



EU – LACC Workshop
Environment:
Collective Challenges of Latin America and the
Caribbean
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Santiago, Chile



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1. Workshop information and agenda

1.1. Workshop presentation

Environment: Collective Challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean
An EU – LACC Workshop on the social and environmental challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean

Venue: Hotel Plaza San Francisco
Alameda 816, Santiago, Chile
+56.2 639.3832
www.plazasanfrancisco.cl

Dates: 7th to the 9th of October 2009

Languages: Plenary session in English & Spanish with translation;
Workshop English & Spanish without translation

Participants: Approximately 40 SSH researchers from Europe and Latin America

Workshop information: CONICYT EU Programme website: <http://www.chiep.cl> as well as CORDIS website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html

Workshop introduction

The European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean (LACC) do face the same urgency to find answers to the current lasting environmental and social problems that affects the whole planet. Such challenges clearly demand complex actions, which combine new theories, practices and policies. In other words, the environmental challenges require new types of collective actions, institutional landscapes, and state policies that are, however, hard to define and implement because they entail questioning and changing established practices, and even cultural traditions in the political, economic and legal spheres.

The contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) on these important matters is thus very much needed and this workshop will be the opportunity to gather SSH academics and experts from LACC and the EU countries in order to exchange views on several topics. The workshop is therefore a particular opportunity for the SSH communities to improve their reflexivity about their own role in the current debates about the social and environmental crisis.

Workshop objectives

The aim of the workshop will be three-fold as the workshop will start out by presenting and discussing the research topic that has been drafted specifically for the LACC in the last European Commission 7th Framework Programme SICA-call published in late-July 2009. This topic combines such themes as: a) social and economic uses of environment, b) environment,



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poverty and inequality, c) institutional weaknesses and the role of the state, and d) collective actions and the role of elites. Second, it will discuss how best to approach these topics methodologically, in order to introduce the participants into the logic of FP7 procedures and working methods. Third, it will bring together social researchers of European and LACC countries with the aim to construct research networks which can apply to the specific FP7 calls on LACC themes.

Workshop methodology

In order to accomplish these aims, the workshop takes place over two and a half days. On the first day, conceptual approaches to the four above-mentioned topics will be presented by EU and LACC experts and discussed during plenary sessions. Taking point of departure in the specific FP7 application procedures and the emphasis of the SICA call, working groups will on the 2nd day of the workshop discuss specific questioning, objectives, hypothesis and possible methodologies suitable for specific research issues on the before-mentioned topics. Finally, on the workshop's last day, an open and plenary discussion of results of the previous day will take place, which will be oriented to design an integrative agenda of research issues that should inspire researchers interested in applying to the specific SICA call for the LACC.

Organisers

The European Commission's DG for Research, SSH Unit and European Union programme at CONICYT Chile with the support of the French Regional Representation for Cooperation with the Southern Cone and Brazil.

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1.2. Draft Program

* To be confirmed

Wednesday 7th October 2009
Collective challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean
Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Alameda 816

- 9.00-9.30: Registration
- 9.30-9.45: **Welcome and introduction**
Mrs. Vivian Heyl* (President of CONICYT) or Mrs. María Teresa Ramírez (Head of the Department of International Relations –CONICYT)
- 9.45-10.00: **Contextual introduction ahead of the Madrid Summit in May 2010**
Mr. Jaime Pérez Vidal (Head of Delegation European Commission –Chile).
- 10.00-10.45: **Environmental challenges in Latin America**
Plenary conference
- 10.45 – 11.00: **The scientific cooperation between the EU and LACC**
Angel Landaboso, European Commission, scientific counselor, Brazilia
- 11.00 – 11.30: *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 13.00: **Introduction to 1) FP7 in general terms accounting for the opportunities and 2) the SICA Call and applying to the EC LACC topic: rules and tips for successful networks.**
Dr. Philippe Keraudren (European Commission, DG for Research, SSH)
- 13.00 – 14.30: *Lunch*
- 14.30 – 15.15 **Session I: Social and economic uses of the environment**
Conference by Sebastien Velut (Université Paris III IHEAL)
Moderator: Georgina Sanchez
- 15.15 – 16.00 **Session II: Environment, poverty and inequality**
Conference by
Moderator: Gerado Torres
- 16.00 – 16.30: *Coffee break*
- 16.30 – 17.15: **Session III: Institutional weaknesses and the role of the state**
Conference by Rene Millán (Instituto de Investigación Social UNAM, Mexico)
Moderator: Aldo Mascareño
- 17.15 – 18.00: **Session IV: Collective actions and the role of elites**
Conference by Vicente Espinoza (USACH Chile)
Moderator: Paulo Egler



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20.00 **Dinner**

Thursday 8th October 2009
Workshops
 Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Alameda 816

9.00 – 12.30: **Project Workshops – Part I (parallel sessions)**

- Presentation round and research areas (max. 5 min. per participants)
- Resume of research area in order to define and emerge research themes (moderator)
- Research problem
- Objectives

