



## **UPCOMING SEMINARS FOR SPRING QUARTER 2018**

### **“Drug-related violence and party behavior: the case of candidate selection in Mexico”**

Wednesday, April 4 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Amalia Pulido, USMEX Fellow

Discussant: Francisco Garfias, GPS Professor, UC San Diego

Amalia Pulido Gómez is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of North Texas. She earned her B.A. in political science at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México. Her dissertation looks at how Violent Non-State actors (VNAs) such as Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) affect the behavior of political parties. She analyzes one specific dimension of party behavior, the selection and recruitment of candidates, arguing that DTOs’ influence in candidate selection is a function of three variables: the type of political party, the level of election and the type of criminal violence.

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### **“We Find Each Other Down Here’: Deportation and Redefining of Relatedness and Care”**

Wednesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Tobin Hansen, USMEX Fellow

Discussant: Laura Velasco, Professor, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

How do deported “criminal alien” men draw on social relationships as a resource for getting by in unfamiliar receiving communities? Facing hardships—the disorientation of displacement, family separation, post-prison stigma, police extortion, lack of work, and unstable housing—deported men struggle to carve out spaces of belonging by coming together with other deportees to create care communities, share intimate living spaces, and improvise ways to scrape by. This talk is based on qualitative research with 56 deported men who came to the United States from Mexico as children, lived here for decades, were incarcerated in U.S. prisons, and then designated “criminal aliens” and deported back to Mexico. Their reconfigured social relationships—before, during, and after deportation—suggest new understandings of masculinities, social belonging, care, and the consequences of deportation itself.

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### **“Prevalence and risk/protective factors of trauma exposure among US Latinos and Latino immigrants”**

Wednesday, April 18 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Angela Gutierrez, USMEX Fellow

Angela Gutiérrez is a Ph.D. candidate in the San Diego State University/UC San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Behavioral Medicine. The talk will first present an overview of the dissertation Ms. Gutierrez is conducting. The dissertation is a quantitative analysis of the prevalence and risk/protective factors of trauma exposure among US Latinos and Latino immigrants, as well as a statistical examination of the cross-sectional associations between exposure to traumatic events, psychological distress, and pre-clinical markers of cardiometabolic disease. The dissertation utilizes data from the baseline visit of the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL), a multi-site prospective cohort study examining chronic health conditions among 16,000 US Latinos, and from the Sociocultural Ancillary Study (SCAS), a subsample of 5,313

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HCHS/SOL participants who completed sociocultural and psychosocial measures. The talk will present the results of the initial research aims of the dissertation, which examine the prevalence of trauma exposure among Latinos in the HCHS/SOL SCAS sample, and how prevalence of trauma exposure varies by sex, immigration status, Latino heritage group, and other demographic and immigration characteristics.

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**“Public finances and economic development in Metropolitan Areas in Mexico”**

Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Alejandra Trejo, USMEX Fellow

Discussant: Salvador Espinosa, Professor at the School of Public Affairs, San Diego State University

Metropolitan areas are increasingly concentrating and attracting population and economic activity. This leads to demands for better infrastructure and public services, and result in increased congestion, environmental harm, and social problems. Metropolitan areas need to adequately finance new and growing expenditures and to organize governance so that services can be delivered in a cost-effective way. However, the type of government structure in place affect the form of financing local expenditures. Decentralization in Mexico has had a strong orientation towards the municipality by providing it with more functions and specific forms of funding. Municipalities exercise their functions and offers services autonomously, even if it belongs to a specific metropolitan área. This creates significant differences in service provision, competitiveness and development across and within metropolitan areas. This presentation will offer a first exploration of these differences in the period 1989-2016.

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**“Trajectories of children and teenagers between Mexico and the United States”**

Wednesday, May 2 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Betsabe Roman Gonzalez, USMEX Fellow

Discussant: David FitzGerald, Co-Director of CCIS, UC San Diego

Betsabé Román-González received her Ph.D. in sociology at Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. Her interest in transnational education and children’s migration trajectories are a result of her own experience as a transnational student between the U.S. and Mexico.

