

**Crime and Violence in Central America:  
A Human Development Approach**

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Fifth Floor Conference Room

**Speakers' Biographies**

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**Marcela Smutt** is coordinator of the democratic governance program at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in El Salvador, and is a member of the Citizen Security Expert Network of the UNDP for Latin America and the Caribbean. She is also associate researcher at the Latin American Social Sciences Faculty (FLACSO) in El Salvador. Her latest publication is entitled *El Salvador: El camino hacia un nuevo ciclo político: Escenarios de Gobernabilidad 2009 – 2010*, published with the UNDP. She has a B.A. in psychology from the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina, and has completed postgraduate work in both Latin American conflicts at the Center for Latin American Studies of the University of Hamburg and citizen security policies at the Universidad Externado in Colombia.



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**Clare Ribando Seelke** is a specialist in Latin American Affairs at the Congressional Research Service, the research arm of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. She came to CRS as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) and completed rotations with the State Department in the Dominican Republic and with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington D.C. as part of her PMF fellowship. She covers Mexico, El Salvador, Bolivia, and Brazil, as well as a number of cross-cutting issues such as gangs, the Merida Initiative, and trafficking in persons. Ms. Seelke holds a Master of Public Affairs and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.

**María Victoria Duque** has been a consultant on issues of armed conflict and peace negotiations. She is deputy director of the magazine *RazónPública.com*, and is a frequent columnist in newspapers and printed press. She has been manager for the UNDP's *Human Development Report (HDR)* for Colombia (*El conflicto: callejón con salida*), for the *HDR* for Bogotá (*Una apuesta por Colombia*), and for the *HDR* for Central America (*Abriendo Espacios a la Seguridad Ciudadana y al Desarrollo Humano*). Duque is a business manager who completed studies in law, management, human development, and human rights.