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with

JAIME APARICIO OTERO
AMBASSADOR OF BOLIVIA

AND

ANDRÉS BIANCHI
AMBASSADOR OF CHILE

on

The Winds of Change:
Recent Elections in Bolivia and Chile

on

Wednesday, February 15
5:00 - 6:30pm
The Lindner Family Commons
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Recent presidential elections in Bolivia and Chile have seen former political outsiders win impressive victories. In Bolivia, Evo Morales, dressed in traditional Aymara clothing and waving the seven-colored Wipala flag of the Andean Indian Nation, became the country’s first indigenous president when he was sworn in on January 22. The leader of the Movimiento al Socialismo or MAS party, Morales ran on a platform of economic nationalism, the legalization of coca cultivation, and harsh criticism of neoliberal reforms. In Chile, Michelle Bachelet, a socialist and a member of the center-left Concertación coalition, achieved an impressive victory and will be sworn in as Chile’s first female president on March 11. Bachelet, jailed and tortured during General Augusto Pinochet’s military rule, has emphasized the need to improve healthcare, education, and pensions for the elderly.

Ambassadors Jaime Aparicio Otero of Bolivia and Andrés Bianchi of Chile will discuss the significance of the success of Morales and Bachelet in Boliva, Chile, and beyond.

From the Elliott School:
Ambassador Karl F. Inderfurth, Director of the MA in International Affairs program, will give the introduction
Dr. James Ferrer, Jr., Director of the Latin American and Hemispheric Studies Program, will moderate the event.

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