



THE MIAMI CONSORTIUM FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES TO HOST PRESTIGIOUS CONFERENCE ON MARGINALIZATION IN THE AMERICAS+

The Miami Consortium for Latin American and Caribbean Studies is proud to host the upcoming conference *Marginalization in the Americas: A Perspective from the AmericasBarometer*. The Miami Consortium for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, a partnership between the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Miami and the Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University, is a National Resource Center for the study of Latin America and the Caribbean. The upcoming conference highlights the collaborative relationship between the Miami Consortium and the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), a research consortium housed at Vanderbilt University specializing in the development, implementation, and analysis of public opinion surveys.

Marginalization in the Americas: A Perspective from the AmericasBarometer will present analytical findings based on the 2004-2010 rounds of the AmericasBarometer surveys by LAPOP, and will also celebrate the launch of a new round of surveys in 2012. The AmericasBarometer's 2012 round will be collected in 26 countries throughout the Americas, and will focus on the theme of "Marginalization in the Americas." The AmericasBarometer was established in 2004 under the direction of LAPOP and conducts surveys of

democratic values and behaviors in the Americas. The database is now a valuable source of data on citizens' political experiences, social conditions, and democratic attitudes throughout the region and its influence in academic and policy circles continues to grow.

The multidisciplinary conference *Marginalization in the Americas: A Perspective from the AmericasBarometer* will cover some of the most important issues Latin America faces today, including women in politics, ethnoracial discrimination and democratic values throughout the region. A group of leading experts in the field of Latin American politics will present their findings, to be followed by open discussion. Major funding for the conference and the AmericasBarometer comes from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Marginalization in the Americas: A Perspective from the AmericasBarometer is free and open to students, academics as well as business and policy community members. The conference will take place in the Robert and Judy Prokop Newman Alumni Center at the University of Miami on October 28th, from 8:15 to noon. If you would like to attend, RSVP by email to umclas@miami.edu or call 305-284-1854.