



EVENTS ARCHIVE: JANUARY 2010 - DECEMBER 2010

“The Most Ferocious, Untamable Fighters in Mexico’: Ethnic Pluralism and the Neza Generation in 1930s Mexico”

January 8, 2010

Colby Ristow, Assistant Professor of History at Hobart and William Smith College, spoke on the Neza Generation in Mexico during the time period of the 1930s.

“The Other Slavery: Indian Bondage in the North of Mexico and the American Southwest 1500-1900”

January 13, 2010

Andrés Reséndez is an Associate Professor of History at UC Davis. His current research is on how people construct their ethnic and national identities in North America. His most recent book, *A Land So Strange*, concerns the early exploration and colonization of the Americas.

“Tequila Talk: The Need for Reform in Mexico”

January 20, 2010

Denise Dresser is a Professor of Political Science at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM). Dresser is an accomplished author on themes ranging from democracy to PRI dominance, from economics to poverty alleviation and neopopulist solutions to neoliberal problems.

“Mexican Democratization and Political Reform”

January 22, 2010

Alejandro Poire-Romero, Undersecretary for Population, Migration, and Religious Affairs at the Mexican Ministry of the Interior, spoke on the democratization of Mexico and the reforms that have been taking place. Sponsored by IR/PS Dean’s Roundtable.

“Crafting Courts in New Democracies: The Politics of Subnational Judicial Reform in Mexico and Brazil”

January 27, 2010

Matthew Ingram is a 2009-2010 postdoctoral fellow at USMEX. His comparative and interdisciplinary research in politics and law seeks a better understanding of the sources of strong institutions, state building, and democracy.

“Political Culture and Corruption: José de Gálvez Reforms in Bourbon Mexico, 1765-1787”

February 3, 2010

María Bárbara Zepeda Cortés, PhD Candidate at UC San Diego, discussed the bureaucratic career of José de Gálvez, the famous visitor-general of New Spain (modern Mexico) from 1765 to 1771, head of the Spanish colonial office from 1776 to 1787, and the principal officer behind the implementation of the Bourbon Reforms.

“Social and Political Consequences of Stereotypes Related to Racial Phenotypes in Mexico”

February 10, 2010

Rosario Aguilar-Pariente, 2009-2010 USMEX postdoctoral fellow, analyzed the interaction between different social contexts and prejudice on people’s political behavior by contrasting the behavior of Mexicans in Mexico to that of Mexican Americans in the U.S.

“Book Presentation: ‘Los orígenes del poder en Mesoamérica’”

February 12, 2010

Dr. Enrique Florescano Mayet is the national coordinator of historical projects for Mexico’s National Council for Culture and the Arts. He has authored numerous books and articles on a diversity of topics relating to Mexican history including the pre-hispanic past, historiography, economic and social histories, memory, symbols, myths, and identities. Co-sponsored with the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies at UCSD and the Consulate General of Mexico in San Diego.

“Global Scenarios and U.S.-Mexican Relations”

February 17, 2010

Peter Smith is Professor of Political Science and Simón Bolívar Professor of Latin American Studies at UC San Diego. He is a specialist on comparative politics, Latin American politics, and U.S.-Latin American relations.



[“Insights into the 2010 Trade Agenda and Implications for U.S.-Mexico Relations”](#)

March 3, 2010

USMEX, in conjunction with the Institute of the Americas, welcomed back Dean Peter Cowhey. Dean Cowhey drew on his experience serving in the new administration of President Barack Obama as the Senior Counselor to Ambassador Ron Kirk at the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). Co-sponsored with the Institute of the Americas.

[“Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico”](#)

March 11, 2010

Alberto Díaz-Cayeros is Associate Professor at the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and Director of USMEX. His research interests include poverty, development, federalism, clientelism, and patronage. Presented by the San Diego State University Department of Geography and the Center for Latin American Studies.

[“Citizenship and Passing at the Border: Jokes, Contraband, and the U.S. Visa in Tijuana, Mexico”](#)

March 31, 2010

Rihan Yeh is a 2009-2010 postdoctoral fellow at USMEX. Her research is on the public sphere in Tijuana, Mexico; she has been developing her dissertation (Passing: An Ethnography of Status, Self and the Public in a Mexican Border City) into a book manuscript.

[“Building a Strong Legislature: The Opposition of the Provincial Deputation of Mexico to the Bicameral System, 1821-1823”](#)

April 7, 2010

María José Garrido Asperó is a 2009-2010 postdoctoral fellow at USMEX. Her expertise includes cultural and political history of the Mexican War of Independence. While at the Center she has been working on a project titled “The political culture of the deputies from the Mexican province in the first Mexican Congress, 1822”.

