



The Graduate Center, City University of New York

**Humboldt Bicentennial:  
An Interdisciplinary Conference**

October 14-16, 2004

**Alexander von Humboldt:  
From the Americas to the Cosmos**

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of Alexander von Humboldt's epochal journey of exploration of South America, Cuba and Mexico and his visit to the United States.

In commemoration of the visit from Alexander von Humboldt to the United States in 1804 at the invitation of President Thomas Jefferson, the Graduate Center of the City University of New York will host an interdisciplinary conference devoted to Humboldt and his legacy on October 14-16, 2004. The principal focus will be Humboldt's activity in, relationship to, and impact on the Americas, but all proposals will be considered.

Areas of interest include Humboldt's scientific work and publications, political ideas and advocacy of human rights, paintings, travel writing, friendships, as well as his fame, image and influence in various parts of the Americas.



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### Past Bildner Center Events:

- "U.S. - Latin America Relations Today" Peter Hakim (President, Inter-American Dialogue), Amb. Myles Frechette (President, Americas Society), Amb. Adolfo Aguilar Zinser (Mexico's Representative to the United Nations), Amb. Juan Gabriel Valdés (Chile's Representative to the United Nations).
- "Gender Equity and Politics" Rosario Robles, Mayor, Mexico City.
- "Brazil-US Relations" Rubens A. Barbosa, Brazil's Ambassador to the U.S.
- "The experience of the Brazilian Workers' Party in Power: Projects, Challenges and Results" Pedro Wilson (Mayor of Goiania), Roque da Silva (PT International Relations Department), Perly Cipriano (PT Secretary of Human Rights).
- "Agrarian Reform in Brazil" Raul Jungmann, Brazil's former Minister of Agrarian Reform.
- "Transitions in Eastern Europe and the ex-USSR: Implications for Cuba" Ernesto Hernández-Catá (IMF) and Rolando Castañeda (IDB).
- "Human Rights in Brazil" José Gregori, Brazil's Secretary of State for Human Rights.
- "Globalization and Democracy: The Chilean Case" Juan Gabriel Valdés, Chile's Ambassador to the United Nations.
- "The Brazilian Economy and the Second Washington Consensus" Prof. Luiz Carlos Bresser-Pereira, Getúlio Vargas Foundation, Brazil's former Minister of Finance, State Reform, and Science and Technology.



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The Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies is a forum for the gathering of academics, students, policy makers, civil society leaders, and other specialists working on contemporary issues in the Americas. This nonpartisan center generates information, policy and background studies, problem-oriented research, and encourages the formation of networks and intellectual communities. Its broad mission is to create an international community of people, ideas, and enterprises to forward the understanding of the complexities of social, economic, political, cultural, and ecological life in the Western Hemisphere.

Founded in 1982 at the urging of philanthropist Albert Bildner, the Center fosters research and understanding through a number of programs, both country and theme specific. These focus on Democracy and Human Rights, Sustainable and Equitable Development, Integration and Globalization, Knowledge and Culture, Brazil, and Cuba. Each of these programs invites distinguished scholars and practitioners to participate in an ongoing dialogue to generate greater comprehension, as well as public policy recommendations. In addition to these public programs the Bildner Center also organizes policy working groups.

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