

Peruvian Political Crisis: What's next?

Date: Tuesday 17 January, 6:00 pm (UK Time)

Venue: Latin American Centre and Zoom

Link for registration (*):

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Agenda:

Time	Topic	Speaker
6:00 pm	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Brief account of recent events in Peruvian politics</p>	Margareth Velazco
6:10 pm	<p>Overview of the political situation in Perú</p> <p>What are the main causes and the social and political consequences of recent political events in the country?</p>	Denisse Rodriguez Olivari
6:22 am	<p>Peru's political situation from a subnational perspective</p> <p>Polls in Peru have consistently reflected marked differences in President Castillo's approval ratings. Approval levels for his mandate have always been higher, especially in rural areas in the south of the country. Why are these differences taking place and to what extent is this related to the recent protests in predominantly these areas?</p>	Gonzalo Banda
6:34 pm	<p>Peru in the Latin American context</p> <p>The presidents of Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia and Mexico lamented the "antidemocratic harassment" of Castillo, and have not recognized Dina Boluarte as legitimate president of Peru. But neither Brazil nor Chile, leading members of the Latin American left, joined in the condemnation. How can we analyse this scenario in Latin America? What is the Impact that these responses can have in the country and in the region as a whole?</p>	Laurence Whitehead
6:46 pm	<p>Peru's political situation through a historical view</p> <p>What lessons from the history of republican Peru can we draw to better understand recent political events and what possible alternatives they offer to improve the levels of social cohesion in the country.</p>	Natalia Sobrevilla
6:58 pm	<p>Political reforms: what does Peru need to end this loop of political instability?</p> <p>What are the political reforms that need to be implemented to improve the political system in Peru and the quality of the political parties? What of those reforms is realistically possible to implement in the next general elections?</p>	Martin Tanaka
7:10 pm	Questions and answers	
7:25 – 7:30 pm	Wrap up	Margareth Velazco

Panellists:

1. Denisse Rodriguez Olivari:

Denisse Rodriguez Olivari is a Policy Leader Fellow at the European University Institute (Italy). She is currently finishing her doctoral dissertation on the effects of judicialization of grand corruption in the Lava Jato era (Peru and Brazil) at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany). She holds a master's in international development with a specialisation in Politics and Governance from the University of Manchester – Global Development Institute. She also completed a postgraduate certificate from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) while participating in the Hansard Research Scholar Programme. She obtained Bachelor and Licenciatura in Political Science and Government from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP).

2. Gonzalo Banda:

Gonzalo Banda is a political scientist focused on subnational governments and political risk in Latin America. He studied law and have a master's in political science and Government from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, and another master's in public policy from the London School of Economist and Political Science where I he was a Chevening Scholar. He has been a lecturer and researcher in Political Science at the Universidad Católica San Pablo and at the Universidad Católica de Santa María de Arequipa.

He is also a political columnist for the newspapers "El Comercio" from Peru and "El País" from Spain, and many other international agencies.

3. Laurence Whitehead

Laurence Whitehead is a Senior Research Fellow in Politics at Nuffield College, Oxford University, and until 2015 was Senior Fellow of the College. During 2005/6 he served as Acting Warden there. In 2011/2 he served as Senior Proctor of the University. His most recent books are: Latin America: A New Interpretation; Democratization: Theory and Experience. His research Interests include international aspects of democratisation, the relationship between democratisation and economic liberalisation with a focus in Latin America.

4. Natalia Sobrevilla:

Natalia Sobrevilla Perea is a Professor of Latin American History at the University of Kent. She specializes in nineteenth-century nation-building in the Andes and is particularly interested in how understanding the past can contribute to the practice of politics today. Originally from Peru, she completed a degree in History at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, in 1996. That same year she received a Magister in History and Geography from the University of Vienna and in 1997 a M.A. at the Institute of Latin American Studies in London. In 2005 she obtained her PhD in History at the University of London. Professor Natalia Sobrevilla Perea has published on a wide range of issues, from economic to social history, and has a special interest in intellectual history and constitutionalism.

5. Martin Tanaka

Martín Tanaka is Peruvian and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Mexico. He is currently a senior lecturer at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and a senior researcher at the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, of which he was Director General (2005-2007). He has been a postdoctoral Visiting Fellow at the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana (2003 and 2009). Additionally, he has books and book chapters published by the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Routledge, Fundación Pablo Iglesias, Instituto de Estudios Sociales de la UNAM, among others. He is also a weekly columnist for the newspaper El Comercio and a member of the High-Level Commission for Political Reform in Peru.