



Americas Working Group

Fundação Getúlio Vargas, 12th floor, 190 Praia de Botafogo
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AGENDA

Thursday, December 15

9:00-9:10 a.m. *Welcoming Remarks*

Michael Shifter, IAD
Matias Spektor, FGV

9:10-11:00 a.m. *Session 1: Politics*

Chair: Matias Spektor, FGV

Speakers: Leslie Bethell
Carlos Pereira, FGV

What is the Lula legacy? What is the state of Brazilian democracy today? What have been the most important achievements in the first year of President Dilma Rousseff's government? Have there been any surprises? What has her relationship been with the PT? How effective has she been in holding her coalition together? What are the key challenges facing the Rousseff administration in the next year?

11:00-11:15 a.m. *Break*

11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. *Session 2: Economics and Political Economy*

Chair: Oliver Stuenkel, FGV

Speakers: Rubens Cysne, FGV
Carlos Pio, University of Brasilia

What has been the economic policy of the Rousseff administration? What are the principal risks for the Brazilian economy? What measures has the Rousseff government taken to deal with Chinese manufacturing imports? What are the prospects for development of the pré-sal and what might be the implications for Brazil's economy? Has the Rousseff government begun to pursue any pending reforms, such as education? Have there been any interesting developments in social policy in the first year? Is the administration likely to meet its goal of eliminating extreme poverty?

12:45-2:00 p.m. *Lunch*

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. *Session 3: Regional Governance*

Chair: Matias Spektor, FGV

Speakers: Alcides Costa Vaz, University of Brasilia
Rodrigo Pardo, *Semana* Magazine
Donna J. Hrinak, Boeing Brasil

What is Brazil's relationship with regional institutions? What does it want from regional organizations such as Mercosur, UNASUR, CELAC, or the OAS? How does Brazil's regional agenda fit with its global interests and concerns, including the BRICS? Which one takes priority? How do Brazil's relations with the US fit? How has pré-sal transformed Brazil's security considerations vis-à-vis the region?

3:30-3:45 p.m. *Break*

3:45-5:15 p.m. *Session 4: Environment*

Chair: Elena Lazarou, FGV

Speakers: Eduardo Viola, University of Brasilia
Adrian Bonilla, FLACSO

How has the Rousseff administration sought to reconcile its commitment to continued economic development with environmental concerns? What balance has been struck? Does this approach differ from that of the Lula government? What are the implications of the government's environmental policies for its regional and global interests and foreign policy agenda?

Friday, December 16

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. *Session 5: Human Rights*

Chair: Oliver Stuenkel, FGV

Speakers: Nilcea Freire, Ford Foundation
José Miguel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch
Gregory Michener, IBEMEC

Has the Rousseff administration adopted a different posture on human rights questions than the Lula administration? What are the examples of the change and what accounts for it? How far is it likely to go? How should we interpret the creation of a truth commission? To what extent do human rights concerns inform Brazil's foreign policy, both within Latin America and globally? How has the policy evolved with regards to the UN Human Rights

Council? How about the Inter-American Human Rights regime? What progress on the new freedom of information laws?

11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. *Break*

11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. *Session 6: Defense and Security*

Chair: Elena Lazarou, FGV

Speakers: Kai Kenkel, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro
 Carlos Basombrio, Capital Humano y Social S.A.

What are the main domestic security challenges facing the Rousseff administration? What have been the most notable responses to date? Is drug-related violence increasing or under control? Are the roles of the Brazilian police and military changing? To what extent are security concerns important for Brazil's regional agenda? What are its chief security interests in South America? How important is the South American Defense Council for Brazil? To what degree is Brazil interested in playing a more active global role on non-proliferation issues?

12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. *Lunch*