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Colloquium on the abolition of the military in Costa Rica



Program

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ORGANISERS Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies
In collaboration with the Embassy of Costa Rica

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9:00 – 9:05 am	Introduction Noel Campbell Co-Director, Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies, ANU
FIRST SESSION	
9:05 - 9:15 am	Armando VARGAS ARAYA Ambassador of Costa Rica to Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>From the abolition of the army to the proclamation of neutrality and the legal recognition of the right to peace.</i>
9:15 - 9:25 am	Ned DOBOS Senior Lecturer, International and Political Studies - University of New South Wales <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Abolition of the military and democracy development in Costa Rica.</i>
9:25 - 9:35 am	Marianne HANSON Associate Professor of International Relations - University of Queensland and Co-Chair, ICAN Australia. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Costa Rica's policies and activities at UN to abolish nuclear weapons.</i>
9:35 - 9:45 am	Rita WARLEIGH Founder, International Volunteers for Peace SCI in Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Opportunities for Costa Rican citizens as international volunteers for peace.</i>
9:45 - 9:55 am	Sheri WARD MA candidate - UN University for Peace, Costa Rica <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Costa Rica and the Pacific Island Nations: a comparison among countries with no standing army.</i>
9:55 - 10:05 am	Lizette BRENES BONILLA Vice Chancellor (Research), Universidad Estatal a Distancia, Costa Rica <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>The abolition of the military in Costa Rica: Impact on education and culture</i>
10:05 - 10:30 am	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee break
10:45 - 10:55	Alberto J. MEJÍA Former Chief of Defence Force of Colombia former Ambassador of Colombia to Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>“New security and defense challenges for nations without a standing army”.</i>
10:55 – 11:05	Sue WAREHAM President, Medical Association for Prevention of War <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Abolition of the military and human development in Costa Rica.</i>

11:05 - 11:15	Carlos MOREIRA MA candidate, Peace and Conflict Studies University of Queensland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Navigating peace without an army: An analysis of the impact of army abolition on sustainable development and the environment.</i>
11:15 - 11:25	Alexandra BONNIE Senior Program Office, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Abolition of the army and international humanitarian law in Costa Rica.</i>
11:25 - 11:35	Stuart REES Emeritus Professor, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies University of Sydney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>A humanist perspective on the peaceful experience of Costa Rica.</i>
11:35 - 11:55	Discussion
11:55 - 12:00	Closure Noel CAMPBELL