

## EVENTS ARCHIVE: JANUARY 2013 - DECEMBER 2013

[“Our Mother the Sea: The Pacific Ocean and the Indigenous Social Transformation of North America, A.D. 1000-1600”](#)  
Jan. 9, 2013

Dr. John Pohl has conducted archaeological excavations in North and Central America, curated several major exhibitions, and published extensively on American Indian civilizations of southern Mexico.

[“Rethinking Indigenous Domination and Territorial Conflicts in Oaxaca”](#)  
Feb. 6, 2013

Danny Zborover is a 2012-2013 Visiting Scholar at USMEX. He is the Director of the Chontalpa Historical Archaeology Project that studied the rich archaeological, historical, and ethnographic records of the Chontal Highlands of Oaxaca, Mexico.

[“Political Trampolines: the Alianza de Camioneros and the Logic of PRI Corporatism in 20th-Century Mexico”](#)  
Feb. 20, 2013

Michael Lettieri is a 2012-2013 Visiting Fellow at USMEX. His research focuses on the informal mechanisms of PRI rule using a case study of the public transportation industry. Through this, he examines the central role intermediaries and mid-level political actors played in sustaining the soft-authoritarian system.

[“Beyond the U.S.-Mexico Border Buildup: Security, Migrants and Immigration Reform”](#)  
Feb. 21, 2013

Maureen Meyer and Adam Isacson of the Washington Office on Latin America spoke on their 2012 report “Beyond the Border Buildup” that documents the incredible growth in the U.S. security apparatus, and the humanitarian crisis of migrants, at the border. They were also joined by René Zenteno, former Undersecretary for Population, Migration and Religious Affairs at Mexico’s Secretary of Interior. Co-sponsored with the Center on Emerging Pacific Economies (EmPac) and the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA).

[“Collective Remittances and the Program 3x1 For Migrants in Mexico: Investment in Local Development and Labor Market Effects”](#)

Feb. 27, 2013

Karina Córdova, a 2012-2013 Visiting Fellow at USMEX, studies how collective remittances sent by migrant clubs to be invested in community projects can affect local labor markets improving job opportunities. Her research agenda also includes a series of laboratory experiments to analyze the effects of stress and uncertainty on productivity, decision-making and investment choices.

[“Reconfiguring Urban Space: Youth Activism and Cultural Production in Oaxaca, Mexico”](#)

March 6, 2013

Maurice Rafael Magana, a 2012-2013 Visiting Fellow at USEMEX, examined the local political culture of autonomous youth activism in Oaxaca, Mexico and considered how urban youth are experimenting with novel forms of social and political participation in the present context of economic, social and political uncertainty.

[“Between Traditions and Contemporaneity: The Nahuas’ Ritualistic Performances with Mountains and the Devil”](#)

March 13, 2013

Veronica Pacheco, a 2012-2013 Visiting Fellow at USMEX, discussed relationships between music and religious rituals within the Nahuas of the Huastec region, Mexico, bringing into the discussion the relevance of cultural practices for minority social groups in the 21st century.

[“Colonial Literacy and Law at Work: The Andean Indigenous Officialdom and the ‘Lettered City’”](#)

April 8, 2013

Alcira Dueñas, an Associate Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State University and a Fulbright scholar, discussed how Spain deployed legal bureaucrats in building its empire across the Atlantic to control Indian subjects through the legal system.

## [“Mexican Conceptual Art and Commercial Galleries”](#)

April 17, 2013

Alexis Salas, a 2012-2013 Visiting Scholar at USMEX, discussed Galería Kurimanzutto’s high degree of involvement in Mexican art exhibitions, transition of art practices from the informal or parallel institution, collaborative relationships between artists and the dealer that represents them, and relational aesthetics and participatory art.

## [“Mexico Between Politics and Organized Crime”](#)

April 23, 2013

Adela Navarro Bello, Co-Director of the Tijuana-based weekly Zeta, delivered a public lecture on the realities of U.S. and Mexican policies toward the drug war and the challenges that journalists face in covering these issues.

## [“Fidelity to Disagreement: Jacques Rancière and Politics without Ontology”](#)

April 24, 2013

Benjamin Dultzin Arditi is an author and Professor of Politics at National University of Mexico. Recent research and publications of Professor Arditi are focused on post-hegemony and post-liberal politics. Co-sponsored with UC San Diego Anthropology Department, the Center for Iberian & Latin American Studies, and the Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies.

## [“2013 USMEX Associates Conference”](#)

April 25-26, 2013

The purpose of this meeting was to promote discussion and dissemination of some of the most promising new scholarship on Mexico, bringing together young scholars to present their work and have it commented on and discussed by faculty within the network of USMEX Associates.

## [“Tequila Talk: ‘Two Nations Invisible: Mexico, the United States, and the Road Ahead’”](#)

April 30, 2013

Shannon O’Neill, Senior Fellow for Latin American Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, introduced her latest book on the making of modern Mexico, and what it means for the United States. Co-sponsored with the Institute of the Americas (IOA).