<u>Workshop I:</u>	<u>Workshop II:</u>	<u>Workshop III:</u>	<u>Workshop IV:</u>
Social and economic uses of the environment	Poverty and inequality	Institutional weaknesses and the role of the state	Collective actions and the role of elites
<i>Workshop leader:</i> Laurent Bonneau*	<i>Workshop leader:</i> Georgina Sanchez	<i>Workshop leader:</i> Aldo Mascareño	<i>Workshop leader:</i>

14.30 – 17.00: **Project Workshops – Part II**

- Hypothesis
- Methodology
- Preliminary conclusions

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Friday 9th October 2009 Conclusions of workshop – Networking Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Alameda 816

- 9.00 – 10.30: **Debriefings of results of workshop** by workshop leaders
- 10.30 -11.30: **Project café:** The aim is to offer a space for the participants to network and discuss the outcomes of the workshops as to enhance the creation of project consortiums for the specific SICA call.
- 11.30 - 12.15: **Evaluation and conclusions**
Dr. Philippe Keraudren (European Commission, DG for Research, SSH)
- 12.15 - 12.30: **Summary and closure of the workshop**
Mrs. Astrid Waltermann (Coordinador of the European Union Programme at CONICYT, Chile)
- 12.30: *Goodbye Lunch*

1.3. Text of the European Call (extract)

SSH.2010.4.1-2 Collective challenges for Latin American and Caribbean Countries

This topic stems from the observation that the Latin American and Caribbean countries (LACC) face geopolitical challenges that could be better understood and tackled more successfully at regional level because they concern all countries. The objective is thus to enable research on some specific issues that are common to several or all LACC and that should be met more effectively by them collectively rather than individually.

In order to meet this objective, the research should be interdisciplinary, including the humanities, use foresight methodologies whenever necessary, consider a multi-stakeholder approach with other governmental and civil society actors involved in these issues, use comparisons with Europe whenever relevant, and develop innovative conceptual and policy models that will improve the cooperation between social science/humanities and policy communities within LACC and with Europe.

The research should address the following:

- LACC still has high rates of poverty and need in particular to develop agricultural/rural systems that are productive enough, but that are also respectful of social diversity, cultural traditions and of environmental wealth. The objective is therefore to understand the social and economic uses



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of the environment and therefore invent new models of agricultural and rural systems which help fight poverty but also take into account, at least, the quality of life of various populations, biodiversity (including the issue of intellectual property rights) and the sustainable use of local resources for the future of LACC.

- LACC still has institutional weaknesses that affect the quality of State services and thus prevents an effective action against inequalities, in domains such as health, education, agriculture and food, housing and security for instance, which in turn may threaten the democratic functioning of the State.

The objective is therefore to assess the role, visions, commitments and interdependencies of LACC political, economic and social elites in the institutional development of the State or local government such as towns, cities or regions and their administration, and propose new approaches on power, collective actions, institutions, elites and the State. The research should include a strong dissemination of its results towards social sciences and humanities research communities and policymakers in LACC, Europe and the United States of America.

Funding scheme: Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research projects) for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation.

Minimum conditions apply: a minimum of 7 legal entities. Of these 2 must be established in different MS or AC. The other 5 must be established in Latin American and Caribbean Countries. Of these at least one legal entity must be established in Argentina, one legal entity must be established in Brazil, one legal entity must be established in Chile and one legal entity must be established in Mexico).

Link: ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/wp/cooperation/ssh/h_wp_201001_en.pdf

2. Information for your arrival

2.1. Visa

Citizens of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay can enter Chile using their national ID document.

Citizens of all other countries require a valid passport to enter Chile. A visa is NOT required to enter Chile for a stay of 30-90 days (depending on the country of citizenship), for the following countries:

Germany	Argentina	Iceland	Israel
Australia	Austria	Italy	Japan



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Belgium	Bolivia	Malasia	Morocco
Brazil	Canada	Mexico	Nicaragua
Colombia	Costa Rica	Norway	New Zealand
Croacia	Denmark	Panama	Paraguay
Ecuador	El Salvador	Peru	Poland
Spain	United States	Portugal	United Kingdom
Finland	France	Czech Republic	Dominican Republic
Greece	Guatemala	Singapur	South Africa
The Netherlands	Honduras	Sweden	Switzerland
Hungary	Indonesia	Uruguay	Venezuela

Countries not listed must contact the Chilean consulate for an application to obtain a visa.

Note: All passengers with passports from Australia, Canada, United States and **Mexico** must pay a reciprocity tax before entering Chile: Australia: 61 USD, Canada : 132 USD, United States : 131 USD, Mexico : 23 USD.

2.2. Transport from the airport to the hotel

The European Commission and CONICYT do not arrange the transport from the airport to the hotel, nor will the cost of transportation be reimbursed. The workshop participants are responsible for arranging and covering all local transportation costs themselves.

Santiago International Airport is outside the city and you will need to find transport to the city center upon arrival. In the airport you will find domestic transfer minibus services (transfers), buses to stations in the city center and also taxis.

We recommend you to take the transfer Tur Tranfer or TransVip (around 7 Euros or 10 USD) or an individual taxi (17 Euros or 25 USD). For your own safety, use the official taxi companies offered by Santiago Airport (official taxis, Taxi Vip, Radio Móvil Tur Bus).

