

SELA 2007
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Hotel Condado Plaza
June 12-15, 2007

LAW AND CULTURE

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

7:00 pm (Laguna Wing – Pool Area)

Welcome Reception

8:00 pm (Royal Room)

Dinner and Opening Lecture “Puerto Rico and Its Place in Latin America”

Arcadio Díaz Quiñonez, Director of Center for Latin American Studies, Princeton University

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 - 9:00 am (Miramar Room)

Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Royal Room)

Panel 1: The Interplay of Law and Culture: Constitutionalism

- Jorge Contesse – Culture, Constitutionalism, and Human Rights
- Roberto Saba – Constitutions and Codes: A Difficult Marriage
- Reva Siegel and Robert Post - Constitutional Patriotism and Constitutional Culture

Commentator: Marisa Iglesias

12:00 – 2:00 pm (Miramar Room)

Lunch

2:00 – 5:00 pm (Royal Room)

Panel 2: The Interplay of Law and Culture: Violence

- Paul Kahn - Managing Violence: Acoustic Separation, Memorials, and Scapegoats
- Julieta Lemaitre - Legal Fetishism: Law, Violence, and Social Movements in Colombia
- Catalina Pérez Correa - Distrust and Disobedience: Discourse and Practice of Law in México

Commentator: Mario Ramos-Reyes

6:30 pm

Departure for Dinner (Hotel Lobby)

8:00 pm

Dinner

Botanical Garden – Caguas

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 – 9:00 am (Miramar Room)

Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Royal Room)

Panel 3: Hybrid Legal Cultures: Borrowings and Impositions

- Ximena Benavides - Competition among Laws
- Martin Böhmer - Borrowings and Acquisitions: the Use of Foreign Law as a Strategy to Build Constitutional and Democratic Authority
- Mariana Mota Prado – Institutional Reforms, Legal Transplants, and Political Systems

Commentator: Esteban Restrepo

12:00 – 2:00 pm (Miramar Room)

Lunch

2:00 – 5:00 pm (Royal Room)

Panel 4: Legal Formalism

- Marcelo Ferrante - Community Views and Criminal Law Reform
- Marcio Grandchamp - Empirical Defenses of Formalism
- Paulo Mattos and Caio Pereira - Legal Research Crisis in Brazil: Traps and Alternatives to Legal Formalism

Commentator: Roberto Lara

6:30 pm (Hotel Lobby)

Departure for the University of Puerto Rico Law School

7:30 pm (University of Puerto Rico Law School)

Democracy Roundtable “Puerto Rico and Its Constitutional Relationship with the United States”

1. Maurice Ferre, former Mayor of Miami and currently a fellow at Princeton University
2. Noel Colón Martínez, former President of the Puerto Rico Bar Association, once a candidate for Governor for the Puerto Rican Independence Party, and current president of the Puerto Rico Bar Association Special Commission on Constitutional Relations between the United States and Puerto Rico
3. José Roberto Martínez, Executive Director of the Luis Muñoz Marín Foundation

9:00 pm (Ríos Piedras – University of Puerto Rico)

Dinner at the Chancellor’s Residence

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 – 9:00 am (Miramar Room)

Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Royal Room)

Panel 5: Legal Pluralism

- Ximena Fuentes - International Law and Domestic Law: Definitely an Odd Couple

- Roberto Gargarella - Grafts and Rejections: Political Radicalism and Constitutional Transplants in the Americas

- Neus Torbisco - Beyond Unity and Coherence: The Challenge of Legal Pluralism in a Post-national World

Commentator: José Julián Álvarez-González

12:30 pm (Hotel Lobby)

Departure for Farewell Lunch

1:00 – 3 pm

Farewell Luncheon

Restaurant “El Cielito” – Cayey