A new academic year has started at SAIS and there is much to celebrate while we continue working hard. In 2023 our school turned eighty and it also moved houses. From the giddy heights of 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, we will continue strengthening our activities related to Latin America. Be it through our classroom experience, our speaker series in both semesters, our trips to the region, professional experience through internships, networking events or our socially renowned happy hours, Latin America continues to thrive at SAIS.

We aim to keep growing our community which includes students, alumni, prospective students, staff, faculty, and friends of Latin America, and look forward to continuing to promote in-depth analysis and advanced knowledge toward mutual understanding, cooperation, and lasting friendship.

**Summer 2024 Internships**
- China-LatAm Commerce/Investments - Colombia
- Infrastructure finance - Panama
- Refugee Issues - Colombia
- EdTech - Colombia
- Public Innovation - Brazil
- Sustainability - Chile

*Email (sais.dc.careers@jhu.edu) for more information*

**Academic EVENTS**

**Violence in Ecuador** : Speaker Series
5 September 2023, 12:30-1:30pm

**Alumni Career Panel**
20 September 2023, 1-12 p.m

**Latin American Summer Internship Debrief**
25 September 2023, 12:30-1:30pm

**Political Future of Venezuela - Ambassador James Story**
Speaker Series
3 October 2023, 12:30-1:30 p.m

**Energy and The Environment - Dr. Jennifer Eaglin** : Speaker Series
24 October 2023, 12:30-1:30 p.m

**Latin American Regionalism** : Speaker Series
7 November 2023, 12:30-1:30 p.m

**The Latin America & the Great Power Competition - Daniel Rund** : Speaker Series
9 November 2023, 12:30-1:30 p.m

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**Arturo Sarukhan, Adjunct Lecturer**

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan is the founder and president of Sarukhan + Associates LLC. He is consultant, international strategic advisor, and public speaker based in Washington, D.C. A former Mexican ambassador to the U.S., he's a nonresident senior fellow at The Brookings Institution, and a distinguished visiting scholar at the USC Annenberg School of Public Diplomacy.
Social EVENTS

**Salsa Night**: Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C
17 September 2023, 6 p.m

**Mexican Cultural Institute Tour**
22 September 2023, 4:30 p.m

**Welcome Reception**: Agora, Washington, D.C
3 October 2023, 7:30 p.m

**Spanish Speaking Practice Tables**: Weekly
**Portuguese Speaking Practice Tables**: Weekly

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**Americas Focus Course Offerings**

**Fall 2023**
- Financial Crises and Policy Dilemmas in Emerging Markets and Latin America
- Contemporary Issues of Inter-American Relations
- Security, Conflict and Migration In Latin America
- Drugs, Walls and Ageing Guriellas: Seminar on U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Latin America
- Understanding Latin American Politics
- Urban Economics for the Developing World: Economy, Equity, and Sustainability

**Spring 2024**
- Contemporary and Evolving Policy Changes in Latin America
- China And Latin America
- Energy In The Americas; Conflict, Cooperation and Future Prospects
- Policy Consulting Practicum
- Politics of North American Economic Integration
- Latin America Research Seminar - Study Trip to Colombia
- Public Diplomacy and Public Opinion: Brazil Study Trip

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**Staff Spotlight: Anne McKenzie**

We commemorate Anne's 30 years of selfless service at SAIS. Throughout her career she has touched countless lives with dedication, a warm heart, and contagious smile. She has served as an ambassador for the SAIS community with her endless knowledge of opportunities and SAISers around the world. Anne has connected students, alumni, and faculty the world over by providing academic, career, and social opportunities, with a genuineness and care that is rarely found. As she retires and embarks on her new life, we bid her farewell, wish her god speed. Thank you for making our lives better, you will be missed.

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**Jacqueline Mazza**
**Senior Lecturer**

Dr. Mazza is currently a Senior Adjunct Professor at SAIS Latin American Studies Program. Previously she was Principal Labor Markets Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank. She has taught at SAIS DC for the previous ten years and at SAIS Europe since Spring of 2014. Dr. Mazza has over 30 years of professional experience in labor markets, employment and development.

**Daniel Ramos-Menchelli**
**Assistant Professor**

Daniel Ramos-Menchelli is an Assistant Professor at SAIS. His main areas of research are International Trade, Urban Economics, and Development Economics. Daniel received a PhD in Business Economics from Harvard, as well as a B.A. in Economics and an M.A in Economic Theory from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City.
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Spring 2024 Capstone Course
- Latin America Research Seminar

This capstone is designed to provide students with practical field research experience and will guide students during the semester to develop a strong research in conducting rigorous analysis, and providing actionable recommendations for policy makers. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of Colombia on the specific area of their research, which will be complemented by meetings and interviews in Colombia.

Spring 2024 Capstone Course
- Latin America Research Seminar

SAIS and the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies co-host the premiere day-long annual forum at SAIS bringing together experts from various disciplines to discuss current security challenges affecting Latin America. Each year the forum focuses on different themes. The 2023 forum focused on contemporary evolving threats in the region and the 2022 forum focused on the intersection of gender and security.

The last forum featured
- Ambassador Juan Carlos Pinzon (Colombia)
- Dr. Vanda Felbab- Brown
- Dr. Paul J-Angelo
- Dr. Genevive Conners
- Dr. Randy Pestana
- Dr. Sinisa Vukovic
- Dr. Arturo Sotomayor

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