

President & CEO's Column



Columbia University history Professor Adam Tooze observes that today the world is being redefined not just by the COVID-19 pandemic but also the environment, geopolitics and trust in government. This paradigm shift is evident across the Americas as countries throughout the region grapple with the economic and public health challenges brought about by the pandemic amidst mounting climate-related impacts and an erosion of trust in government...

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Nationally Determined Contributions Across the Americas: A Comparative Hemispheric Analysis

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U.S.-Mexico Climate Change Working Group

The UC San Diego Center on US-Mexico Studies, Brookings Institution, Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM) and the Institute of the Americas joined forces this past Spring to launch a U.S.-Mexico Climate Change Working Group. The goal of the working group is to identify specific climate related areas of shared interest and cooperation between the U.S. and Mexico in anticipation of the upcoming UN COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

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STEAM signs MOU with SUHSD, Creates new Place-Based Programs

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Hemisphere in Transition Webinar Series

Over the Summer of 2021, the Institute was pleased to convene two important forums focusing on bilateral relation that the United States maintains with both Canada and Ecuador under the theme Building Back Better Together (B3T), in collaboration with University of California-Television

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Build Back Better Together: Canada and the United States

Held on June 29 in commemoration of Canada Day, the Institute's forum highlighted the strategic significance of the Canada-United States bilateral relationship as well as on-going challenges and opportunities amidst COVID-19.

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US-Ecuador Bilateral Relations Post COVID

With the goal of helping to catalyze expanded U.S.-Ecuadorian private sector engagement and investment, the Institute convened a two-day virtual forum on September 9-10, made possible thanks to the generous support...

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Tribute to U.S. Consul General-Tijuana, Sue Saarnio

On June 30th, the Institute of the Americas joined forces with the Smart Border Coalition, the Mexican Consulate of San Diego and the UCSD Center for US-Mexican Studies to honor U.S. Consul General to Tijuana, Sue Saarnio who retired on July 14th after 30 years of government service. The reception held outdoors in a COVID-safe environment aboard the U.S.S Midway thanks to the support of Institute board member, Malin Burnham and other San Diego area supporters was attended by 75 civic leaders from the San Diego-Tijuana border region.

The Institute was pleased to have been able to help organize this tribute to Counsel General Saarnio that did so much to help promote greater bilateral cooperation between the United States and Mexico during her tenure at the Consulate. Sue, thanks again for all you did to help bring the communities across your consular district in both Baja California and Baja California Sur closer together with the United States, especially amidst COVID-19.


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El Deber, August 15, 2021

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A COMPARATIVE HEMISPHERIC ANALYSIS

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A Virtual Keynote Address featuring:

**Jessica Bedoya**  
Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer  
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Thursday, October 14, 2021  
9:30am-10:30am PT

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