Argentine Political, Business, and Academic Leaders Visit GWSB

In collaboration with Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales y Sociales (UCES), a business school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, The Center for Latin American Issues hosted a diverse delegation of 22 Argentine leaders from October 22 to 24. The group came to Washington to take stock of important developments taking place on the regional and international scene, including the U.S. presidential elections and the financial crisis and its aftermath.

In addition to seminars with GWSB faculty on the U.S. electoral process and on the federal response to the financial crisis, CLAI organized meetings for the group with Ambassador Craig Kelly, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere affairs; with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Stephen Johnson; and with senior officials at the World Bank and the Organization of American States. A special treat was a roundtable discussion at Duquès Hall with political advisors to the Obama and McCain presidential campaigns. CLAI plans additional programs with UCES, including student visits.
The Argentine delegation poses for a photo. Seated left to right are Buenos Aires Senator Marta Helena Helguero, Michele Manatt, CLAI Director Jim Ferrer, and Ambassador Otto Reich. Manatt and Reich, respectively, have been advisors to the Obama and McCain campaigns.
Ambassador Craig Kelly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, addresses the group.