[“Panamericanism and Economic Development, 1928-1940: Private Associations, Financial Mechanisms and Sovereign States in the Promotion of Tourism between Mexico and USA”](#)

April 14, 2010

Luis Anaya is a 2009-2010 USMEX postdoctoral fellow, whose research aims to create a better understanding of underdevelopment in Latin America. His areas of expertise include the Mexican Revolution and Mexican economic history.

[“The Water Crisis in Mexico: An Ecological Perspective”](#)

April 15, 2010

Exequiel Ezcurra is a noted 30-year plant ecologist who now serves as the Director of the University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States. His research and policy interests range from nature conservation, the ecology and biogeography of coastal deserts and wetlands, land-ocean interactions, the application of mathematical modeling in ecology and conservation, and the management of natural resources in areas under traditional use.

[“Food and Water Sustainability in Mexico: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives on a Growing National Security Crisis”](#)

April 16, 2010

In recent years, the growing crises of drug trafficking, violent crime, rule of law, elections and public goods distribution have dominated headlines in Mexico and abroad. This conference instead focused on the critical issues of food and water sustainability as central to the national security crises Mexico is currently facing from the multidisciplinary perspectives of history, anthropology, economy, and public policy.

[“The Politics of Booms and Crises-Evidence from Latin America”](#)

April 21, 2010

Daniela Campello is a Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. Her research interests have focused on the politics of international finance with an emphasis on the micro foundations of investors’ political clout. Co-sponsored with the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS).



“Gendering the Legislative Agenda: Bill Introduction and Women’s Rights in Argentina and Mexico”

April 28, 2010

Jennifer Piscopo is a 2009-2010 predoctoral fellow at USMEX. Her areas of expertise include comparative politics, with a research focus on representation, gender, and public policy. Jennifer tested the widespread belief that female leaders will promote public policies that improve women’s rights.

“Rural Demography and Poverty in Mexico”

April 29, 2010

Félix Vélez Fernández is the current Secretary General of the National Population Council (CONAPO) in Mexico. He has previously worked as the Undersecretary of Prospective, Planning, and Evaluation in the Ministry of Social Development, and as the General Director of Politics and Agrarian Planning in the Ministry of Agrarian Reform. Co-sponsored with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF).

“The New Agenda for Population Research in Mexico”

April 30, 2010

As a result of migration, the demographic window of the Mexican origin population in the United States seems wider and more lasting than for the rest of the United States population. At this conference, participants sought to understand the links between population structures and economic transfers and support between generations from one country to the other. Co-sponsored with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF).

“Population Aging, Intergenerational Transfers, and Economic Growth: Latin America in a Global Context”

April 30, 2010

Ronald Lee is an Edward G. and Nancy S. Jordan Family Professor of Economics and Professor of Demography. His areas of expertise include economic demography, population theory, population and economic development, demographic forecasting, population aging, indirect estimation, and research design. Co-sponsored with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF).

“Democracy, Security, and State Capacity in Mexico”

May 6, 2010

Lázaro Cárdenas Batel is the former Governor of Michoacán, Mexico, representing the Party of the Democratic Revolution. Cárdenas Batel recently served as a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Institute in Washington, D.C., where he focused on immigrant reform in the U.S. and immigration in U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Latin America relations. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies (EmPac).

“The Ecological Footprint of Poverty Alleviation: Evidence from Mexico’s Oportunidades Program”

May 12, 2010

Jennifer Alix-Garcia, Craig McIntosh, Jarrod Welch (IR/PS) and Katharine Sims (Amherst College) discussed their recent study of the consequences of poverty alleviation programs for environmental degradation in Mexico, co-authored by. Co-sponsored with the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS).

“Workshop on Experimental and Discrimination Research in the Social Sciences”

May 13, 2010

One of the objectives of this workshop was to promote a discussion about the areas of human interaction in which discrimination based on race, ethnicity and/or gender manifests itself within Mexico’s society, as well as the way that experiments can help us study them.

“The Implementation of Criminal Justice Reform in Mexico”

May 19, 2010

Roberto Hernández and Layda Negrete, award winning filmmakers of documentaries about the administration of justice in Mexico talked about their latest work, “Presumed Guilty”. This was then followed by a panel discussion on the implementation of criminal justice reform in Mexico.



[“The Gordian Knots in the Telecommunications and IT Sectors in Mexico”](#)

May 27, 2010

Alejandro Pisanty, Professor in the School of Chemistry of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), addressed the challenges that hinder the growth of IT and telecom in Mexico, examining the processes of the past and touching on the outlook for the future. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies (EmPac).

[“Social Mobility in Mexico”](#)

June 1, 2010

As the former Undersecretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Ministry of Social Development in Mexico, Miguel Székely Pardo drew on his expertise in development economics and research on poverty, inequality, and savings distribution in Mexico as he examined social mobility in this public lecture. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies (EmPac).

