



III Seminar on the United States, the State of Florida  
and Miami Dade County for Latin American Young Leaders

**General Objectives**

- Review and presentation about the federal system of government and the tradition of political thought in the United States.
- Presentation on the structure of government in the State of Florida and Miami-Dade county.
- Brief review and presentation on the importance of citizen participation and the definition of public policy.

Agenda\*

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Sofitel Hotel – Paris Conference Room

**Morning:**

9:00am - 1:00pm

- Welcome Remarks
  - Overview of Government in the United States, the state of Florida, and Miami-Dade County
  - Overview of American Political Thought
  - Conversation over relevant public policies
- Dr. Allan Rosenbaum**, Director, Institute of Public Management and Community Services, Florida International University (FIU)  
**Dr. Terry Murphy**, Principal Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Miami-Dade  
**Mr. David Rivera**, Former United States Congressman, U.S. Congress, Former State Legislator, Florida State Legislature  
**Mrs. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta**, Deputy Director, Institute of Public Management and Community Services, Florida International University (FIU)  
**Other Members of the Institute of Public Management and Community Services**

*Coffee break provided*

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Lunch – Sofitel Hotel

2:15pm

Meet in the lobby of Sofitel Hotel and leave to FIU

**Afternoon:**

Visit to Florida International University (FIU)



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- 3:00pm – 4:30pm Meeting with FIU Faculty and PhD Students and discussion regarding Higher Education in the State of Florida and related issues
- 4:30pm – 5:00pm Tour of Campus  
Return to Sofitel Hotel
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm Reception at the home of **Dr. Allan and Judy Rosenbaum**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Morning:**

- 9:30am Pick up at Hotel and travel to Miami Dade County Government Building  
Introduction to Miami Dade County Government

*Presentation about citizen initiatives to improve transportation in cooperation with the government of Miami-Dade county & visit transportation facilities.*

**Charles Scurr**, Executive Director of Citizens Independent Transportation Trust

- 10:30am Stephen P. Clark Center- Presentation about urban transport projects
- 11:00am Tour of MDT Central Control Building (Note: This area is restricted and requires us to arrive and tours as a group)
- 11:30am Guided tour of the Center of Miami on board of Miami Metromover
- 11:30am – 1:30pm Lunch at Leisure – Bayside, Downtown Miami

**Afternoon:**

*Visit the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources with the objective of analyzing the role of local government in the promotion of economic development, given the geographic position of Miami-Dade County, in relation to Latin America and the rest of the world.*

**Adam Peters**, Specialist in development of trade

- 2:00pm – 3:15pm Presentation- Unit of Economic Development and International Trade

*Visit the Port of Miami-Dade County and view a presentation on the importance of the port for the economy of the State of Florida, and the role of the port in international trade.*

**Mr. Richard de Villiers** – Deputy Director, Port of Miami-Dade County

**Mr. Juan Kuryla** – Director Designate, Port of Miami

- 3:45pm-5:00 pm Presentation on the role of ports as agents of economic development
- 5:00pm Return to Sofitel Hotel



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**Visit the State capital of Florida: Tallahassee**

- *An in depth look at the function of the Florida State Legislature in the development of public policies.*
- *Visit and observe the functions of distinct commissions.*
- *Planned informative meetings with state legislators.*
- *Informational meetings with lobbyists to understand their role in designing and implementing public policy.*

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Morning:**

7:00am Pick up at Sofitel Hotel and head to Miami International Airport

**“Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee”**

*Informally observe the manner in which the political authorities of Miami-Dade County seek to manage favorable policies towards the interests of the County.*

- *Planned visits to social events sponsored by the Miami-Dade County government and interest groups.*
- *Participation in these events by political authorities of Miami-Dade county including the Mayor, **Carlos Giménez** and members of the Board of Commissioner, as well as political authorities from the State of Florida, including **Governor Rick Scott** and members of his cabinet.*

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- Presentation on the State Government of Florida
- Presentation on the structure and procedures of the Legislature of the State of Florida
- Meetings with State Legislators
- Visit to the Florida State Legislature

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Morning:** Travel to Miami

Free Afternoon

*\*Agenda subject to change*