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CURRENT NATIONAL AFFAIRS INCLUDE:*

Chasquis Diario de Arica y Parinacota

<http://www.chasquis.cl/index.php/>

Chile Noticias

<http://www.chilenoticias.cl/>

Chip News Chile's English Language Daily News Summary

<http://www.chipsites.com/>

El Diario Diario Financiero

<http://www.eldiario.cl/>

Diario Estrategia

<http://www.estrategia.cl/>

La Hora

<http://www.lahora.cl/>

El Llanquihue Newspaper from Puerto Montt

<http://www.diariollanquihue.cl/>

El Mercurio

http://diario.elmercurio.cl/_portada/index.htm/

El Mercurio de Valparaíso

<http://www.elmercuriovalpo.cl/>

El Mostrador Online newspaper

<http://www.elmostrador.cl/>

La Nación

<http://www.lanacion.cl>

La Prensa Austral Newspaper from Punta Arenas

<http://www.laprensaaustral.cl/>

Productos de La Tercera Internet COPESA

<http://www.copesa.cl/>

The Santiago Times

<http://www.tcgnews.com/santiagotimes/index.php/>

La Segunda

<http://www.lasegunda.com/>

El Sur Newspaper from Concepción

<http://www.elsur.cl/>

La Tercera

<http://www.tercera.cl/>

Las Ultimas Noticias

<http://www.lun.com/>

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(<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/news/#chile>)

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The OAS and the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy are pleased to release the second Americas Project (AP) newsletter. The goals continue to be to stay in touch with our AP fellows, keep abreast of their current activities, and remain informed on developments in their representative countries. With this second issue, the focus is on the AP fellows from Chile. Throughout the history of the AP, Chile's fellows have been active participants. So far we have had four Chilean fellows who have represented their country well. The following provides current information on who they are, what they do, and how to contact them.

It is also a pleasure to announce that for the first time the Americas Project will take place at the OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., May 18–21. The title for this year's program is "Freedom of Expression in the Americas in the 21st Century." The expert panel discussion that is part of this year's program will be webcast live on May 19th at 3:00 p.m. The webcast can be accessed at the OAS website, <http://www.oas.org>, that day or through a link at the Baker Institute website, <http://bakerinstitute.org>.

Please stay in touch and give us any feedback that could help improve our AP Newsletter.

Un abrazo and all the best—

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Alvaro Herrera is a second year PhD student in economics at the University of York. He received his master's in science in economics from the Universidad de Chile and has a professional degree in business administration and economics from the same university. Herrera's main areas of interest are macroeconomics, poverty and inequality, globalization, internet and new economy, regulation, labor economics, economic growth and development. Before starting his PhD, he served as an advisor to the vice minister of planning and cooperation in the Planning Studies and Public Investment Unit in the Ministry of Planning in Santiago, Chile. Prior to that job, Herrera worked in matters related to economics and development in the public sector and with NGOs.

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Victoria Hurtado-Larrain is a professor at the Universidad Adolfo Ibañez in Chile, where she also serves as an advisor on public policy issues and writes for *Capital* magazine. She has a law degree from the Universidad de Chile and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Prior to her current position, she worked as an advisor to the Minister of Treasury in Chile, negotiating financial services before GATT and the WTO. She had also worked at the Inter-American Development Bank and was vice chair of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She also participated in the program USAID link at Yale University's law school.

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Jorge Frei Toledo is the Secretary General of the Junta Aeronáutica Civil in Chile. He worked as an advisor to President Lagos in matters of public security and human rights. Part of his duties involved formulating policy and evaluating policy goals, and organizing the president's meetings. Frei is also a speech writer. He has worked as a consultant, in the private sector, and in academia in the areas of penal reform and justice. Frei received his law degree from the Universidad de Chile and a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University. In August, 2005, he presented a paper at the World Congress on criminology. In his paper, he reviews the literature on the current phenomenon of crime in Latin America and how it affects the process of democratic consolidation. Frei is married with two children and is expecting a third in May.



THE MANY FACES OF CHILE

Clockwise from top left:

1. Downtown Santiago with the Andes rising beyond.
2. Dancers celebrate Columbus Day in Valparaiso.
3. Barrels of wine in the cellars at Vina Aquitania.
4. Icefield of the San Valentine Glacier.
5. Valley of the Moon at San Pedro de Atacama.
6. Moai Figures at Rano Raraku on Easter Island.

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Pamela Eugenia Figueroa Rubio is a professor at the Universidad Diego Portales in Chile. She has experience in the academic and public sectors in programs related to development and Latin American foreign policy. She has several publications in journals and chapters in books on policy and political history. She received her master's degree in Latin American studies from Georgetown University and her master's degree in political science from the Universidad Catolica de Chile. She graduated with distinction from the Universidad Metropolitana de Ciencia de Educacion. She is married and has two children.

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In economic terms, Chile has made great progress. The three democratic governments elected since 1989 have devoted increasing shares of public spending to investments in social programs, including education and workforce development, making a concerted effort to level the distribution of wealth. Fast-growing GDP per capita and targeted social programs enabled poverty rates to fall dramatically. Social indicators such as enrollment in primary education, youth literacy, infant mortality, and life expectancy also improved, reaching levels close to those of industrialized countries (www.worldbank.org). Last January, in Chile's presidential elections, Michelle Bachelet was elected president, making her the first woman to hold that office in the country's history. Bachelet campaigned on a platform of continuing Chile's free market policies, while increasing social benefits to help reduce the country's gap between rich and poor. Chile has an active foreign policy to promote cooperation in the Americas. Furthermore, a Chilean, José Miguel Insulza, was elected secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS) in May 2005. Insulza has pledged to strengthen the OAS' "political relevance and its capacity for action." (www.oas.org)

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Colombia
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Bahamas, Granada, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago
Haiti, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic
Costa Rica
El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua
Mexico
United States and Canada

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