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## 2020 BRUSSELS ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: 2019 ANALYSIS and 2020 forecasts

Under the auspices of the Directorate for Americas of the  
Belgian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

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Vesalius College, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

5 Pleinlaan – Boulevard de la Plaine

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Academic event free of charge, compulsory registration by Thursday, March 10,  
via [ch.gymers@hotmail.com](mailto:ch.gymers@hotmail.com) or [contact@irelac.be](mailto:contact@irelac.be)

### 15.30 Inscription

### 16.00 Welcome address

- **Mrs Ariadne Petridis**, Director of Americas and the Caribbean, Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs
- **Sven Van Kerckhoven**, Vice-Dean and Professor at Vesalius College, VUB
- **Christian Ghymers**, President of IRELAC and Past-President of the Belgo-Chilean Chamber of Commerce

### 16.15 Balance of 2019: The Political Analysis of Latin America – Annual Report of the Political observatory of Latin America and the Caribbean - OPALC

- ***Latin America in 2019: a region in turmoil***  
**Olivier Dabène**, President of OPALC and Professor at Institut d'Etudes Politiques - « Sciences Po » - Paris
- ***The environmental policy of Bolsonaro administration in Brazil***  
**Frédéric Louault**, Co-director of AmericaS and Professor at Université Libre de Bruxelles ULB

### 17.05 Economic aspects

- ***Macro-economic Analysis: Trends, Forecasts and Challenges for the CELAC region in 2020***  
**Christian Ghymers**, President of IRELAC, Brussels
- ***Latin America: Missed Opportunities and Unexplored Potential ...***  
**Filipe Domingues**, Secretary general of Institute for the Promotion of Latin America and the Caribbean – IPDAL, Lisboa



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### **17:45 Convergence of historical challenges horizon 2030: how to deal with complexity ?**

- ***Systemic economy models and Extrapreneurs, new multi-solution approaches on co-innovation: historical cards to play by better connecting Europe and Latin America.***  
**Michel de Kemmeter**, Affiliate Professor VUB Vesalius College and Club of Brussels
- ***A Geopolitics Strategy for the EU: The Perils of International Mixed Messaging with some thoughts on Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean***  
**Richard Higgott**, Professor of Diplomacy, Vesalius College, Emeritus Professor of International Political Economy, University of Warwick

### **18.30 Open debate and Closing remarks**

**Chair: Mrs Ariadne Petridis**, Director of Americas and the Caribbean, Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs

### **19:30 Cocktail**