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Out of Bounds: The Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights Law to Mega-Infrastructure Projects

**The UF Law Costa Rica Program and Conservation Clinic's Amicus Brief to the
InterAmerican Court for Human Rights on the Government of Colombia's Request for an
Advisory Opinion.**

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Content: In partnership with the TCD Program, and the Organization for Tropical Studies the University of Florida College of Law offers an interdisciplinary program in Costa Rica entitled Sustainable Development: Law, Policy and Professional Practice. In the summer of 2016 students in the Program pursued several applied policy projects that have reached, or are reaching fruition. These include working with the TCD-based Amazon Dams Network to develop a program and spin-off proposals addressing indigenous rights in the Amazon, working with the Wildlife Conservation Society to help to draft a new protected areas law for Equatorial Guinea, Sub-Saharan Africa's only Spanish speaking country, and drafting a brief to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights addressing the extraterritorial application of human rights law in an environmental context. After Professor Ankersen briefly describes the Program and its most recent projects, UF Law LL.M. Candidate Honor Humphrey will present the issues before the Court in the Colombia case, focusing on those specific issues addressed in the Clinic's brief.

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