

June 30, 2008

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to attend the conference:

"Iran in Latin America: Threat or Axis of Annoyance?" Thursday, July 10, 2008 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this conference is to provide a balanced and dispassionate overview of Iran's relations with Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, put in the context of the foreign policy objectives and strategies of those Latin American nations as well as the strategic objectives of the Iranian government. In addition, we aim to explore what has been alleged about Iranian involvement in the bombings of the Jewish community center (AMIA) and the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Panel I

Farideh Farhi, Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center and Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Hugo Alconada Mon, Washington Correspondent, Diario La Nación, ArgentinaFélix Maradiaga, Senior Researcher, Institute of Strategic Studies and Public Policies (IEEPP),Nicaragua

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Panel II

Elodie Brun, Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris César Montúfar, Professor, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador

Please RSVP, acceptances only, to Adam Stubits, <u>adam.stubits@wilsoncenter.org</u>, or at 202-691-4078. We look forward to your joining us for this important discussion.

Sincerely,

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