

Extreme Events in Central America: Reducing Risk, Enhancing Resilience

Thursday, February 25, 2021

9:00 am – 4:45 pm EST

Online via Zoom

OPENING WORDS OF WELCOME (9:00-9:10 am)

Dr. John F. Stack, Jr., Founding Dean, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University (FIU)

Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg, President, Florida International University (FIU)

SESSION ONE: “Central American Vulnerabilities: A Systemic Assessment” (9:10 am-10:40 am)

Panelists:

Dr. Jorge Vargas Cullell, Director, State of the Nation Program, Costa Rica

Dr. Gabriela Hoberman, Assistant Director of Research, Extreme Events Institute, FIU

Mr. Lenarth Ferrari, Director FIPADEH, Coordinator MOCAPH, Honduras

Moderator:

Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, Assistant Professor, Earth and Environment, FIU

**Simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided for Session One.*

SESSION TWO: “Enhancing Resilience to Extreme Events in Central America” (11:00-12:30 pm)

Panelists:

Dr. Sergio Lacambra, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank

Dr. Juan Pablo Sarmiento, Associate Director of Research, Extreme Events Institute, FIU

Ms. Tania Guillén Bolaños, Research Assistant, Climate Service Center, Germany

Moderator:

Dr. David Bray, Professor, Earth and Environment, FIU

**Simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided for Session Two.*

SESSION THREE: “The Social and Political Sequels of Environmental Vulnerabilities” (2:00 pm-3:30 pm)

Panelists:

Dr. Jose Miguel Cruz, Director of Research, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU

Mr. Eric Olson, Director of Policy in DC, Seattle International Foundation

Mr. Randy Pestana, Assistant Director, Jack. D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy, FIU

Moderator:

Dr. Jose Miguel Cruz, Director of Research, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU

SESSION FOUR: CONCLUSIONS. “The Role of Extra-Regional Partners” (3:45-4:45pm)

Ms. Saskia Carusi, External Relations Officer, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Ambassador Donna Hrinak, FIU Board of Trustees

Hon. Luis Guillermo Solís, Interim Director, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU

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