



## **The Center for Iberian & Latin American Studies, UCSD**

### **The Other Face of Development in Colombia: Living as Minorities amidst Civil War, Hydrocarbon and Mining Exploitation, and Generalized Human Rights Violations**

Colombia is currently engaged in a peace negotiation that may end Latin America's longest civil war after five decades. The country has already adopted a new more democratic constitution and made some progress in demobilizing right wing paramilitary groups, though a number of criminal gangs have risen in their place. Like other Latin American countries, Colombia has also pushed forward a national development project focused on public and private international oil and mining projects aimed at stimulating economic growth and promoting energy security. Progress on these fronts, nevertheless, has its ugly side. Indigenous peoples, Afro-Colombians



and women have expressed their concern that the manner in which the government pursues these goals undermines the security, safety and health of the most vulnerable in Colombia. This event presents their experiences and provides an opportunity for students to gain insights into the challenges raised by efforts to promote peace and development that will benefit people in their local communities and not just national statistics. UCSD Faculty Discussants will provide a comparative perspective on the Colombian experience. Join us for an award-winning documentary, panel discussion and reception.

● **Yasmin Romero Epiayu, Wayuu people indigenous leader, Colombia**

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2013 • 1-6:30 PM**

Hojel and Weaver in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

**Film:** *We Women Warriors* (79 minutes in Spanish with English subtitles) 1-2:30 PM in the Hojel Auditorium

**Panel & Discussion** 2:45-5 PM in the Weaver Room

Yasmin Romero Epiayu  
Aviva Chomsky  
Diego Grueso

Wayuu people indigenous leader, La Guajira, Colombia  
Professor, Dept. of History, Salem State University  
Attorney and Judicial Representative of AFRODES (Association of Afro-descendants) in Colombia, and enrolled in the UCLA School of Law  
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Discussants: Nancy Postero  
and Simeon Nichter

Moderator: Esteban Ferrero-Botero

**Reception** 5 PM in the Weaver Room

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