



Transitional Justice in Colombia's Post-Accord Context

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Speaker Biographies

Manuel José Cepeda Espinosa is a distinguished jurist who served as a judge on Colombia's Constitutional Court from 2001 to 2009 and as President of the Constitutional Court in 2005. He is a member of the Working Group of Justice for the Colombian Peace Process. He is also a counselor for the Government of Colombia in the international dispute between Colombia and Nicaragua before the International Court of Justice. Currently, Cepeda is president of the International Association of Constitutional Law, a forum for the study, understanding, and development of constitutional law worldwide. He played an important public role as presidential adviser during the administrations of Presidents César Gaviria and Virgilio Barco. Between 1995 and 1996, Cepeda served as Ambassador of Colombia to the Swiss Confederation and from 1993 to 1995 as Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the UNESCO. Cepeda holds a B.A. in Social Sciences from Georgetown University and a degree in Law from the Universidad de los Andes; he completed his Master in Law at Harvard 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, conflict resolution, and international relations, including U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere. In 1995 she founded the Latin American Program's Project on Comparative Peace Process. She is the editor of *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America* (Stanford, 1998), now in its third printing, and editor of *In the Wake of War: Democratization and Internal Armed Conflict in Latin America* (Stanford, 2012), among other publications. 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, and the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES). She was Associate Director of Human Rights Watch/Americas 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. 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.