



January 8, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is pleased to invite you for a discussion of:

**CHILE'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS:
A REPORT FROM THE FIELD**

Featuring

**PATRICIO NAVIA
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

**Thursday, January 21, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
5th floor conference room

Chile's hotly-contested presidential election will culminate in a run-off held on January 17, 2010. For the first time since the restoration of democracy in the early 1990s, the candidate of the center-left *Concertación* coalition is behind in the polls. Conservative candidate Sebastián Piñera of the *Alianza por Chile* won approximately 44 percent of the votes in the first round of voting on December 13, 2009, followed by former President Eduardo Frei of the *Concertación* with about 30 percent. Dissident candidate Marco Enríquez-Ominami of the Socialist Party, who won approximately 20 percent in the first round, has thus far refused to endorse either candidate.

Patricio Navia is founding director of the Observatorio Electoral at Chile's Universidad Diego Portales and author of *El discolo. Conversaciones con Marco Enríquez-Ominami* (2009). He will interpret the final election results and what they portend for Chile and the region.

We hope you can join us for this important discussion. Please RSVP, acceptances only, to lap@wilsoncenter.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cynthia J. Arnson'.

Cynthia J. Arnson
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