

Letter from the Chairman

A number of thirty eight speakers took part in the eighteen events organized by CADAL during the first semester 2007, fourteen of these events took place in Buenos Aires and four in Montevideo. Among the assistants to the different events organized by CADAL there were diplomats from European Union, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Finland, Switzerland, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Croatia, Lithuania, Japan, South Korea, Canada, United States, Australia, Colombia, Paraguay, Chile and Peru.

Regarding the publications, ten Documentos were edited: “Constituting Assembly in Bolivia: Genesis, evolution and conflict in change”, by Matías Franchini; “An analysis of the transparency in the detailed Memory of the state of the Argentine Nation, 2006”, by Noel Alonso Murray; “The good welfare state and the uneasiness of Social Europe”, by Mauricio Rojas; “Legislative populism: Congress and public expenditure in Argentina, 2005-2007”, by Gabriel C. Salvia and Adrián Lucardi; “Democratic Governance in Latin America (institutions and leadership)”, by Patricio Navia and Ignacio Walker; “Maquiavelo and Latin American Politics”, by Adrián Lucardi; “Lula and the show of growth: Second Chance”, by Matías Franchini; “International Relations of Cuba 2006”, by Belén Oliveros y Gabriel Salvia; “Latin American legislatures”, by Adrián Lucardi; “Implementing Reform in Serbia: Lessons from Argentina”, by Boris Begovic. The following research reports were also published: “Democracy, Market and Transparency 2006”, by Gabriel Salvia and Hernán Alberro, and “Local Level Journalism and Democracy Indicators in Latin America, Second Semester 2006”, by Fernando Ruiz. Regarding the articles, sixteen of them were published by CADAL’s researchers and ten interviews were made, seven of them were published in two pages in Perfil newspaper. In this respect, beside from the mentioned interviews, during these six months CADAL was mentioned forty four times by printed media outlets from different countries.

Since February, the radio show “Apertura Latinoamericana” has two hours per week, at FM MIX 89.1, having as permanent columnists the journalist Raúl Ferro, Director of Contents Development of Business News Americas, and Gabriel Sánchez Zinny, analyst from Atlas Economic Research Foundation. The last show is available during a week at CADAL’s website.

Lastly, during this period 635 news subscriptions were received from the Internet website, which had the home and institutional page renewed, as well as the English version section.

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Events in Buenos Aires



:: January 10, 2007

CADAL organized in its office in Buenos Aires, the first event of 2007 with a presentation in charge of the journalist Tristán Rodríguez Loredo who gave an “Analysis on the Argentine political economy”. Tristán Rodríguez Loredo, is economist and journalist, and serves as columnist at Perfil newspaper.



:: February 7, 2007

The report “Local Level Journalism and Democracy Indicators in Latin America” was presented at CADAL’s office by Dr. Fernando Ruiz. This report is jointly edited by CADAL, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Communications College at Universidad Austral.



:: February 16, 2007

The journalist Claudio Paolillo offered a presentation entitled “Uruguay: A Second Chile?”, at a private meeting at CADAL’s headquarter. Paolillo is the author of several books, among them, “Con los días contados”, which received the award “Bartolomé Hidalgo”.



:: March 8, 2007

In coincidence with the International Women’s Day, CADAL organized a meeting in its office in Buenos Aires on “Current situation of Human Rights in Cuba and the situation of women”, in charge of María Lima, from Cuban Democratic Directorate.



:: March 19, 2007

Jurist Ricardo Manuel Rojas, Director of Fundación Friedrich A. Von Hayek, gave a lecture on “Cuban legal system” at CADAL’s office, in opportunity of the 4th anniversary of Cuban black Spring. Rojas is author of the book “Los derechos fundamentales y el orden jurídico e institucional de Cuba” which received the Anthony Fisher Award.



:: March 27, 2007

The analyst Karen Tramontano gave a speech on “US trade policy regarding Latin America” at CADAL’s office in Buenos Aires. Among the audience there were diplomats, legislators consultants, journalists and intellectuals. Karen Tramontano is Chairwoman of Global Fairness Initiative and Principal at Dutko Worldwide.



:: March 28, 2007

Venezuelan economist Carlos Granier gave a presentation entitled “What is the Chavez project about?” at CADAL’s office in Buenos Aires. Beside from serving at different posts at RCTV, Granier is Director of CEDICE Libertad (Centro para la Divulgación del Conocimiento Económico), one of the most important think tanks in Venezuela.

Events in Buenos Aires

:: April 17, 2007

Peruvian jurist Milton Castillo, Executive Director of CJIDH on Tuesday, April 17, gave a lecture at CADAL's office in Buenos Aires and on Wednesday, April 18 in Montevideo, on the "The Situation of Human Rights in Cuba within the context of the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection". Castillo served as Main Legal Officer at the Undersecretary of Judicial Affairs at OAS.



