Thursday, May 20

8:30 – 9:00 am  
Welcome / Continental Breakfast  
Introduction and Overview

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Root Room  
2nd Floor

9:00 – 11:00 am  
COLOMBIA: What to Expect for Elections and Beyond?

- What are the likely results of the presidential elections? Should a runoff occur, who will win and what will the deciding factors be? What have been the most important differences between Santos and Mockus in the campaign? What influence has the “Chávez factor” had throughout the campaign? What are the main economic, social, and foreign policy challenges facing the next administration? Which parts of Uribe’s agenda will the next president look to continue, and what new initiatives can be expected? What is next for Uribe, and what will his legacy be in Colombia?

- What is the current status of Colombia’s relations with Latin America? With Venezuela? What are the next steps for rapprochement with Ecuador following the meeting between Uribe and Correa in Mexico? How has the relationship between the US and Colombia evolved since the beginning of Obama’s term? Is this relationship likely to change with a new Colombian government in place?

- Ten years after the beginning of Plan Colombia, what have been its successes and failures? Are security advances made under “Democratic Security” being compromised by increasing violence? To what extent have there been costs on the human rights situation and the rule of law? To what extent do recent attacks suggest that the FARC is maintaining strength and capabilities? What is the extent of the FARC’s international connections? Are they growing?
11:00am – 11:30pm  Break

11:30 – 1:00 pm  BOLIVIA: How Will Morales and the MAS Use Their Majority?
• What have been the main issues on Morales’ agenda following his reelection? Do the election results show Morales making inroads in the media luna region? Will the shifting of Morales’ cabinet affect the implementation of his policy priorities? How did the outcome of the April regional elections affect Morales’ overall agenda? What goals will the MAS try to accomplish with its majority in the Legislative Assembly? How will the opposition look to challenge the MAS agenda, and who are emerging as effective opposition leaders? How polarized is the relationship between Morales and his political opposition? What is the significance of recent labor unrest and troubles with unions? Is this likely to continue?
• How aggressively will Morales pursue land reform programs in the Santa Cruz and Beni regions? What are the main sources of conflict surrounding proposals for increased departmental and regional autonomy? How will judicial autonomy in Bolivia change following the passing of the Ley Corta? What do the recent nationalizations of power companies indicate about the Morales administration’s plans for service providers in Bolivia? How is Bolivia’s economy being managed, and what is the outlook for foreign investment? Is the Morales administration progressing in creating infrastructure for lithium extraction?
• What is driving Morales’ international agenda, and how influential has he been on global issues such as climate change? What are the most critical regional issues for the Morales administration? What steps can governments in countries like the US and Peru pursue to foster improved bilateral relations? Are relations between the U.S. and Bolivia likely to improve? What are the prospects for relations with Chile under the Piñera administration? What is the state of relations with Brazil? Are relations with Venezuela deepening? If so, in what ways? Have relations with Russia advanced into a working partnership since a 2009 accord between the two countries?

1:00 – 3:00pm  Lunch: A Conversation with José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States

3:30 – 4:00pm  Break

4:00 – 5:30pm  ECUADOR: Where is the Correa Administration Headed?
• Does Correa have a clear governing style and agenda? What results can be expected following Correa’s recent cabinet reshuffling? How serious are divisions within Alianza País and/or Correa’s political base? What are the current goals of the political opposition? What is the nature and significance of clashes between Correa and the Ecuadorian media?
• What have been the main successes of the Ecuadorian economy in the past six months? What are its chief vulnerabilities? How influential have Correa’s social policies been, and to what extent do they help provide for his political support? What will be the outcome of protests against the proposed new law for regulating
water resources? Will this or other issues threaten Correa’s indigenous support? More generally, how has the Correa administration sought to manage relations with indigenous groups following the extended protests of 2009? What will be the impact of Correa’s recent attempts at legislation making it easier to nationalize oil companies?

