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## Former Ecuadoran president to speak on globalization March 11 at KU

LAWRENCE -- The former president of Ecuador whose tenure witnessed significant changes in the country and throughout Latin America will speak Friday about globalization at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Rodrigo Borja, a scholar of constitutional law who was president from 1988 to 1992, will present "Globalization and Its Consequences in Latin America" at 3:30 p.m. March 11. The event is free and open to the public. The KU Center of Latin American Studies, the Graduate School and the Dole Institute are co-sponsors.

"A key part of our mission at the Dole Institute is to embrace public service and leadership," said Bill Lacy, Dole Institute director. "Hosting the former president of Ecuador is a tremendous honor, and we are pleased to welcome him, as it gives us an opportunity to discuss service and leadership on an international basis."

Elizabeth Kuznesof, professor and director of Latin American studies, said Borja "will provide an important perspective on international human rights, particularly indigenous issues, and the impact of globalization in Latin America."

Borja took office amid the destabilizing proliferation of small political parties. He stressed the need for consensus and built coalitions, resulting in the disbanding of the militant guerrilla group Eloy Alfaro Popular Armed Forces. Borja also increased government involvement in the economy and made respect for civil liberties a central theme of his presidency.

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics is designed to foster new thinking on major policy issues and to encourage student participation and citizen involvement in public service. The Dole archives contain one of the nation's largest congressional collections. Located on KU's West Campus near the Lied Center, the institute's Visitors Hall is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call (785) 864-4900 or visit <http://www.doleinstitute.org>.

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