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[“Why are Mexican Mayors Getting Killed by Trackers? The Dynamics of Corruption in Illegal Drug Markets”](#)

January 12, 2011

Viridiana Ríos, Ph.D. candidate in Government at Harvard University and 2010-2011 predoctoral fellow at the USMEX, focused on understanding the causes and consequences of drug-related violence in Mexico by analyzing changes in organized crime structure, size and organization as well as Mexico’s corruption, judicial system, and electoral institutions.

[“Making Culture Visible: Indigenous Media in Mexico”](#)

January 19, 2011

Erica Wortham was a 2010-2011 Visiting Scholar at USMEX. Her area of expertise lies in the fields of culture and media, indigenous-state relations, with a special interest in indigenous media in Mexico and Latin America.

[“A Worker and Peasant Movement in Post-Revolutionary Mexico, 1920-1929”](#)

January 26, 2011

Miles Rodríguez, a 2010-2011 postdoctoral fellow at USMEX, discussed his expertise and interest in the history of popular social movements during the years of post-revolutionary reconstruction and crisis after the Mexican Revolution.

[“Mexico Moving Forward 2011”](#)

February 9, 2011

Mexico Moving Forward is a two-day event where Mexico’s visionary leaders will celebrate the country’s excellence with a rare and open dialogue on Mexico’s future. High-level speakers were drawn from the world of the arts and culture, leading experts from the sciences, from philanthropic organizations, and leaders from the business world.

[“Gender and Democracy in the Mexican States”](#)

February 16, 2011

Caroline Beer was a 2010-2011 Visiting Fellow at USMEX. Her area of expertise lies in comparative politics with special interest in democratization, sub national politics, and women in politics; particularly in Mexican Latin America.

[“The Strategic Plan for Voting by Mexicans Living Abroad: 2011-2012 Federal Electoral Process”](#)

February 28, 2011

Leonardo Valdés Zurita is Chairman of the General Council of the Mexican Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). Dr. Valdés is a member of the National System of Researchers (SNI) and is a full-time professor at the School of Law and Public Administration at Universidad de Guanajuato.

[“Mexican Independence between the Pacific and the Atlantic”](#)

April 1, 2011

Participants of this conference took part in a lively discussion on the nature of Mexican and Latin American Independence and the Atlantic. Speakers included John Tutino of Georgetown University, Roberto Breña of the Colegio de México, and Eric Van Young of UC San Diego.

[“Film Screening: ‘Presunto Culpable \(Presumed Guilty\)’”](#)

April 12, 2011

USMEX teamed up with UCSD ArtPower! Film to present “Presunto Culpable (Presumed Guilty),” the award-winning documentary that exposes the unsettling reality of a life behind bars in Mexico City and the inhumane process that leads to it. Mexican lawyers and UC Berkeley graduate students Roberto Hernández and Layda Negrete joined forces with the award-winning documentary filmmaker Geoffrey Smith to seek justice in the case of a single imprisoned individual.

[“An Evaluation of Programa Hábitat, Mexico’s Infrastructure Investment Program for Marginalized Urban Neighborhoods”](#)

April 13, 2011

Craig McIntosh, Associate Professor of Economics at IR/PS, presented the research design of Programa Hábitat, while Gerardo Ordóñez of El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) presented a summary of information from the baseline survey, along with an index of neighborhood-level human capital that has been constructed for the project.



[“Time Resources and Relative Power in the Family: Lessons from a Demigrant for the Elderly in Mexico”](#)

April 20, 2011

Laura Juárez González is a 2010-2011 Visiting Fellow at USMEX and Assistant Professor of Economics at ITAM in Mexico City. Her research fields are Labor and Public Economics. Her work examines the effect of government programs on the decisions of individuals and households, with a special focus on the elderly

[“Somos Muchos: Population Politics and Social Distinctions in Mexican Fertility Clinics”](#)

April 27, 2011

Lara Braff is a 2010-2011 Visiting Fellow at USMEX. Her dissertation research, based in Mexico City, was funded by Fulbright-Hays and University of Chicago’s Center for Latin American Studies grants.

