

J O R N A D A P A R A G U A Y A



Friday, November 12, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

University of St.Gallen
Library Building, Room 09-012,
and via Live Stream

JORNADA PARAGUAYA

The landlocked country of Paraguay has a more homogeneous population than most other regions in Latin America. The Guaraní culture with its language designated official in the 1992 constitution and more widely spoken in Paraguay than Spanish, makes it quite unique on the continent.

Paraguay has managed the COVID-19 pandemic relatively well, however, it has highly increased its debt in 2021 and has enormous challenges in improving its human capital indices.

Over the past two decades, sound macroeconomic policies have benefited Paraguay's economy. Between 2003 and 2019, Paraguay averaged 4.1 percent growth, while maintaining low public and external debt, and low and stable inflation. The share of the population living under the international poverty line of US\$5.5 per day fell sharply from 39.3 to 15.4 percent over the same period, faster than the regional average. Inequality, as measured by the Gini coefficient, also declined by 9 points. Nonetheless, poverty and inequality remain high by regional standards. Paraguay needs structural reforms to improve the delivery of public services and accountability of public institutions to make growth more stable, sustainable, and inclusive. Moreover, given the heavy reliance on natural resources, management and mitigation of climate change risks are especially critical.

The pandemic interrupted the economic rebound in early 2020 following a drought that led to near-zero growth in 2019. Well-coordinated monetary and fiscal stimulus, including expansions of cash transfers, helped Paraguay minimize the adverse impacts of the pandemic on households.

In 2021, GDP growth is expected to reach 4.3 percent, largely reflecting the recovery across demand components. Poverty is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels by 2023, led by higher labour incomes from the trade and agricultural sectors.

Although bilateral trade between Switzerland and Paraguay is relatively low, both countries benefit from the free trade agreement between EFTA and Mercosur concluded in August 2019.

This forum promotes an open, interactive discussion between attendants and lecturers.

Sources:

World Bank, October 2021, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/paraguay/overview#1> Accessed 13 October 2021.

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PROGRAMME

13:00 – 13:10	Yvette Sánchez , University of St.Gallen (CLS HSG) <i>Introduction</i>
13:10 – 13:20	Liliane Lebron de Wenger , former Ambassador of Paraguay in Switzerland <i>Welcome address</i>
ECONOMY AND COMMERCE	
13:20 – 13:30	María Sol Martínez , LL.M. in Taxation/CIA <i>Banking and finance in Paraguay</i>
13:30 – 13:35	Bruno Aloï , Switzerland Global Enterprise (S-GE) <i>Activities of S-GE in Latin America and Paraguay</i>
13:35 – 13:45	Janice Gill Oliveira , Cámara de Comercio Suizo-Paraguaya <i>Paraguayan business panorama</i>
13:45 – 13:50	Pablo Denis , Cámara de Comercio Suizo-Uruguaya <i>Switzerland and Paraguay: business relationships</i>
13:50 – 14:00	Björn Schmidtke , Penguin <i>Paraguay as technological destination</i>
14:00 – 14:10	Ygor Lutz , Travizory <i>Digitizing Paraguay borders to enhance security and revive tourism and business</i>
14:10 – 14:20	Nicolò Rieben , Pronatec <i>Sugar cooperatives and community projects</i>
14:20 – 14:30	Javier Texido , Nestlé Paraguay <i>Adding Value in Paraguay</i>
14:30 – 14:55	<i>Round table</i>
CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT	
14:55 – 15:05	Musical Interlude with Violeta Ramos , Paraguayan harp
15:05 – 15:15	Ursula Regehr , Museum der Kulturen Basel <i>Environmental challenges in the Chaco</i>
15:15 – 15:25	Adriana González Brun , RASTRUMS <i>Artistic movements</i>
15:25 – 15:35	Félix Toranzos <i>Artistic movements</i>
15:35 – 15:45	Óscar Centurión <i>The global projects of the Jesuit Order in the 17th and 18th centuries (PARACUARIA)</i>
15:45 – 16:05	<i>Round Table</i>
16:05 – 16:35	BREAK
POLITICS AND SOCIETY	
16:35 – 16:50	Martín Burt , Fundación Paraguaya <i>Non-profit and microfinance</i>
16:50 – 17:05	Santiago Peña , Banco BASA <i>Politics and current affairs</i>
17:05 – 17:15	Cordula Tibi Weber , GIGA Hamburg <i>The Supreme Court and Politics in Paraguay since Democratization</i>
17:15 – 17:25	Élida Villalba , University of St. Gallen <i>The community water management model in Paraguay</i>
17:25 – 17:50	<i>Round Table</i>
17:50 – 18:00	Musical Interlude with Violeta Ramos , Paraguayan harp
18:00 – 18:10	Philippe Nell , Latin American Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland <i>Wrap-up</i>
18:10	PARAGUAYAN APÉRO RICHE

MAP OF THE CAMPUS

01 Hauptgebäude <i>Main Building</i>	09 Bibliotheksgebäude <i>Library Building</i>	31 Guisanstrasse 3	41 Guisanstrasse 11
02 Aula	10 Sporthalle <i>Sports Hall</i>	34 Varnbuelstr. 19 – Skriptenkommission <i>Script Commission</i>	51 Unterer Graben 21
03 Parkgarage A <i>Car Parking A</i>	14-17 Weiterbildungszentrum Holzweid <i>Executive Campus HSG</i>	35 Gatterstrasse 1	52 Müller-Friedberg-Str. 6/8
04 Dufourstrasse 48	20 Provisorium 1 – Büro <i>Provisional 1 – Offices</i>	36 Gatterstr. 3 – Sprachenzentrum <i>Language Center</i>	56 Guisanstrasse 36 Werner-Siemens-MLE-Haus
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07 Mensa <i>University Restaurant</i>	24 Zentrales Institutsgebäude <i>Central Institute Building</i>	39 Guisanstrasse 1a	Uni-App
08 Dienstgebäude <i>Service Building</i>	25-29 Bodanstrasse 1-8	40 Guisanstr. 9 – Studentenschaft <i>Student Union</i>	Warenanlieferung <i>Delivery of goods</i>
			Information <i>Info Desk</i>
			Invaliden-Parkplätze <i>Disabled Parking</i>
			Fahrradständer <i>Bike Rack</i>
			Parkplätze <i>Car Parking</i>
			Mobility Car Sharing

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The *Jornada Paraguaya* is open to the public.

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As space is limited, kindly let us know whether you would like to participate at the apéro.

The conference will also be transmitted via [Zoom](#).
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