Human Rights Tribunals in Latin America:
The Fujimori Trial in Comparative Perspective

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8:30 – 9:00
Registration, Coffee and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15
Welcoming remarks by Jo-Marie Burt, George Mason University and John Walsh, WOLA

9:15 – 10:45
Prosecuting a President: The Trial of Alberto Fujimori
Moderator
Cynthia McClintock, George Washington University
Speakers
Ronald Gamarra, Executive Secretary, Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos, and lawyer representing the victims at the Fujimori trial
Gustavo Gorriti, award-winning journalist and author of Shining Path: A History of the Millenarian War in Peru
Jo-Marie Burt, George Mason University, author of Political Violence and the Authoritarian State in Peru: Silencing Civil Society

10:45-11:00
Coffee break

11:00-12:30
Civil Society Efforts to End Impunity: The Peruvian Case
Moderator
Cynthia Arnson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Speakers
Francisco Soberón, Founding Director, Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos
Gisela Ortega, spokesperson of the family members of the victims of the La Cantuta massacre
Viviana Krsticovic, Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)
Peter Kornbluh, National Security Archive, author of The Pinochet File: A Declassified Dossier on Atrocity and Accountability

12:30-1:30
Lunch

1:30-3:00
Human Rights Trials in Latin America
Moderator
Michael Shifter, Inter-American Dialogue
Speakers
Gastón Chillier, Executive Director, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), Argentina
Naomi Roht-Arriaza, University of California Hastings College of the Law, author of The Pinochet Effect: Transnational Justice in the Age of Human Rights
Cath Collins, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile, author of the forthcoming Post-Transitional Justice: Legal Strategies and Human Rights Trials in Chile and El Salvador
Ariela Peralta, Deputy Director, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)

3:00-3:15
Coffee break

3:15-5:00
Implications for U.S. Policy, Global Justice, and Democracy
Moderator
Joy Olson, Washington Office on Latin America
Speakers
Juan Méndez, President, International Center for Transitional Justice, former UN special adviser on the prevention of genocide
Ricardo Gil Lavedra, University of Buenos Aires Law School, former member of the Supreme Court, and member of the tribunal that prosecuted the military junta in 1985
Ernesto de la Jara, Founding Director, Instituto de Defensa Legal, Director, Consorcio Justicia Viva
Eric Schwartz, Executive Director, Connect U.S. Fund, former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs at the National Security Council

5:30-7:00
Reception at WOLA
1666 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 400, Washington DC

Coletta Youngers (Senior Fellow, WOLA) will prepare a rapporteur’s report based on the conference proceedings, which will be published in English and Spanish.

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