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Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: 802 IAB

Columbia University, Morningside Heights Campus

Event: Lecture, "The Macroeconomics of the Latin American Boom"

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Speakers: Jose Antonio Ocampo, Columbia University

Summary: Please join us for a presentation with Colombian economist and Columbia Professor José Antonio Ocampo. He will present a recent article on the Latin American economic boom.

Bios: José Antonio Ocampo combines a rare mix of skills and experience in both academia and high-level political responsibilities at the global, regional and national levels.

Since July 2007, he is Professor in the School of International and Public Affairs and Fellow of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University. He has served as Executive Director of FEDESARROLLO, the main think tank on economic issues in Colombia, Director of the Centro de Estudios sobre Desarrollo Económico of Universidad de los Andes, Professor of Economics at Universidad de los Andes, and Professor of Economic History at Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He has also been Visiting Professor at Cambridge, Oxford and Yale Universities and lectured in many universities and conferences around the world.

Mr. Ocampo is author or editor of over 30 books and has published over 200 scholarly articles on macroeconomic theory and policy, international financial issues, economic development, international trade, and Colombian and Latin American economic history. He has also directed some 20 institutional reports. His recent books include *Stability with Growth: Macroeconomics, Liberalization and Development*, with Joseph E. Stiglitz and others, *Regional Financial Cooperation*, and *International Finance and Development*. His past books include *Globalization and Development: A Latin American and Caribbean Perspective* (2003), the three-volume *Economic History of Twentieth Century Latin America* (2000), edited with Enrique Cárdenas and Rosemary Thorp, and his *Historia Económica de Colombia*, originally published in 1977, with over ten editions and considered to be the best known text on the subject.

In the political realm, he served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs from September 2003 to June 2007. As such, he headed the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), which produces a wide range of research and analytical work on development issues, leads the follow-up to the major UN Summits and Conferences, and provides substantive and organizational support to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly. He also chaired the UN Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs. Previously, he was Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) from January 1998 to August 2003, and

held from 1989 to 1997 a number of high-level posts in the Government of Colombia, including Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Director (Minister) of the National Planning Department, and Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Ocampo holds a B.A. in Economics and Sociology from the University of Notre Dame (1972), and a Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University (1976). He has received a number of personal honors and distinctions, including the Alejandro Angel Escobar National Science Award. Born in 1952 in Cali, Colombia, he is married to Ana Lucia Lalinde and has three children (Rocio, Juan Camilo, and Maria José).