- What are the Correa administration’s main foreign policy goals? How has Correa used his position in UNASUR to advance such goals? To what extent have relations improved with Colombia, and what impact will a new Colombian government have on rapprochement between the two countries? How effective has the Correa administration been in dealing with organized crime and the FARC within Ecuador? What are the principal items on the US-Ecuador agenda? To what extent are Iran’s connections with Ecuador a problem in this bilateral relationship?

7:30pm

**Andean Working Group Dinner**

Oyamel
401 7th St NW
Washington, D.C.

Friday, May 21

9:00 – 11:00am

**VENEZUELA: Can Chávez Overcome Mounting Tests?**

- What are Chávez’s political objectives in advance of the September elections? What do the most reliable polls reveal about his level of support? What trends and issues will be especially emphasized by both Chávez and the opposition? Will the PSUV maintain a two-thirds majority in the National Assembly? What is the current strategy of the national opposition? To what degree are they likely to be unified? What are the main splits? How likely are protests or unrest in the lead-up to the elections? What role is social media playing in political organizing in Venezuela?

- How is the Chávez administration addressing high crime rates? What are the most likely directions for Venezuela’s economic policy in 2010? Will there be any major economic change due to the new two-tiered exchange rate set by Chávez in January? What is the outlook for inflation? Are any changes in oil production levels expected, and what are the fiscal implications of those trends? Are more bank nationalizations and clashes with the “bolibourgeoisie” likely? Will recent anger over energy rationing and blackouts lead to a diversified energy policy?

- How successful has Chávez recently been in pursuing his regional and global agendas? Has ALBA’s role changed? How has the relationship between Venezuela and Cuba evolved? What is driving the alliance between Venezuela and Iran? To what extent are the stated joint plans for uranium mining and atomic energy collaboration feasible? How accurate is the Pentagon’s claim that Iran’s Revolutionary Guards Corp is building an operational presence in Venezuela? What will be the impact of bilateral deals with Russia and China? Will the prospects for better relations between Venezuela and Colombia be realized under a new Colombian administration? Is it reasonable to expect any change in relations
with the Obama administration in the coming year?

11:00 – 11:30am

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**PERU: Are Economic Success and Political Uncertainty Sustainable?**

- What are Garcia’s goals for the final year of his presidency? How much political capital does the Garcia administration have? To what extent have corruption cases affected the image and standing of the Garcia administration? What will be the most important issues for the 2011 presidential campaign? Which candidates are most likely to be successful and why? What are the prospects for a “political outsider” to challenge the established candidates? How serious is the persistent weakness of political parties in Peru? What accounts for the widespread public distrust of government institutions and politicians?

- Do the strikes and protests by mine workers indicate greater levels of social unrest? Are these likely to continue, and with what consequences? To what degree did last June’s Bagua incident change the Garcia administration’s approach to indigenous groups? How influential are recent protests against Peru’s exportation of natural gas in the face of diminished domestic supply? What does recently documented Shining Path activity in Ayacucho say about the current strength and activities of the group?

- What factors account for Peru’s continued economic growth? How will trade liberalization deals with the European Union and China impact the economy? How effectively is the Garcia administration dealing with the drug problem? What is the current state of relations with Brazil and the United States? Which other countries in the region is Peru looking to collaborate with? What are the prospects for a Peruvian-sponsored resolution against weapons proliferation in the region? Will this topic be discussed at the upcoming OAS General Assembly meeting in Lima?

1:00 – 3:00pm

**Lunch and Wrap-Up: Regional, Cross-Cutting and Pending Issues**

*Regional themes across the Andean countries and their political implications:*

- What will be the contributions of the Andean countries to the new hemispheric organization proposed at the Rio Group summit in Mexico? What are the implications of the developing relations amongst Andean countries with Russia, China, and Iran? How has Brazil’s assertive foreign policy agenda impacted relations with the Andean countries?

- With reports of spreading drug trafficking throughout Central and South America, what have been the responses of the Andean countries? Is there any concerted push for a reevaluation for regional attitudes and/or policy towards drugs?

- What are the main issues and conflicts to be expected at the June General Assembly meeting of the OAS in Lima?