For her doctoral dissertation she followed, during three and a half years, ten migrant children and teenagers who moved to Morelos, Mexico from the U.S. She focused her work on the experiences of schooling, family and community of young migrants by writing their life stories. In their stories, children talk about the challenges that they face at schools, communities and homes when they return to or move from the U.S. to Mexico with their families.

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**“We Fight Against the Union! An Ethnography of Labor Relations in the Automotive Industry in Mexico”**

Wednesday, May 9 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Paolo Marinaro, USMEX Fellow

Paolo Marinaro is a Ph.D. candidate at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), at the

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Faculty of Political and Social Sciences. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and history of ideas and a master's degree in sociology at the University of Turin. His research focuses on labor in automobile industry in Mexico. Based on ethnographic research he explores the experience of working conditions and union relations in transnational corporations in Mexico. The dissertation outlines recent struggles for collective bargaining right in the automobile industry, focusing further on the social processes by which workers signify production relations and take a position in the system of global correlation of forces.

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**“Taxes and inequality. A history of inheritances taxes in Mexico 1821-2016”**

Wednesday, May 16 at 3:30 pm | Dean's Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Graciela Marquez, USMEX Fellow

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**“Televising the Revolution: Oaxacan Women on CORTV”**

Wednesday, May 23 at 3:30 pm | Dean's Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Lorraine Affourtit, USMEX Fellow

Discussant: Grant Kester, Professor of Art History, UC San Diego

Lorraine Affourtit is a Ph.D. candidate in history of art and visual culture at UC Santa Cruz. She is currently working on her dissertation, which investigates the role of visual culture of the Oaxaca Commune, a popular uprising and social movement that started in 2006 in Oaxaca City, Mexico.

Affourtit argues that the Oaxacan people tapped the power of visual culture in order to envision, manifest, consolidate and sustain the Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO). Based on four years of archival research and fieldwork, Affourtit analyzes three visual culture projects initiated by APPO in 2006: graphic art from Oaxaca City art collectives; the People's Guelaguetza indigenous folk festival; and television broadcasts produced by Oaxacan women occupying the state television station.

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**“Flow and Obstruction: A Brief History of the Binational Tijuana River since the 1970s and Directions for the Future”**

Wednesday, May 30 at 3:30 pm | Dean's Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Carolyn Schutten, USMEX Fellow

Discussant: Denise Ducheny, USMEX Senior Policy Advisor

Carolyn Schutten is a Ph.D. candidate in history at UC Riverside, where she spent nearly two years researching the archives at the border and conducting interviews throughout the Tijuana River Watershed. This discussion will explore case studies along the binational Tijuana River since the 1970s. The research contextualizes opening of the Rodríguez Dam floodgates during the storms of 1980 in the international politics of a joint flood control project, charting the emergence of a “popular urban movement” during an era of urban renewal at the Mexican border during the 1970s-80s. This talk also investigates how transborder environmental justice groups succeeded in addressing the failure of NAFTA's Commission for Environmental Cooperation to compel the cleanup of hazardous waste at a maquiladora site at the Alamar River during the 1990s-2000s. Finally, this paper will trace the history of surfer activists and

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transboundary sewage outflows into the Tijuana Estuary and the Pacific Ocean since the 1970s.

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**“President Calderon’s Foreign Decision-Making Style”**

Wednesday, June 6 at 3:30 pm | Dean’s Conference Room, School of Global Policy and Strategy

Speaker: Rafael Fernandez de Castro, Director, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies

Rafael Fernández de Castro is a professor at the School and director of USMEX. A former foreign policy adviser to President Felipe Calderón, he is an expert on bilateral relations between Mexico and the U.S. He is founder and former chair of the Department of International Studies at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. He has published numerous academic articles and written several books, including “Contemporary U.S.- Latin American Relations: Cooperation or Conflict in the 21st Century?” and “The United States and Mexico: Between Partnership and Conflict” with Jorge Domínguez. He also worked as the Project Director of the UNDP’s Human Development Report for Latin America 2013-14, “Citizen Security With a Human Face: Evidence and Proposals for Latin America.” He is the founder and editor of Foreign Affairs Latin America and contributes to the daily newspaper El Financiero and a regular contributor to Televisa.