[“Conference on Trade, Labor and Multinationals”](#)

June 21, 2010

Multinational Corporations (MNCs) are at the forefront of the movement of capital, productive capacity and know-how and jobs across borders and within international supply chains. The analysis of their behavior is critical for understanding the dynamics of management and business in developed and developing economies. Co-sponsored with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF).

[“Solutions to Celebrate: Journey of the Global ARC 2010”](#)

September 12, 2010

The Global Action Research Center (aka, The Global ARC) celebrated the successful conclusion of a two-month, 1800-mile Journey by bicycle and biodiesel support vehicle from Canada to Mexico. Sponsored by SuperForest.org and UC San Diego’s Urban Studies and Planning Program, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, Calit2, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, Superfund Research Program, and the Sustainability Solutions Institute.

[“Federalism and Fiscal Reform: International Experiences”](#)

September 14, 2010

This was part of a larger seminar titled: “Mexico - Spain: Constitution, Democracy and Federalism,” by Albert Diaz-Cayeros, Assistant Professor at IR/PS and Director at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies.

[“Electoral Administration in Mexico Research Workshop”](#)

September 23, 2010

This workshop explored several issues related to the administration of elections in Mexico. The format was meant to facilitate discussion of work in progress and some of the new research agendas on the role of the IFE and electoral administration for the consolidation of democracy in Mexico.

[“Imagery, Art and Politics: Interpreting Latin America through the Photo Essay”](#)

October 13, 2010

David Mares, Director of the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies and a Professor of Political Science at UC San Diego, discussed the development of his photo essay book, *Latinoamérica: ¿existe? Una conceptualización fotográfica* (Santiago, Chile: FLACSO, 2004), highlighting the tension among journalism, art and politics. Co-sponsored with the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS).

[“Forging an Integrated ICT Market: Phone, Television & Internet for North America”](#)

October 14, 2010

Donald Abelson is an expert in global communications and international trade strategy. Mr. Abelson worked in U.S. Government for 30 years, most recently serving as the Chief of the International Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), where he directed the FCC’s international activities. Event co-sponsored with the IR/PS Global Leadership Institute.



“Film Screening: Tijuaneados Anonymous”

October 19, 2010

Every week, a group of people get together in Tijuaneados Anonymous to share experiences and discuss solutions to the erosive phenomenon that affects: the tijuaneado. With painful or playful stories, absurd human tragedies, and heroic deeds, the characters reflect on the city, imagining how they want Tijuana to be and how they want to be as individuals. Sponsored by the UC San Diego Visual Arts Department.

“PEMEX: A National Oil Company”

October 20, 2010

Advisor to the Director-General of Pemex, Alma Rosa Moreno, spoke on her experience with Mexico’s state-owned petroleum company. Alma Rosa Moreno Razo is the former Ambassador of Mexico to the United Kingdom, serving from 2001 - 2004 under President Vicente Fox’s administration. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies (EmPac).

“Voice after Exit: Translocal Networks and Local Governance in Mexico”

October 27, 2010

Katrina Burgess, Associate Professor of International Political Economy at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, addressed the impact of migration on local governance in new democracies, with particular attention to translocal public-private partnerships in the Mexican states of Michoacán and Zacatecas.

“Realities and Misperceptions on the War on Drugs”

November 4, 2010

Kevin Casas-Zamora, Former Vice President of Costa Rica, spoke on the realities and misperceptions of the war on drugs in Mexico and Central America. He is currently a senior fellow in Foreign Policy and in the Latin America Initiative at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies (EmPac).

“Mexico - Past, Present and Future”

November 6, 2010

Accompanying the exhibition VIVA MEXICO - Heroes and Artisans and presented in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate of San Diego, the symposium featured esteemed Mexican scholars Enrique Florescano, Eric Van Young (UC San Diego), David Pinera, Paul Vanderwood (SDSU), Marco Antonio Samaniego and Alberto Blanco (UC San Diego, SDSU). Topics of discussion included the history of Mexican Independence and its Revolution, Mexican Identity, local movements and the Arts in the 20th century. Sponsored by the Mingei International Museum and the Mexican Consulate of San Diego.

“Bicentenarte POP”

November 30, 2010

USMEX was pleased host the inauguration of the exhibit Bicentenarte POP. Bicentenarte POP is an innovative art project created by Mexican artist Elena Sacal and her son Alexander J. Brucilovsky, who sought ways to change Mexico’s colors through the illustrations of its historical characters. Sponsored by Consejo Consultivo, Univision San Diego, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Enlace, and Chicano Federation of San Diego County.