Latin America has historically been interested in promoting international relations through international institutions and organizations. In the contemporary period there is a new push in the region for organizations whose origins and focus give primacy to the needs of Latin America as defined by Latin Americans. Ambassador Carrión has been both a participant and an observer of this process of regional creation. Please join us for a stimulating conversation. Amb. Carrión is also interested in developing collaboration between FLACSO-Ecuador and UCSD, so please bring your ideas as well. Coffee and cookies will be available.

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