



GT2. The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on the Americas
30 August - 1 September, 2012. Panama City, Panama

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Objectives

- Analyze the political and social consequences of the global economic crisis
- Study to what extent and how has the global crisis affected political dynamics and democratic governance in the Americas
- Study current fiscal and social policy responses to the crisis
- Analyze the China effect in mitigating the impact of the global economic crisis in the Americas

Work programme

Thursday, 30 August 2012	
15.45 - 18.15	Working Groups Sessions¹. Session 1
15.45 - 16.00	Introductions
16.00 - 16.30	“The Social and Political Consequences of the International Financial Crisis in Latin America” (Laura Gómez-Mera)
16.30 - 17.00	“China effect in mitigating the impact of global crisis in LA” (Otton Solís Fallas)
17.00 - 18.15	Q & A. Discussions
Friday, 31 August 2012	
10.15 - 13.15	Working Groups Sessions. Session 2
10.15 - 12.15	Discussions
12.15 - 13.15	Development of recommendations
14.45 - 16.45	Working Groups Sessions. Session 3 Development, finalization and approval of recommendations for presentation to the Plenary
Saturday, 1 September 2012	
09.00 - 12.30	Presentation and consideration of Working Group recommendations to the Plenary

¹ Sessions of the 3 Working Groups will take place simultaneously, in different rooms