[“The Phenomenon of International Migration: The Case of Mexico”](#)

April 28, 2011

Ambassador Carlos García de Alba, member of the Foreign Service for Mexico’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussed the latest phenomenon of international migration using the case of Mexico and Latin America.

[“Space and Place in Latin American History Conference”](#)

May 20, 2011

Historians of Latin America are increasingly turning to questions of space to understand how localities, regions, and territories have been transformed under different circumstances and in different periods of time. In this seminar, participants aimed to provide a dialogue for spatial historians of Latin America who were working on diverse topics and using different methods.

[“Presidential Leadership and Democratization in Mexico and Brazil, 2003-2011”](#)

May 25, 2011

José Luis Méndez Martínez is a 2010-2011 Visiting Scholar at USMEX. He is also a research-professor at the Center for International Studies of El Colegio de México.

[“Crime and Justice in Mexico: Historical and Statistical Approach”](#)

May 26-27, 2011

Participants at this workshop sought to address issues of crime, insecurity, justice, police and punishment, while bringing works from different disciplines and approaches together. Co-sponsored with the Legal Research Institute, UNAM, Mexican Supreme Court’s Legal Cultural Center in Tijuana, Tijuana Cultural Center.

[“Challenges of Judicial Reform in Mexico”](#)

May 27, 2011

José Ramón Cossío Díaz is a Justice of Mexico’s Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación as well as a professor of constitutional law at ITAM. A native of Mexico, José Ramón Cossío Díaz has written widely on diverse topics including constitutional law, law and economics and moral theory. This was the Keynote Address for “Crime and Justice in Mexico.”

[“The New Mexican Migration Law”](#)

September 29, 2011

Rene Zenteno is Undersecretary for Population, Migration and Religious Affairs at Secretary of Interior and Executive Director of USMEX. He has published widely in the areas of social and demographic change, international migration, and social inequality, with a focus on Mexico, U.S.-Mexican migration, and Mexican immigrant incorporation.

[“Teachers, Protests, and Parties: The Political Economy of Educational Transfers in Mexico”](#)

October 19, 2011

Marco Fernández is a PhD candidate in Political Science at Duke University. Before going to graduate school, he worked in the Mexican Senate and in Congress as an advisor.



“2011 Conference on Ethnicity, Race, & Indigenous Peoples in Latin America & the Caribbean”

November 3-5, 2011

This conference covered topics related to all aspects of ethnicity, race relations, Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants and other ethnic or racial groups in Latin America and the Caribbean. Sponsored by LASA Section on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples), Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies.

“Health Governance in Mexico”

November 10, 2011

During the past two decades, there has been a fundamental change in the structure of public health in Mexico. The aim of this conference was to investigate Mexico’s health reform with tools from social and biomedical sciences to fully understand the country’s challenges. Sponsored by the Hewlett Foundation.

“3rd Annual Binational Dialogue”

November 14, 2011

In partnership with community leaders, advocates and legislators from the United States and Mexico, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest and the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies invited guests to the 3rd Annual Binational Dialogue on the Status of Women’s Reproductive Rights in Mexico and the United States.

“The U.S. - Mexico Security Buildup and its Consequences for the Migrant Population”

November 15, 2011

A panel of officials and experts from the United States and Mexico discussed whether increased border security investment is working. They focused on the buildup’s intended and unintended consequences -- overall patterns, humanitarian and human rights concerns -- for migrants seeking to enter the United States from Mexico. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging and Pacific Economies (EmPac).

“Special Update: The War on Drugs in Mexico”

November 16, 2011

Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, USMEX Director, David Shirk, Trans-Border Institute Director at the University of San Diego, and Viridiana Rios, 2011-2012 USMEX Visiting Fellow, spoke on the evolution of Mexico’s current public security situation, the factor behind drug related violence, the Mexican government response in terms of confronting organized crime groups and strengthening the judicial system, and the shared role and responsibility of the United States. Sponsored by IR/PS Dean’s Roundtable.

“Co-Regulation in Mexican Environmental Law”

November 30, 2011

Lesley McAllister is Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law and Associate Adjunct Professor at IR/PS. She writes and teaches in the areas of environmental and natural resources law, climate change law, comparative and international law, public land law, and property law.