



V Seminar on Democracy and Good Governance  
For Young Leaders of the Americas

**General Objectives:**

- *Presentation and analysis of the federal government system and political thought of the United States.*
- *Presentation on the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County government structure.*
- *Brief review of the importance of citizen participation in the defining of public policy.*

**AGENDA\***

**Monday, March 13, 2017**

**Morning:**

Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel – Salons G & H, Second Floor

9:00am - 12:30pm

- Welcome
- General Overview of the US and State of Florida Governments
- Discussion about important Public Policies

**Ms. Maribel Balbin**

**Dr. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta**

**Mr. Jeisson Rodriguez**

12:30pm - 1:30pm      Lunch – Marriott Hotel

1:45pm                      Meet in Marriott Hotel Lobby and transfer to FIU

**Afternoon:**

Florida International University (FIU)

2:30pm - 4:30pm      Seminar participants will give presentations on the current state of governance and democratic institutions in their respective countries.

4:45pm                      Campus Tour and Group Photograph

5:30pm                      Return to hotel



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**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

**Morning:**

Visit to the Port of Miami and presentation on its importance for the economy of the State of Florida and the Port's role in international trade.

**Richard de Villiers**, Miami-Dade County Seaport Deputy Director

8:30am – 9:45am      Presentation on topics related to the importance of ports as economic development agents.

Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel – Salons G & H, Second Floor

10:00am – 11:30am

- General Overview of American Political Thought
- Overview of Miami-Dade County Government

**Dr. Allan Rosenbaum**

**Mr. Terry Murphy**

11:45am – 12:30pm    Lunch – Marriott Hotel

12:45pm              Meet in Marriott Hotel Lobby and Transfer to site visits

**Afternoon:**

*Stephen P. Clark Government Center*

*Presentation on citizen initiatives for improving transportation in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Government and guided tour of transportation facilities.*

**Charles Scurr**, Director Miami-Dade County Citizens Independent Transportation Trust

1:00pm - 1:30pm      Stephen P. Clark Center- Presentation on Urban Transportation Issues

1:30pm – 2:00pm      Tour of Main Offices of Miami-Dade Transit-MDT

2:00pm – 2:45pm      Guided tour of Downtown Miami on Miami Metro mover

3:00pm - 3:45pm      Meeting with the Hon. **Daniella Levine Cava**, Miami-Dade County Commissioner

4:00pm - 4:45pm      Visit to the Mayor's office – Meeting with Mr. **Andrew Lopez**

4:00pm                  Return to hotel

5:30pm                  Meet in Marriott Hotel Lobby and transfer

6:30pm - 8:30pm      Reception



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***Visit to the Florida State Capital, TALLAHASSEE:***

- *Observe how public policy is developed in the Florida Legislature*
- *Visit to several commissions to observe how they operate*
- *Informal meetings with State Legislators*
- *Informal meetings with lobbyists in order to understand their role in the designing and implementation of public policy.*

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

Tallahassee, Florida

**Morning:**

7:00am                      Leave the Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel for the Miami International Airport

- Visit the State of Florida Congress

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

Tallahassee, Florida

- Presentation on Florida State Government
- Presentation on the structure and procedures of the Florida Legislature
- Informal meetings with State Legislators

**Friday, March 17, 2017**

**Morning:**                      Travel to Miami

**Afternoon:**                      Return to home countries

*\*Agenda subject to change.*