

Book on:

“Illicit Drugs in Colombia”

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The book on Illicit Drugs in Colombia (see the book outline below) aims to contribute to the public debate about illicit drugs in Colombia by bringing together contributions from different fields to the study of drug policy in Colombia. In particular, the chapters in the book will address different topics related to drug policy in Colombia. The first part of the book will be devoted to describing the dimension of cocaine production and trafficking and the extent and prevalence of drug consumption in Colombia. The second section will address the effectiveness and costs of anti-drug policies, focusing on eradication campaigns of illicit crops, the interdiction of drug shipments, and alternative development programs. This section will also include a chapter that addresses prevention and treatment policies to reduce the demand for drugs. The third section of the book will be devoted to study the interaction between international relations and drug policy in Colombia. In particular, the book will have three chapters on the international relations between Colombia and the U.S., Colombia and Europe, and Colombia’s stance in international organizations that deal with illicit drugs. The fourth section of the book will study the legal aspects behind the so-called “war on drugs” in Colombia. In this section, there is a chapter on the decriminalization of drug consumption and a chapter devoted to the legal restrictions that authorities face when dealing with policies aimed at reducing the production and trafficking of illegal drugs. Finally, the last section of the book will have different contributions on the topic of institutions and drugs in Colombia. More precisely, topics such as impunity, electoral participation, political corruption, money

laundering and the transnational dimension of illegal groups engaged in the production and trafficking of illegal drugs in Colombia will be addressed.

Universidad de los Andes is organizing a **conference on Thursday, April 15th, 2010 to present this book** (see the attached conference poster). The funding for this conference is provided through a grant from the Open Society Institute. International scholars invited to participate as discussants in this conference include: Peter Reuter (University of Maryland), Jon Caulkins (Carnegie Mellon University), Elvira Maria Restrepo (University of Miami), Juan Tokatlian (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella) and Beau Kilmer (RAND). This conference will take place at Universidad de los Andes, Auditorium A, Mario Laserna Building, from 9 am to 6 pm on Thursday, April 15th. The conference is open to the public and registration can be accessed at: <http://economia.uniandes.edu.co/drogas>

All inquiries about the book on “Illicit Drugs in Colombia” or about the conference on April 15th should be sent to Daniel Mejia (dmejia@uniandes.edu.co).

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Book Outline:

1. The dimension of the drug problem in Colombia: Production, trafficking and consumption.
 - 1.1. The microeconomics of cocaine production and trafficking in Colombia (Daniel Mejía, Dept. of Economics; Daniel Rico, Dept. of Political Science)
 - 1.2. Drug consumption in Colombia: 1992- 2007 (Adriana Camacho, Alejandro Gaviria and Catherine Rodriguez, Dept. of Economics).

2. Supply and demand reduction policies in Colombia.
 - 2.1. Anti-drug Policies under *Plan Colombia*: Costs, effectiveness and efficiency (Daniel Mejía, Dept. of Economics).
 - 2.2. Alternative Development Policies to Confront Illicit Crops in Colombia, 1990-2009 (Carlos Zorro, CIDER).
 - 2.3. Prevention and treatment policies to reduce illegal drug consumption in Colombia (Jorge Larreamendy and María Fernanda Vence, Dept. of Psychology)

3. International Relations and anti-drug policies in Colombia.
 - 3.1. International Organizations, Foreign Policy and Illicit Drugs (Sandra Borda, Dept. of Political Science).

- 3.2. Colombia and Europe in the Face of Drugs (Muriel Laurent, Dept. of History).
- 3.3. Drugs and US-Colombia international relations (Arlene Tickner and Carolina Cepeda, Dept. of Political Science).

4. Legal Aspects of the War on Drugs.
 - 4.1. Free will and the decriminalization of drug consumption in Colombia (Julieta Lemaitre, Law School).
 - 4.2. Legal tools of anti-drug policies: Balance and proposals (Libardo Ariza and Manuel Iturralde, Law School).

5. Institutions and Illegal Drugs.
 - 5.1. Impunity, local institutions and the drug economy (Alvaro Camacho and Gustavo Duncan – CESO and Dept. of Political Science).
 - 5.2. Drug trafficking, political participation and the perceptions of State`s legitimacy (Miguel García – Dept. of Political Science).
 - 5.3. Drug trafficking mafias and impunity: Evidence for Colombia, Mexico and The U.S. (Juan Carlos Echeverry and MP Gómez, Dept. of Economics).
 - 5.4. The transnational dimension of drugs and illegal armed actors (Arlene Tickner and Diego García, Dept. of Political Science).
 - 5.5. Money laundering and drug trafficking (Carlos Caballero, and Alfonso Amaya, Government School).