

Leading the Way: Public Health & Safety Approaches to Drug Policy - Locally, Nationally, and Abroad

WHEN

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

TIME

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

WHERE

Seattle University

LeRoux Conference Center

Student Center Building, Room 160

This event will feature a roundtable discussion about effective public health responses to drug-related problems in the U.S. and abroad, with criminal justice and public health experts from North and South America -- Seattle, Canada, Mexico, and Colombia.

The Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice is working with the Open Society Foundations to bring an international delegation to the U.S. to meet with local groups and community members and discuss the movement to end the War on Drugs at the local, national, and international level.

The tour is visiting five cities: Atlanta, Denver, Seattle, Chicago, and New York City. At each site, local organizers and international delegates will connect local reform efforts to the upcoming United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) in New York City on April 19-21, where nations will discuss global drug policies.

Seattle was chosen as a location for the UNGASS International Delegation Tour because of its groundbreaking work in developing alternative and effective drug policies.

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:

**Alejandro Madrazo
Lajous**

Director of the Program Right to Health of the Division of Legal Studies of the Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE) in Mexico.

Marcela Tovar

Human rights activist, philosopher, and coordinator for the drug policy program at the Think Tank for Action and Transition in Colombia.

Julián Wilches

Political scientist, Former Director of Drug Policy at Colombia's Ministry of Justice and Law and former Adviser to the Presidential Program Against Illicit Crops in Colombia.



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