EMAIL TO CURRENT FELLOWS 3-13-20

Dear Fellows,

We are continuing to monitor COVID-19/coronavirus updates from all previously mentioned sources.
Though coronavirus case numbers in Latin America remain low compared to North America, Asia, and Europe and are still concentrated among groups that have traveled to outbreak hotspots, we have noted the recent USDS Global Level 3 Health Advisory in addition to new travel restrictions proposed by the U.S. government as well as some Latin American governments and can see how these new updates may raise concerns.

If you have significant concerns about health and security for the remainder of your fellowship and would like to discuss them with us OR if you are required to leave your fellowship country to renew a tourist visa within the next 30 days, please contact us to discuss possible next steps. We are NOT canceling the program or asking all participants to return to their country of origin at this time, but if it were deemed advisable that any of you finish your assignment early for health and safety reasons you would not be penalized and you would continue to receive full support and PiLA alumni status.

Though at this point there are few widespread recalls of study abroad programs from Latin America, Princeton University has asked that some groups of students on University-sponsored programs in Latin America return home. We will continue to check in with Princeton, our peers at Princeton in Asia and Princeton in Africa, and other fellowship programs to stay apprised of updates and share information.

Please continue to stay informed, help others to stay informed, and stay healthy.

All our best,

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