

Taxation and Equality in Latin America

May 24, 2011

8:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Fifth Floor Conference Room

Agenda

8:45—9:00 a.m. Welcome

Cynthia J. Arnson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Marcelo Bergman, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina and CIDE, Mexico

9:00—9:40 a.m. Keynote Address

Laura Frigenti, Director of Operations and Strategy for Latin America, The World Bank

9:45—11:15 a.m. Panel I: Poverty, Taxation, and Inequality in Latin America

Progressivity and Regressive Taxation: An Overview

Juan Pablo Jiménez, Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL), Chile

Taxation and Social Justice: Who is Carrying the Burden?

Juan Carlos Gómez Sabaini, former Deputy Secretary for Tax Policy, Argentina

What Has Been Done, What Needs to be Done: An Overview

Alberto Barreix, Principal Fiscal Economist, Inter-American Development Bank

Commentary: *Nora Lustig*, Tulane University

11:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Panel II: The Political Viability of Progressive Tax Reform

Brazil: *Marcus Melo*, Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil

Mexico: *John Scott*, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico

Central America: *Maynor Cabrera*, Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales (ICEFI), Guatemala

Commentary: *Natalia Salazar*, FEDESARROLLO, Colombia

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