Latin America in Our Curricula: Exchange and Abroad Programs

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INTRODUCTION

While most architectural programs can claim exchange associations in Europe, fewer have ventured persistently into exchange opportunities with Latin America.

This session will focus on exchange experiences by American architecture programs throughout Latin America. The programs that are highlighted cover a range of purposes, intentions, and impacts. Exchange models include studio programs, summer travel abroad, service learning, and lecture and conference agendas.

The vastness of Latin America provides opportunities to address a broad array of programmatic intentions, and the panel will discuss settings that range from arid to tropical and urban to rural, as well as the special challenges and opportunities that are presented by international border conditions.

The panelists also represent a broad spectrum of American schools located in the Northeast, South, Southwest, and West, each with different histories of interaction with Latin American programs.

Materials will be distributed that articulate the nature of each program. Panelists will conclude with reflections on potential incentives to foster success, the benefits and difficulties of maintaining quality exchange experiences, and the future of such programs.

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