The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR) is proud to announce a one-day symposium, open to the public, on the Representativeness and Effectiveness of Latin American Institutions and Democracies. Join 12 scholars from different countries and disciplines (political science, sociology and law) as they examine institutions in the region - how do these variables work in congress, judicial institutions and civil society? Are some more important when building a strong democracy? What are their relationships?

**REPRESENTATIVENESS & EFFECTIVENESS**

**- IN CONGRESS -**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Eduardo Alemán, University of Houston
Reflections on the Effectiveness and Representativeness of the Chilean Congress

María Amparo Casar, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, A.C. México
Representation and Decision Making in the Mexican Congress

Mark Jones, Rice University
Peronism and the Functioning of the Argentine Congress

Moira MacKinnon, Tulane University
Congress in Action: Representativeness and Effectiveness in Chile and Argentina 1900-1930

Lucio Renno, Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil
Reelection and Legislative Power: Surprising Results from Brazil

**- IN JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS -**

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Javier Couso, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile
The Role of Chile’s Constitutional Court in the Consolidation of Democracy (1990-2010)

Matt Ingram, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Ideational Origins of Judicial Strength: Progressive Court Building in the Brazilian States of Acre, Rio Grande do Sul, and Maranhão

Julio Ríos, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, A.C. México
Effectiveness and Representativeness of Judicial Institutions in Mexico’s Transition to Democracy

Daniel A. Sabsay, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
Judiciary and Democracy in Argentina and other Latin American Countries

**- IN CIVIL SOCIETY -**

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Evelina Dagnino, University of Campinas, Brazil
Meanings and Challenges of ‘Representativeness’ in Brazilian Civil Society

Gonzalo de la Maza, Universidad de los Lagos, Chile
Democratic Institutions and Political Effectiveness of Post 90s Chilean Civil Society

Alberto J. Olvera, Universidad Veracruzana, México
Deficits of Representation and Lack of Effectiveness in Mexican Civil Society: the Historical Causes

Enrique Peruzzotti, Universidad Di Tella, Argentina
Civil Society and Democratic Representation

**CLOSING REMARKS**

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

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