Carolina Barco Isakson is scheduled to speak at Cornell on the important partnership between Colombia and the United States as a part of the Einaudi Center’s Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series. The talk will take place on Monday, November 15 at 4:30 PM in Hollis Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall. Admission is open to the public.

Carolina Barco was appointed Ambassador of Colombia to the United States in August 2006 by President Alvaro Uribe. As Colombian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carolina Barco focused her objectives in three specific areas: to strengthen the ministry’s diplomacy in order to get more efficient actions, mainly towards a direct support for the Colombian community living abroad; to develop an strong communication policy in order to improve the image of Colombia in foreign countries and contribute to a real understanding of what is happening in the national life; and to promote trade and international cooperation specially for development programs.

She has also worked as advisor for international cooperation to the United Nations Development Program, as researcher at Los Andes University, as well as a member of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's Board of Directors. She is well known in the fields of formulation and adoption of public policies.

Carolina Barco has a Bachelor Degree in Social and Economic Sciences and a Masters Degree in Business Administration and Urban and Regional Planning. She has always worked in the public sector, as Director of the City Planning Department in Bogotá, and as adviser to the ministries of Development, Culture, and the Environment, as well as to the National Planning Department and the Office of the Mayor of Bogotá.

The Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series features prominent leaders in international affairs who can address topical issues from a variety of perspectives. The Speaker Series is part of the Foreign Policy Initiative at Cornell led by the Einaudi Center to maximize the intellectual impact of Cornell’s outstanding resources in this area.