



## **Making Peace...and Keeping It: Will Colombia's Peace Accord Survive?**

**Saturday, March 2, 2019  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

For some 50 years, the people of Colombia suffered through prolonged internal armed conflict. In November 2016, a Peace Accord was signed and many around the world rejoiced. But implementation of the Accord has faced an array of challenges, and developments in neighboring Venezuela have only added to the difficulties in moving the peacemaking process ahead.

Global Peace Services USA is pleased to convene a searching look at whether the Colombia Peace Process and its prospects going forward. Aiding us in understanding the path so far taken and possible future scenarios, are two men with deep personal investments in the success of the Peace Accord and its sustainability. From their respective vantage points, they will both share their special insights into how the Peace Accord has impacted on people's lives on the ground in Colombia.

**Adam Isaacson** is Director for Defense Oversight at the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA). He has paid particular attention to peace and security issues in Colombia, richly informed by his 25 years of focus on defense, security and peace in Latin America.

**Julio Idrobo**, raised in Popayan, Colombia and trained as a lawyer with expertise in Colombian economic development, came to the US in 2002 as a refugee. He subsequently became the Chair of the Housing Commission in Falls Church, VA, and is a member of the Colombia Human Rights Commission and the Virginia Latino Advisory Board.

Please join us at Takoma Village at **6827 4th Street, NW in Washington, DC** for an exploration with Adam and Julio of the celebrated Colombia Peace Accord, its durability and its future. Refreshments will be provided and there will be no charge for the event. Takoma Village is reachable by Metro's Red Line and is right near the Takoma Metro station.

Kindly RSVP by email to [globalpeaceservicesusa@gmail.com](mailto:globalpeaceservicesusa@gmail.com) or by phone to (301) 681-6968 by **February 27**. We look forward to having you with us for a lively exchange on lessons so far learned from the Colombia Peace Process and how they can inform peacemaking initiatives in other entrenched conflict zones.



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