:: April 26 to May 17, 2007

At Universidad del CEMA, the seminar "Classical liberals in Argentine politics" was organized by CADAL, Naumann Foundation and Centro de Estudios Internacionales y Educación para la Globalización (CEIEG). There was a number of 18 speakers, such as: Ricardo López Murphy, Patricia Bullrich, Eduardo Zimmemann, Alejandro Corbacho y Pepe Eliashev.



:: May 8, 2007

Dr. Carlos Sabino, author of the bi-annual research report of CADAL, Latin American Tendencies, gave a lecture on "Political and economical tendencies in Latin America". Sabino is guest professor at Universidad Francisco Marroquín and author of several books, such as: "Todos Nos Equivocamos" and "El Fracaso del Intervencionismo: apertura y libre mercado en América Latina".



:: May 15, 2007

CADAL organized a videoconference in Buenos Aires with Oswaldo Quintana from Caracas. Quintana is Vice-President of Legal Affairs of Radio Caracas Televisión. This activity was also coordinated by Fernando Ruiz, and several journalists from different media outlets and foreign correspondents attended.



:: May 31, 2007

Economist José Cantero, Executive Director of Fundación Primero Paraguay, gave a lecture on "Paraguay in its labyrinth" at CADAL's office. Cantero holds a Master in International Finance and Political Economy at University of Illinois. He was Director of Monetary and Financial Studies of Central Bank of Paraguay.



:: June 13, 2007

CADAL and Political Science College at Universidad de Belgrano organized the Conference "Who is who in Latin American left". The lectures were in charge of Fernando Iglesias, Patricio Navia (New York University), the Editor of the International Section of Perfil newspaper Ceferino Reato and Ricardo López Göttig, Associated Researcher of CADAL and Director of Political Science College at Universidad de Belgrano.



:: June 14, 2007

CADAL organized at its office the work breakfast "Democracy, growth, inequality and populism in Latin America 2007" in charge of the prestigious analyst of Latin American politics, Dr. Patricio Navia, professor at New York University and Universidad Diego Portales and author of several books such as: "Las grandes alamedas: el chile post pinochet".



Trade in the Americas, regional blocks and economic development



On Wednesday, March 28, CADAL and Cámara Nacional de Comercio y Servicios del Uruguay organized in the latter's headquarter in Montevideo, a seminar on "Trade in the Americas, Regional Blocks and Economic Development", with presentations by: economist Dolores Benavente, consultant of Cámara Nacional de Comercio y Servicios del Uruguay; analyst Karen Tramontano, former member of the consulting team of Bill Clinton; Néstor Scibona, economic columnist of La Nación newspaper; and Raúl Ferro, Director of Contents Development of Business News Americas. The event, that had over a hundred participants, was sponsored by Radio Sarandí 690, Infonegocios, Cámara de Comercio Uruguayo-Argentina and Perspectiva Magazine.

Book presentation of "Lula: the Left to the Divan"



The book "Lula: The Left to the Divan. An unauthorized biography and the difficult relationship with Kirchner" was presented in Montevideo. The book was published by CADAL, Catálogos and was presented at Cámara Nacional de Comercio y Servicios del Uruguay.

CADAL's authorities and staff with the speakers: Sofía Rodríguez, Institutional Relations Assistant of CADAL in Uruguay; Luis Hierro López, former Vice-President of Uruguay; Ceferino Reato, author of the book "Lula: La izquierda al divan" and editor of the International section of Perfil newspaper; Enrique Pintado, Representative of Frente Amplio and current Chairman of the Congress of Uruguay; Gabriel Salvia, Chairman of CADAL; and Soledad Murgan, Programs Assistant of CADAL in Uruguay.

Challenges of the progressive left in Latin America



On Friday, June 15, CADAL and Cámara Nacional de Comercio y Servicios del Uruguay organized at the latter's headquarter in Montevideo, a breakfast on the "Challenges of the progressive left in Latin America", where the speakers were the Chilean political analyst Patricio Navia and the Argentine writer Fernando Iglesias. This activity was sponsored by El País newspaper and Radio Sarandí.

The case of Cuba at the IACHR



Peruvian jurist Milton Castillo, Executive Director of Consultoría Jurídica Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (CJIDH), gave a lecture on April 18, at Holliday Inn Hotel in Montevideo, on "Human Rights situation in Cuba within the context of the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection".



CADAL's objective consists in promoting, in Latin American countries, the strengthening of democracy, Rule of Law and public policies that favour economical and institutional progress. For such ends, CADAL combines activities of research, diffusion and training/instruction, focused on the general public as well as specific sectors, such as journalists, legislators, public officers, diplomats, politicians, analysts, businessmen in general, students and university professors.

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