



The Future of Emerging Technologies in the Americas: Geopolitics, Cooperation, and Development Pathways

Agenda

9:30-10:00 | Bloomberg Center Lobby and 4th Floor, Kenney Link

Check In & Registration

10:00 - 10:15 am | 4th Floor, Kenney Link 426

Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:20 - 11:35 am | 4th Floor, Kenney Link 426

Panel 1 - Unlocking Tech Innovation: Productive Transformation & Digital Development in the Americas

Speakers: Paula Garnero, Emily Allen, Álvaro Soto

Moderator: Nicole Timofeevski

This panel focuses on how emerging technologies can serve as concrete tools for economic development and productive transformation in Latin America. The discussion will explore how countries can strategically leverage AI, digital infrastructure, and innovation ecosystems to improve productivity and integrate into higher-value segments of global value chains.

Discussion will highlight issues of sovereignty, institutional capacity, sustainability, and uneven development across the region.

Panelists will reflect on what is already working across the region, where the main bottlenecks remain, and what types of public-private partnerships, institutional frameworks, and investment strategies are needed to translate technological potential into sustained development outcomes. Particular attention will be given to issues such as industrial policy, digital capabilities, talent development, and the role of the state in enabling innovation-led growth.

11:40 - 12:55 pm | 4th Floor, Kenney Link 426

Panel 2 – Critical Resources & Strategic Alliances: The Geopolitics of Emerging Technologies in the Americas

Speakers: Yolanda Martinez, Seth Center, Bruna Santos

Moderator: Francisco Jure

This panel explores how emerging technologies are reshaping geopolitical dynamics across the Americas, focusing on how both the United States and Latin American countries position themselves within an evolving strategic landscape. Recognizing the reality of great power



competition, the discussion will examine how countries can adapt to shifting technological and economic paradigms, and where strategic alignment and policy choices can shape outcomes.

The conversation will assess where U.S. interests, such as supply chain resilience, critical minerals, data governance, and the energy transition, intersect with Latin America's development priorities. It will also consider whether these transformations create new opportunities for small and middle-income countries to engage more actively in global value chains, and what forms of cooperation could translate shared interests into concrete and mutually beneficial results.

1:00 - 2:00 pm | Room 944

Networking Lunch

2:05 - 3:35 pm | 4th Floor, Kenney Link 426

Interactive Roundtables – Exploring Emerging Technology Cooperation Channels

The conference will culminate in parallel, facilitator-led roundtables for a maximum of 25 participants each, focused on translating discussion into practical insights. Roundtables will be participatory and goal-oriented, encouraging attendees to identify shared challenges, trade-offs, and potential areas for collaboration. By the end of the session, each group will have identified specific, actionable recommendations for both US and Latin American stakeholders that will be synthesized into a strategic conference deliverable.

1. Critical Mineral and Energy Supply Chain Cooperation in the Americas | Room 428

How can the United States and Latin American partners align critical mineral and energy strategies to build resilient, secure, and development-driven supply chains for emerging technologies while balancing national security, economic competitiveness, and regional growth priorities?

Roundtable Discussion Leads: Ambassador Brian Nichols, Dr. Francisco E. Gonzalez, and Dr. Tito Cordella

2. Avenues for AI Innovation, Investment, and Adoption in Latin America | Room 430

How can governments design policies that enhance national security and digital sovereignty while promoting technological innovation, openness, and collaboration? What policy tools, infrastructure investments, and partnerships are needed to accelerate sustainable AI deployment in Latin America at scale?

Roundtable Discussion Leads: Álvaro Soto and Paula Garneró

3:40 - 5:30 pm | Room 944

Closing & Networking Reception