

Media Advisory, Chile's plebiscite and political future to be discussed at colloquium in UCSD's Institute of the Americas

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EVENT: "CHILE'S PLEBISCITE AND POLITICAL FUTURE" A Colloquium by Paul Drake of UCSD and Brian Loveman of SDSU--members of the International Commission of the Latin American Studies Association to Observe the Chilean Plebiscite

DATE: Thursday, October 20, 1988

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Institute of the Americas Building, second floor conference room (map enclosed)

REMARKS: Drake and Loveman recently returned from a week in Chile where they monitored the plebiscite and interviewed key participants. They will examine the causes and probable consequences of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's unexpected defeat, exploring some of the key issues: Will Pinochet step down immediately or will he hold on to power as long as he can? Will the military regime be able to retain control after Pinochet is removed from office, or will the "no" vote lead to restoration of democratic rule? Why did the dictator hold honest elections, and why is he willing to accept the results? Why did the opposition win? What was the role of the U.S. State Department in supporting the opposition? What is the role of the communists in Chile?

Drake headed the 15-member delegation, which was made up of scholars from the United States, Europe and Latin America. The visit was funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation. The UCSD Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) is presenting the colloquium.

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