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Economic Downturn, Political Upturn in Bolivia

George Gray Molina will talk about the current situation in Bolivia, covering the economic situation and the future political framework.

For the poorest economies, the impact of the most recent crisis is significant, but mostly indirect. It runs through a decline in world commodity prices, slower demand for exports, lower investments, and a gradual decline in overseas remittances. Together, these effects are likely to add to an increase in poverty in Bolivia.

Politically, Bolivia is on the move with a new constitution bringing about widespread change to both the divisions and structures of power. With the Bolivian parliament passing an electoral law paving the way for elections on 6 December the next few months will be very interesting indeed.

George Gray Molina is an Oxford-Princeton Global Leaders Fellow, currently based at the Global Economic Governance Programme at University College, Oxford. His current research focuses on pockets of economic growth in low-growth economies. Before coming to Oxford, George was the coordinator of the Human Development Report at UNDP in Bolivia, director of the Bolivian government's Unit for Economic Policy Analysis (UDAPE), and director of the Catholic University's Public Policy Masters Programme. He is currently a research partner of Oxford's Centre for Research on Inequality, Ethnicity and Human Security (CRISE) and a member of the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington DC.

George is co-editor of *The Bolivian Growth Puzzle, 1970-2005* (forthcoming), with Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco Rodriguez, co-editor of *Tensiones Irresueltas, Bolivia, pasado y presente* (Plural 2009) with Laurence Whitehead and John Crabtree, and author of a number of articles on politics and economics.

**Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PJ
6.30 pm Friday 8 May, 2009**

Price: Members £8, Non-Members £10, to include refreshments & a glass of wine. Under 16, £2

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