



The Social Progress Index in Latin America

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Speakers

Michael Green is Chief Executive Officer of the Social Progress Imperative. An economist by training, he is co-author (with Matthew Bishop of ‘The Economist’) of *Philanthrocapitalism: How Giving Can Save the World* and *The Road from Ruin: A New Capitalism for a Big Society*. Previously Michael served as a senior official in the U.K. Government’s Department for International Development, where he managed British aid programs to Russia and Ukraine and headed the communications department. He taught Economics at Warsaw University in Poland in the early 1990s. His TED Talks have been viewed more than two million times, and his 2014 Talk was chosen by the TED organization as one of the ‘most powerful ideas’ of 2014 and by *The Telegraph* as one of the 10 best ever. In 2016, he was named one of “The 100 Most Connected Men in Britain” by *GQ Magazine* and one of the *NonProfit Times*’s “Power & Influence Top 50.”

Roberto Artavia Loría is Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors Social Progress Imperative. He is President of VIVA Trust, an organization that combines strategic investments in productive endeavors, particularly in forestry and fair trade, with philanthropic activities, focused mainly on the promotion of leadership, innovation and the formation of civil society networks in Latin America. He is also President of Fundación Latinoamérica Posible, which promotes corporate social responsibility and sustainable development in Latin America. Dr. Artavia founded INCAE Business School’s Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development (CLACDS) where he worked extensively with the World Economic Forum to promote, deploy and position its indices – particularly the Global Competitiveness Report – in Latin America. He holds a doctoral degree in business from Harvard University.

Panelists

Victor Umaña is Director of the Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development (CLACDS) at INCAE Business School, and Regional Director for the Social Progress Index in Mesoamerica. A PhD candidate in International Political Economy at ETH Zurich, his main research interests are policy coherence for sustainable development and the political economy of trade agreements. He has worked as trade policy specialist at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture and trade negotiator at the Costa Rica Mission to the WTO in Geneva. Guest lecturer at several universities, including ETH Zurich, University of Zurich, University of Bern, and CATIE.

Mayra Buvinic is a Senior Fellow both with the United Nations Foundation and the Center for Global Development. Prior to joining UNF and CGD, she was Director for Gender and Development at the World Bank. She also worked at the Inter-American Development Bank where she headed the Social Development Division and was Special Advisor on Violence Prevention, and was founding member and President of the International Center for Research on Women in Washington, D.C. She has a PhD in Social Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Moderator

Eric L. Olson is the Associate Director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. His research and writing has focused on security issues and the impacts of crime, organized crime, and violence on democracies. He has also written about reform of police and judicial institutions as a vehicle for addressing the problem of expanding crime in the Americas. Among his most recent publications are, *“Crime and Violence in Central America’s Northern Triangle: How U.S. Policy is Helping, Hurting, and can be Improved.”* Prior to joining the Wilson Center he was a Senior Specialist in the Department for Promotion of Good Governance at the Organization of American States from 2006–2007. He served as Advocacy Director for the Americas at Amnesty International USA from 2002–2006. Prior to Amnesty, he was the Senior Associate for Mexico, and Economic Policy at the Washington Office on Latin America for eight years. He worked at Augsburg College’s Center for Global Education in Cuernavaca, Mexico from 1989–1993 where he was the program director. From 1986 to 1988, he worked in Honduras as a development specialist for several local non-governmental organizations. He has an M.A. in International Affairs from the School of International Service at American University, Washington, D.C.