

Summer Research Fellowship Program 2007



Perú

CAD's Summer Research Fellowship is designed to provide Fellows with the opportunity to learn about Peru, in general, and governance issues relating to economies in transition, in particular. Fellows will serve as CAD Summer Research Fellows, be included on our roster of affiliated researchers, and receive credit in our published reports.

Fellows will have access to CAD's stable of relationships with Peru's top universities (where our staff also teach) and policymakers, as well as our in-house educational program, which includes weekly in-depth policy and news briefings/discussions, weekly lunches with top Peruvian opinion makers, regular staff presentations on current projects, Spanish-English language practice sessions, etc.

Fellows will conduct practical research (including field research) grounded in up-to-date theoretical models and analysis of top-priority public policy issues in Peru. They will also aid CAD in designing incentives or "levers" through which their analysis will result in desired policy outcomes in the short, medium, and long terms. Research areas include, among others:

1. The role of civil society organizations in enforcing government revenue transparency standards

Citizens' knowledge about the priorities set forth in the national budget and its accountability are preconditions of a democratic society. In 2002, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) issued Transparency standards. In turn, the Extractive Industry Transparency initiative promotes budget transparency of revenues derived from extractive industries. What role can civil society organizations play in enforcing budget transparency standards?

2. Legal implications of Corporate Social Responsibility vis-à-vis governments in less developed countries

Business literature on the role of private enterprises has moved beyond the concept that "the business of business is business", to incorporate the context in which businesses operate. It is suggested that businesses collaborate with all their stakeholders, one of them being government. Given that in less developed countries, national and local governments lack adequate funding and capacity to deliver public goods and services, what are the legal implications of business collaborating with government? The Research Fellow will research the legal implications for businesses to collaborate with its stakeholder government – be it municipal, tax, regulator, etc. and will examine if there's a difference between unregulated and regulated activities. A few examples would be:

- ✓ Can a bank support the activities of the bank's regulator? Under what circumstances?
- ✓ Can a mine collaborate with the local municipality for capacity building of the local level? Under what circumstances?
- ✓ Can a telephone company support the activities of its regulator?

3. Ethics for lawyers in Peru: an oxymoron or safeguarding the role of law?

Peru is a country where more than 11% of the population is illiterate and one of every other government municipality does not access the official gazette, making access to legal information a prerequisite for the enforcement of laws and rights. In this scenario, lawyers play a vital role in private conflict resolutions as well as in relations between companies and government. They also work as legislators, regulators and government officials.

In 1997 all the bar associations of Peru adopted a common code of Professional Responsibility for lawyers. This code prohibits lawyers providing free advice through the media. The Code does not take into account the dynamic of a modern firm, thus, conflicts of interest rules are not clear. Beyond that, there exists limited enforcement of the code and disciplinary processes are confidential. Should they be public? How should the disciplining process be revised? The Research Fellow will tackle these issues vital to the integrity of the profession in Peru.

4. Teaching ethics: Moot court on ethical issues in the practice of law

The Catholic University of Peru, one of the top universities in the country, wants to strengthen and promote professional responsibility of lawyers by familiarizing students with ethical issues. The Research Fellow will design a moot court competition in conjunction with the school's Law Reviews and prepare a list of cases relevant to Peru's situation.

5. Other topics that may be researched include:

- ✓ Foreign corrupt practices and revenue transparency
- ✓ Best practices in government

CAD does not pay an honorarium or otherwise provide monetary compensation to Fellows, since the Program is an opportunity to learn in situ about Peru's situation and to broaden research, writing and presentation skills in topics related to CAD's line of work. Fellows are expected to cover their expenses traveling to and from Lima as well as their housing, local transportation and incidentals while living in Peru. At individual Fellow's request, CAD will assist Fellows in securing a grant or other type of funding opportunities.

CAD provides pleasant, modern office space (including high-speed internet); and an enjoyable work environment with a diverse, innovative, and very collegial staff.

Fellows are expected to take care of and pay for their housing arrangements. CAD can provide logistical support in locating safe, affordable short term housing.

CAD does not provide medical insurance, nor cover the cost of medical treatment and prevention. It is important that Fellows arrange medical insurance covering their stay in Peru.

To be eligible for the CAD Fellowship Program, candidates must be enrolled in a full-time graduate study program. Proficiency in Spanish, while encouraged, is not mandatory.

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