



## **From Corruption Scandals to Reform: The Work of Chile's Anti-Corruption Commission**

Wednesday, September 7, 2016  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Woodrow Wilson Center  
*5th Floor Conference Room*

### ***Speaker Biographies***

**Eduardo Engel** is President of Espacio Público, a leading Chilean think tank, and professor of Economics at the University of Chile. In 2015, he presided over President Michelle Bachelet's Presidential Advisory Council on Conflict of Interest, Influence-Peddling, and Corruption.

Dr. Engel is president of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and has served as a consultant to various governments and multilateral institutions, including the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Investment Bank, International Monetary Fund, and Development Bank of Latin America (CAF). He formerly served as president of the Fiscal Advisory Council of the Government of Chile. Dr. Engel has published extensively on issues related to macroeconomics, public finance, and regulation. He is co-author (with Ronald Fischer and Alexander Galetovic) of *The Economics of Public-Private Partnerships: A Basic Guide* (Cambridge, 2014). From 2001 to 2012, he served as professor of Economics at Yale, where he was selected as the department's Professor of the Year on multiple occasions. In 2002, he was co-recipient (with Ricardo Caballero) of the Frisch Medal from the Econometric Society. Dr. Engel holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Chile, a Ph.D. in Statistics from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### ***Commentator***

**Alejandro Ponce** is Chief Research Officer of the World Justice Project (WJP). He joined the WJP as Senior Economist and is one of the original designers and a lead author of the WJP Rule of Law Index. Earlier in his career, he worked as a researcher at Yale University and as an economist at the World Bank and the Mexican Banking and Securities Commission. Dr. Ponce has conducted research and published in the areas of behavioral economics, financial inclusion, justice indicators, and the rule of law. He holds a B.A. in Economics from ITAM, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University.

## ***Moderator***

**Cynthia Arnson** is Director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is a widely-recognized expert on Latin American politics and international relations, including U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere. She is co-editor (with Carlos de la Torre) of *Latin American Populism of the Twenty-First Century* (Johns Hopkins, 2013), and editor of *In the Wake of War: Democratization and Internal Armed Conflict in Latin America* (Stanford, 2012), among other publications. Dr. Arnson is a member of the editorial advisory board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, as well as of the Social Science Research Council's Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES), and Human Rights Watch/Americas, where she served as Associate Director from 1990 to 1994. As a foreign policy aide in the House of Representatives during the Carter and Reagan administrations, she participated in the national debates over U.S. policy and human rights in Central and South America. Dr. Arnson holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.