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## **UCSB Political Scientist Awarded Fellowship to U.S. Institute for Peace**

Fernando Lopez-Alves, UC Santa Barbara professor of political science, has been awarded a senior fellowship at the United States Institute for Peace for the 2006-07 academic year.

Lopez-Alves, who specializes in comparative politics, is one of only 7 recipients nationwide to receive this honor.

The institute's Jennings Randolph Fellowship Program for International Peace is one of the premier fellowship programs for research on international conflict management and on building peace.

Recipients include outstanding scholars, policymakers, journalists, and other professionals from around the world.

Lopez-Alves will be in residence at the Washington, D.C. institute next year where he plans to write a book titled "Citizens Against States: The Breakdown of Trust in Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile."

The book will be based on extensive fieldwork conducted in South America, including interviews with the presidents of the three countries.

Lopez-Alves said his goal for the project is to reach both academic audiences and policymakers.

"I hope that this book will make a contribution to theories on trust, political obligation, and state reform," said Lopez-Alves, who is also the author of two books on state formation in Latin America and one on globalization.

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress.

Its goals are to help prevent and resolve violent international conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and democratic transformations, and increase peace-building capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide.

The institute does this by empowering others with knowledge, skills, and resources, as well as by its direct involvement in peace-building efforts around the globe.

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