

Fourth Conference on Albert Hirschman's Legacy – “Development and Democracy”

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As with the previous Conferences convened in Boston (2017), Washington (2018) and Berlin (2019), the Fourth one will be dedicated to theoretical and practical works inspired and/or connected to Hirschman legacy. In them the past should serve the present (and the future) and viceversa.

Numerous reasons may exist to suggest you to participate to the Bogotá Conference – ideas that come from intellectuals and operatives from Colombia, from Latin America, and from all over the world. Ideas somehow compatible (or not) with the Hirschman “trilogy” on Development (*The Strategy of Economic Development, Journeys Towards Progress, Development Projects Observed*) and with his later work on Democracy.

Some of those reasons are rapidly sketched below (see the attachments). They are written also to encourage the people to join in and add their own. The recipients of this call are warmly asked to feel free to speculate (elucidate) and write us what they would like to see dealt with in this Conference. And we will circulate their desires in order to facilitate the surfacing of an overall perspective in the making of our meeting.

Our Conferences are, indeed, great opportunities to come together, exchange ideas, stimulate initiatives, inspire improvements etc. etc. Through many months preparation, the Programs of our previous meetings have been slowly emerging from suggestions and proposals of the prospective participants. Moreover, each Conference has been programmed to be followed by an e-book, freely disposable on line: “For a Better World” (2018), “A Bias for Hope” (2019), “A Passion for the Possible” (forthcoming).

For the Fourth Conference we envisage a similar procedure. Please, have a look to previous e-books on line and give us your reaction – both: to help in shaping the Bogotá Conference and to envisage your empowered and genuine role in it.

Please, send your abstract to info@colornihirschman.org possibly by March 20th , 2020.