



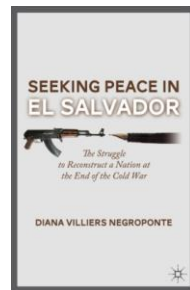
The Honorable Henrietta Holsman Fore
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*Request the pleasure of your company at an Author Series event
In honor of*

Diana Villiers NegroponTE

Author and Brookings Institution Nonresident Senior Fellow

On the publication of her new book:



SEEKING PEACE IN EL SALVADOR

Twenty years ago, the guerilla forces signed a peace accord with the Salvadoran government to end a violent 12 year civil war. Each side was exhausted. Despite US reluctance to admit a UN peacemaking role in Latin America, Washington accepted UN mediation and a small peacekeeping mission, ONUSAL. The Cold War was ending and Secretary of State James Baker sought to test Soviet intentions in Central America. Both superpowers should stand aside and let the protagonist—with UN help—make peace. That peace accord ended the fighting and laid the ground work for constitutional reforms and a UN Truth Commission. However, true reconciliation was much harder to achieve. In her book, Dr. NegroponTE raises the question of whether El Salvador has achieved peace, or whether today's drug related violence and gang warfare have recreated intense conflict in another form.

Diana Villiers NegroponTE, author of “Seeking Peace in El Salvador: The Struggle to Reconstruct a Nation at the End of the Cold War,” is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institution. She focuses on Latin America and researches and writes primarily on the New Left, populism, and the relationship between criminal gangs and state institutions. Dr. NegroponTE joined Brookings from the US Institute of Peace where she was a Senior Scholar. Previously, she taught at Georgetown and Fordham universities, focusing on Latin America and US foreign policy. Before becoming an academic Dr. NegroponTE practiced international trade law, served as Country Director for Honduras with World Relief, and worked with the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City in preparation for NAFTA. She is a board member of the WFPG, Freedom House, Opportunity International, and the Global Leadership Council of Habitat for Humanity International. She has also published numerous articles and publication on the region, including her 2009 publication, “The Merida Initiative & Central America: The Challenges of Containing Public Insecurity and Criminal Violence.”

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 6 to 8 p.m.

2434 Belmont Road, NW
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Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

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