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**Workshop:**  
**“Latina/o Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Emerging Issues and Voices”**  
**Washington, DC, Monday, September 27, 2010**

*Under the auspices of the  
Center for Latin American and Latino Studies  
American University*

*Location:* Mary Graydon Center, Room 5 & 6, American University

**Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Eric Hershberg, Director, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University  
William M. LeoGrande, Dean, School of Public Affairs, American University

**Panel I: Situating Latina/o Politics**

9:15 am – 11:00 am

Moderator: Marguerite Rose Jimenez, PhD Student in Political Science, Department of Government, American University

- **Mark Hugo Lopez** – Associate Director, Pew Hispanic Center  
*“Commonalities and Diversity in Latina/o Political Behavior”*
- **Cristina Beltrán, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor/Chair, Political Science Department, Haverford College.  
*“The Trouble With Unity: Latina/o Politics and the Creation of Identity”*

**Coffee Break**

11:00 am – 11:15 am

**Panel II: Emerging Actors in Latina/o Politics**

11:15 am – 1:00 pm

Moderator: Linda Kay Mancillas, Assistant Professor, Department of Government, American University

- **Chris Zepeda-Millán** – PhD Candidate, Department of Government, Cornell University  
*“Weapons of the Not So Weak: Migrante Mass Mobilization in the American South”*
- **Patricia Foxen, Ph.D.** – Associate Director of Research, National Council on La Raza  
*“Transnational Indigenous Migrants and Latina/o Politics in the U.S.”*

- **Laura Gonzalez, Ph.D.** – Senior Research Scientist, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Research Institute  
*“The Mexican Diaspora Community as an Actor in U.S. Civil Society: The Case of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad”*

### **Lunch**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

### **Panel III: Equity and Justice Issues**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Moderator: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, American University

- **Diana Sen, Esq.**, Associate Council, LatinoJustice PRLDEF (formerly Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund)  
*“New and Old Threats to Latina/o Civil Rights”*
- **Marc R. Rosenblum, Ph. D** –Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute  
*“Immigration Reform Policy Development”*
- **Jayesh Rathod**—Assistant Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University  
*“Workplace Justice for Latinos”*

### **Concluding Remarks**

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm