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The future of the Amazon region

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**The Latin-American-Swiss Center (CLS HSG) of the University of St.Gallen
would like to invite you to the public lecture of our Visiting Professor**

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Manuel Rodríguez Becerra is Professor of Environmental Policy and Public Management at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá and works as Senior International Consultant on issues of environmental policy. Previously, he was Academic Vice-President and Dean of the Faculties of Management and of Arts and Sciences at his home university. He holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad de los Andes and a Master's Degree in Management Studies from Oxford University.

Prof. Rodríguez was the very first Minister of Environment in Colombia (1994) and Chairman of INDERENA between 1990 and 1994. From 1996 to 1999 and from 2004 to 2005, he presided the United Nations Forum on Forests and was member of the World Commission on Forests and Sustainable Development. Currently, he is a member of the World Bank Forest Adviser Council and active participant of the Ombudsman Consultant Committee of International Finance Corporation, as well as Chair of the National Environment Forum and representative of the ecological sector at National Planning Council (2002-2010) in Colombia. He has published extensively on Latin American environmental topics: *The Environmental Future of Colombia* (Uniandes, 2002); *Environmental Management in Latin America and the Caribbean* (BID, 2002); *Governability, Institutions and Environment in Colombia* (Environmental National Forum, 2008).

On the occasion of teaching a seminar as a visiting professor at our University, Prof. Rodríguez Becerra kindly agreed to give a public lecture, honoring the HSG as a whole and sharing with us his extensive knowledge on ecological administration and politics.