



**Conference on Becoming Mexican-American:
Assessing Mexican-origin Assimilation
in the United States**

**San Diego, California
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**Deutz Conference Room
Institute of the Americas Complex
University of California San Diego**

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Becoming Mexican-American: Assessing Mexican-Origin Assimilation in the United States

The Mexican-origin population is like no other in the United States. Its history includes colonization, protracted periods of immigration, and mass deportations. Individuals in this population range from those crossing the border today to individuals whose families were in the southwestern territory when it was still Mexico. Its uniqueness has sown confusion about how to understand where ethnic Mexicans fit in America's racial and ethnic landscape.

- Are they following a path of assimilation forged by earlier waves of immigrants?
- Are they group stuck destined to be an underclass?
- Or, are they forging a new, uncharted path of assimilation?

Program

Friday, May 16

8:00– 9:00am Registration and continental breakfast

Section I: Economic Dimensions of Assimilation:

9:00– 10:45am

Frank Bean, Chancellor's Professor and director of Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy UC Irvine

Enrico Marcelli, Assistant Professor of Sociology, SDSU

Gordon Hanson, Director of the Center on Pacific Economies and Professor of Economics, UCSD (discussant)

10:45– 11:00am Break

Section II: Political Dimensions of Assimilation:

11:00– 12:45pm

Marisa Abrajano, Assistant Professor of Political Science, UCSD

Lisa García Bedolla, Associate Professor of Political Science and Chicano/ Latino Studies, UCI

Wayne Cornelius, Professor of Political Science and director of CCIS, UCSD (discussant)

**12:45– 2:00pm Lunch
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Section III: Social Dimensions of Assimilation:

2:00– 3:45pm

Tomás Jiménez, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UCSD

Edward Telles, Professor of Sociology, UCLA

David Fitzgerald, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UCSD (discussant)

**4:00– 5:30pm Reception
Arango Foyer, Institute of the
Americas Complex**

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Event is free and open to the public

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