



Second Democracy Conference

“Consolidating and Strengthening Democratic Institutions in a Time of Crisis and Conflict”

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Agenda* Overview

Wednesday February 25th

07:30pm - 09:00pm Welcome Cocktail – Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel
Bayview Ballroom

Thursday February 26th

07:30am – 12:00pm Conference Registration
Dodge Island

09:00am – 09:30am Welcome Remarks
Salon E -Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Director, Institute for Public Management and Community Service-
FIU

09:30am – 12:00pm **Consolidating and Strengthening Democratic Institutions: Perspectives and Experiences**
Salon E -Hon. Juan Manuel Galán Pachón, Senator, Colombia
-Hon. Luis Alberto Wagner, Senator, Paraguay
-Hon. Erik Fresen, Member House of Representatives, State of Florida
-Hon. Giorgi Bliznashki, Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria, former member of the
Bulgarian and European Parliaments
-Mr. Victor D’Aza, Executive Secretary, Dominican Federation of Municipalities
MODERATOR: Dr. Allan Rosenbaum

12:00pm – 02:00pm *Lunch*
Salon F

02:00pm – 03:30pm **Colombia, Mexico, and Venezuela: What does the Future Hold?**
Salon E
-Mr. José Alberto Zambrano, Secretary for International Affairs, COPEI, Venezuela
-Hon. Luigi Boria, Mayor of Doral, Florida
-Mr. Sergio Arredondo, Executive Director, FENAMM, Mexico
-Mr. Cristhian Mancera Mejia, Journalist, Diario de las Americas
MODERATOR: - Mr. Eucario Bermúdez, Colombian Journalist, Caracol 1260

03:30pm – 03:45pm *Coffee break*

03:45pm – 05:00pm **USA and Latin America: Integration, Immigration, and Security: A Shared Partnership?**
Salon E
-Hon. Ramón Romero Roa, House of Representatives, Paraguay
-Dr. Frank Mora, Director, Latin American and Caribbean Center at FIU
-Mrs. Rosa María Payá- Human Rights Defender, Cuba
MODERATOR: Mrs. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta

Friday February 27th

08:00am – 10:00am Conference Registration
Dodge Island

09:30am – 12:00pm **The Future of the US and Latin American Relations: A New Phase?**
Salon E
-Hon. Juan Carlos Eguren Neuenschwander, Senator, Perú
-Mr. Oscar Garcia Luengo, Director for the School of Local Government, UIM
-Mr. José Luis Guevara Muñoz, Director, Municipal Development Institute, Hidalgo, Mexico
-Mr. David Rivera, FIU PhD Student and former member US House of Representatives
-Mr. Daniel Cravacuore, Director, Masters in Local Government at Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Argentina
-Mr. Victor Flecha, President, COPLANEA, Paraguay
MODERATOR: Dr. Allan Rosenbaum

12:00pm Certificates of participation