

LAPEG

Latin American Political
Economy and Globalization



Launching of the new Latin American Political Economy and Globalization Program

The Center for the Advancement of the Rule of Law in the Americas (CAROLA) and the Centro de Derecho, Regulación y Economía Sustentable (CEDRES) have launched the new program **Latin American Political Economy and Globalization (LAPEG)**. LAPEG will serve as an incubator for imagining alternative models of globalization in the post-neoliberal world, bringing the voice of Latin America into discussions on climate change and the future of international trade, foreign investment, and labor. The program will promote a network of scholars, policymakers and other stakeholders working on innovative approaches to international trade and investment in Latin America.

One of LAPEG's central objectives is to bridge the gap between similar conversations happening in the United States, Europe, and the Global South. At the same time, LAPEG aims to coordinate experiences and actions among the Global South. The ultimate goal is a fairer and more inclusive global economy that will benefit developing countries.

"Progressive administrations in various Latin American countries open space for advancing economic development policies," notes Alvaro Santos, CAROLA's Director and LAPEG Co-principal Investigator. *"A risk, however, is returning to an old developmental state model characterized by authoritarian forms of governance, gender biases, and a serious blind spot for environmental impact and climate sustainability more broadly. LAPEG will seek to foster new thinking and practice to help shift the region into a new sustainable and inclusive paradigm."*

"LAPEG will rely on past and present regional experiences to foster new thinking and practice in international economic law," adds Nicolás M. Perrone, CEDRES's Director and LAPEG Co-principal Investigator. *"The program will contribute to creating the conditions of possibility for bringing a new sustainable development vision involving states, market actors, workers and local communities."*

In its first year, LAPEG will produce a concept paper on new ideas in international economic law and policy for promoting Latin America's sustainable and inclusive development. LAPEG will organize conferences and research workshops and support young Latin American scholars through a Research Associates Program.

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