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Implementing Peace: Colombia in Comparative Perspective

Time: 4:30pm
Location: Tanenbaum 253, Rare Book Room

A guest lecture by Cynthia Arson, Head of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Dr. Cynthia J. Arson is director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Her most recent work has focused on democratic governance, conflict resolution, citizen security and organized crime, international relations, and U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere. Arson is a member of the editorial advisory board of Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, the Spanish-language edition of the distinguished journal Foreign Affairs. She is a member of the advisory boards of Human Rights Watch/Americas and the Social Science Research Council’s Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. She served as associate director of the Americas division from 1990-1994, covering Central America and Colombia. In the early 1980s, as a consultant to Americas Watch, Arson wrote many of the organization’s first reports on human rights conditions in El Salvador.

Arson served as an assistant professor of international relations at American University’s School of International Service, 1989-1991. As a foreign policy aide in the House of Representatives during the Carter and Reagan administrations, she participated in the national debates over U.S. policy and human rights in the Southern Cone and in Central America. Arson graduated magna cum laude from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and has an M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

This lecture is open to the public as part of Beth Simmons’ Global Research Seminar: International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law: The Colombian Armed Conflict and the Peace Agreement.