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Economies and societies across South America are impacted in myriad ways by their engagement with the government of the United States, its private sector, non-governmental institutions, and the general public. While the details and implications of this engagement are not always precisely understood, these impacts are notably present even in the most geographically distant countries in the region. To address this, CLALS has undertaken a systematic study of the impacts of U.S. engagement in two countries in the region: Chile and Uruguay.



This study examines the diversity, scale, and impacts of efforts undertaken by the U.S. government and civil society to boost prosperity in Chile and Uruguay. Undertaken in partnership with scholars at the Catholic Universities in Santiago and Montevideo, the project provides quantitative assessments of resource flows from the U.S. through such channels as investment, trade, tourism, and programs of direct and indirect assistance. It also gathers and interprets qualitative information on flows of knowledge and expertise – through such mechanisms as technological diffusion, training, and technical assistance – across



across education, defense, the arts, and health, among other sectors, including assistance to combat COVID-19.

This project has produced two country-specific reports, six topical case studies for each country, and infographics summarizing the benefits of U.S. contributions in each case, all in English and Spanish, as well as multiple blog posts.

CLALS has also convened two public events to present core findings in Montevideo and Santiago in partnership with leading universities in those cities.

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