For further information visit: <http://www.aeropuertosiatiago.cl/>



2.3. Money / credit card

The monetary currency in Chile is the Chilean peso. At September 22, 2009 the exchange rate was 790 pesos per one Euro and 540 pesos per one USD.

You can exchange money at any established "Casa de Cambio" at market driven exchange rates. They are common in commercial areas (Downtown and Providencia) as well as in Shopping Malls. NEVER change currency on the street.

Using credit cards is easy in Santiago, stores and business establishments will accept Visa, MasterCard, Diners and American Express cards, among others, without any kind of problem.

You can withdraw cash from a *cajero automático* (ATM), widely installed in banks, shopping centers, pharmacies, etc.

Banks open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. "Casas de Cambio" opens from 9 am to 7 pm from Monday to Friday and from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday.

3. Accommodation information

3.1. Hotel

You will be accommodated in the Hotel Plaza San Francisco, where a Standard Room is already booked for you. The workshop will take place in the salons of the hotel.

Hotel Plaza San Francisco

Direction: Alameda 816, Santiago, Chile

Phone Number: +(56-2) 639 3832



Location: Located just a short distance from the heart of Santiago, the Hotel Plaza San Francisco offers unbeatable possibilities of sightseeing well within walking distance of the hotel. Nearby, visitors can find the Government palace as well as some of the most important national monuments. Convention centers and cultural activities are to be found in the vicinity; among these are, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Opera House, Santa Lucia Hill, Government Palace, The Cathedral and many others. There's a short walk between the hotel and the subway, and from there, an even wider variety of cultural and entertainment opportunities become available.

Services: Business center, restaurant, bar, fitness center, tours **etc.**



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For more information: www.plazasanfrancisco.cl

3.2. Accommodation costs

There are three modalities:

1. **Participants invited by the European Commission** will have to pay for their accommodation, but as advertised previously these participants will be reimbursed afterwards by the European Commission. These experts will have to be registered in the EC expert's database in order to be reimbursed. Please, contact the EC in case of doubts.
Eva.Szell@ec.europa.eu or Philippe.Keraudren@ec.europa.eu
2. **For participants** invited either by the French Representation or the ONCYTs: CONICYT will pay directly for the hotel.
3. **For other participants** The experts should cover their own travel and own accommodation.

IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONSULT WITH ANN CAROLINE HANSEN
ahansen@conicyt.cl

The breakfast is included in the hotel room. The European Commission and CONICYT will be hosting the participants with coffee breaks, lunches (7, 8 & 9th of October) and dinners (7 & 8th of October) during the workshop.

4. Other information

4.1. Weather

Santiago, due to its position in the central zone, has a Mediterranean climate with well-defined seasons, which are the reverse of those in the Northern Hemisphere. In general, the climate is mild, and there is a long dry season from September to April.

Rain normally falls between May and September. The rainiest months are June and July, with amounts that exceed 75 mm. It sometimes, rains in the summer, with amounts that do not exceed 3 mm.

Temperatures throughout the year:

- **Spring (September-November) is mild, with temperatures ranging from a maximum of 23°C to a minimum of 6°C.**
- Summer (December-February), is dry and hot with temperatures that can reach over 30°C, but cool down to 12°C at night.



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- Autumn (March-May) temperatures range from a maximum of 22°C to a minimum of 7°C.
- Winter (June-August) mornings are cold, some as low as -2° C, but temperatures rise at midday to about 15°C.

4.2. Security

Chile is not a violent country, and Santiago is -generally speaking- peaceful and calm. However, a few precautions are worth taking to avoid any inconvenience. During your trip, make sure you take the following precautions:

- Do not let yourself be accosted by unknown persons.
- If possible, avoid carrying or wearing jewelry or valuable items on your city excursions, and take only the amount of money you think you will need.
- When you can, avoid walking through deserted areas. Before visiting any place, find out how safe it is.
- In Santiago be on the lookout for pickpockets, who sometimes "ply their trade" on subways and city buses.
- It is a good idea to leave your valuables in the safety deposit box available for the purpose in the hotel or hostelry where you are lodged.

4.3. Energy / electricity

Electric voltage is 220 volts, 50 cycles (220v 50Hz). The use of appliances or electric devices designed for 110V need the use of a transformer. Most travel appliances like notebook computers have an auto volt (110V-240V) transformer that will adapt to Chilean electricity.

4.4. Tips

In Chile there is not a rigid rule about tipping. In general, you tip 10% in restaurants, depending on the attention received. It is not customary to tip taxi drivers, but you may round up the fare for convenience, or when the taxi driver has helped you with the luggage.

4.5. Website directions

- If you need to find a specific address, please visit: www.mapcity.cl
- For more information on the Metro network check: www.metroantiago.cl/portal/contenido.asp
- For information on exchange rates check: www.xe.com/ucc
- For more information on time zones visit: www.timeanddate.com.
- To get more information about the weather in Chile please visit: www.meteochile.cl



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- For detailed information about Chile: www.gochile.cl/Info/Hbook/basicdata.asp
- For touristic information: www.sernatur.cl/internacional/?lang=2