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## **Governance and Democratic Politics in Honduras**

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**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Norman García** is Former Honduran Ambassador to the United States. He previously served as Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of Tourism. Ambassador García also was Executive President of the Foundation for Investment and Development of Exports (FIDE), General Manager of Industria Hondureña de Televisión, and Promotion Manager of the National Investment Corp. Ambassador García also held posts as an industrial sector planner and chief of the Industrial Programming Department at the Council of Economic Planning, trouble shooter for the Zacarías Bendeck Consortium, sales coordinator of machinery and equipment for the Ingersoll-Rand y Allis Chalmer lines, and production manager of the Chemical Specialties Department at Químicas Dinant de C.A. Ambassador García holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from the California State Polytechnic University.

**Craig Kelly** is Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs. Previously, he served as U.S. Ambassador to Chile, Executive Assistant to Secretary of State Colin Powell, Executive Assistant to Thomas Pickering, and Election Observer for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ambassador Kelly also worked in the Western Hemisphere and European Bureaus as well as the National Security Council. He has served in various overseas posts, including Bogotá, Rome, and Paris. Ambassador Kelly speaks Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and he was a Fulbright Scholar in Italy. He holds a Ph.D. from UCLA and has studied at Stanford University, the École Nationale d'Administracion in Paris, and the National War College in Washington.

**José Raúl Perales** is Senior Associate at the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center. He has served as Trade Policy Advisor to the Government of Puerto Rico, representing the Island's interests in free trade agreement negotiations. Perales has published articles and contributed to volumes on regional economic integration, trade policy, and Latin American politics and development. He has been a visiting scholar at the Facultad de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) in Santiago, Chile, Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Buenos Aires, Universidad de la República in Uruguay, and Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. He is an advanced doctoral candidate in political science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, specializing in international political economy and comparative politics.

**Leticia Salomón** is a Honduran sociologist and economist dedicated to the study and research of national defense, security, democratic governance, citizenry, public policies, political system, and violence. She is a research associate at the Centro de Documentación de Honduras where she has published several books on these topics. In addition, she is a professor-researcher at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras where she has been appointed as Director of Scientific Research for the past two years.