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- International drug strategy in Andean Countries: United States and European Union crop reduction policies in Colombia

The lecture will be in Spanish.

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Place: Deutz Room in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

The most important cocaine consumers, United States and European Union, have been financing and developing programs to reduce cocaine production for decades. With the belief that destroying production at the source will be a good option to solve the drug problem, crop eradication has been one of the most important policies in the “War on Drugs” in the last decades. This project details the international policies designed to reduce illegal crops and drug production in the main producer countries (Bolivia, Colombia and Peru), specifically focusing in Colombia. In spite of the efforts to reduce consumption and production, drug trafficking is still strong. Therefore there are questions to be answered such as: Despite the efforts in producing control, why has the cocaine output total been fairly stable? Why are international and national agents still developing those policies? Will those policies have any chance to be successful?

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