

**Argentina: The Struggle for the Full Protection of Human Rights Continues-Implications for the Hemisphere-**

***RedLEIDH and CCIC's Americas Policy Group invites you to A Brown-Bag Lunch presentation***

**When:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2 pm  
**Speaker:** Diego Ramón Morales, CELS (Argentina)  
**Where:** CCIC, 450 Rideau Street (Ottawa)  
Second Floor Boardroom

**Mr. Morales will discuss the work of CELS (Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales), one of the oldest human rights NGOs in Argentina, and an organization which continues to play a vital role in Argentine civil society.**

**He will focus on three areas of CELS' work: The Argentine process of seeking truth and justice against state terrorism, including present legal struggles to hold to account military leaders responsible for atrocities during the 1976-1981 dictatorship; recent debates regarding freedom of speech; and also advances and challenges regarding the rights of labour unions in Argentina.**

**This presentation will highlight lessons learned in the context of Argentina, and will be of particular interest to those monitoring the progress in terms of human rights in the region, and to those involved in the struggle for social justice throughout the hemisphere.**

Diego Ramón Morales is a human rights lawyer from Argentina. He graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 1997 and completed postgraduate studies at the University of Chile. Since 2003, Diego Morales has been the Director of Litigation and Legal Defence at the Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS - Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales). Also, Mr. Morales is the CELS representative to the Board of Directors of the Latin American Human Rights Education and Research Network (RedLEIDH), a five-year CIDA funded project co-led by York University's Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) and Osgoode Hall Law School.

***CELS is an NGO which works for the protection and promotion of human rights, and for the strengthening of the democratic system in Argentina and throughout the region. CELS was founded in 1979, thus being one of the few NGOs established in Argentina directly in the face of the military dictatorship to defend human rights. Using litigation for public interest, research, and public education, CELS continues its work of denouncing human rights violations, stimulating the development of public policy which reflects fundamental human rights, and promoting the full exercise of these rights by the most vulnerable classes of society.***