low Carbon Future

BnAmericas, June 2021

Popularism, green hydrogen and Latin America's 'stranded' oil plays

bnAmericas, May 28, 2021