## [“The Age-Effect of Delaying Formal Education in Mexico”](#)

May 8, 2013

Vicente García Moreno, 2012-2013 USMEX Visiting Scholar, analyzed the age-effect on children’s ability to learn math in Mexico. This talk examined Mexico’s school start age policy, delayed enrollment and how it affects students’ schooling outcomes.

## [“Mexican Migration to the United States: Underlying Economic Factors and Possible Scenarios for Future Flows”](#)

May 15, 2013

Daniel Chiquiar, Director of Economic Measurement, Central Bank of Mexico, examined some economic factors that have influenced migration flows from Mexico to the U.S., for the purpose of constructing scenarios on how such flows could evolve in the near term. He looked at three different periods in the recent history of migration and linked the behavior of such flows to change in sectoral growth in the U.S.

## [“Transparency, Democracy, and Reform: New Perspectives on Corruption in Mexico”](#)

May 16-17, 2013

This symposium brought together scholars working on different aspects of corruption to provide valuable new perspectives on both the history and implications of PRI and PAN-era venality in the 20th and 21st centuries.

## [“Mexico’s Future: Education, Entrepreneurship and Legal Reforms”](#)

May 21, 2013

Alejandro Poiré, former Secretary of Interior in Mexico, argued that the future of Mexico’s prosperity lies in its capacity to simultaneously consolidate the rule of law reforms promoted in the last few years, enhance legal transformations in several areas of economic activity, and systematically open up its democratic institutions.

## “What Happens when a Weak Executive Branch Interacts with Decentralized Parties in Congress?”

May 22, 2013

Can the Mexican congress substitute a weak executive as the main promoter of federal of laws when decentralization of parties stimulates the promotion of legislative projects focused on local or particularistic jurisdictions? Luisa Bejar, 2012-2013 USMEX Visiting Scholar and Political Science Professor at National Autonomous University of Mexico, analyzed the last three legislatures in Mexico to discuss this question.

## “More than Winning: Why Governments and Parties Manipulate Elections”

May 23, 2013

Alberto Simpser, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, expanded upon the practice of electoral manipulation and argued that there’s more at stake in manipulating elections than simply winning.

## “Improving on Economic Voting Measurements: Evidence from Mexico and the U.S.”

May 29, 2013

Conducting survey experiments in Mexico and the U.S. during the previous two presidential elections, Marco Morales, 2012-2013 USMEX Visiting Scholar, presented evidence for a recalibrated measure that reduces measurement error in economic voting. His current research focuses on refining the tools that have traditionally been used to measure and model economic voting.

## “Drug Violence Shaping Prostitution on the Border”

June 5, 2013

In this talk, Sarah Luna, a PhD candidate in anthropology at the University of Chicago, examined how various economic and sociocultural values are transformed by the U.S./Mexico borders. She also tackled issues of gender, sexuality, sex work, sovereignty and subjectivity, regional and national identity, and racialization in border zones.

## “Looking Beyond the Incumbent: Exposing Corruption and the Effect on Electoral Outcomes”

June 6, 2013

Ana De La O, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale, provided experimental evidence that information on corruption not only decreases incumbent support in local elections in Mexico, but also decreases voter turnout and challengers’ votes, as well as erodes partisan attachments.

## Fellows Roundtable

Oct. 9, 2013

Current USMEX Fellows and Scholars gave a brief overview of their research.

## “Basic Infrastructure in Mexico”

Oct. 16, 2013

Alex Ruiz Euler, USMEX Visiting Fellow

## “Latino Sexuality, Property, and the Borders of Neighborly Desire”

Oct. 23, 2013

Dr. Richard Rodriguez, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign presented his research.

## “Eroded Unity and Clientele Migration”

Oct. 30, 2013

Sebastián Garrido de Sierra, USMEX Visiting Fellow

## Dia de los Muertos Celebration

Nov. 1, 2013

## Film Screening of Miracles

Nov. 12, 2013

Middle school students, teachers, and families from the modest town of Presa de Maravillas in Mexico show us that an alternative education system is possible, when teaching and learning are interest-driven. Event co-sponsored by I-House as part of UC San Diego International Education Week.

## “Education Reform in Mexico”

Nov. 12, 2013

Dr. Marco Fernandez from Mexico City-based think tank Mexico Evalua discussed the state of education reform in Mexico today. Event co-sponsored by I-House

## Film Screening of Presumed Guilty (Presunto Culpable)

Nov. 13, 2013

Screening of this award-winning documentary that exposes the unsettling reality of a life behind bars in Mexico City and the inhumane process that leads to it. Event was part of UC San Diego International Education Week.

## “Reforming Mexico’s Penitentiaries”

Nov. 13, 2013

Before the film screening of Presumed Guilty, a talk was presented about the reality of Mexican jails and questions their purpose and utility in their current state of operations.

## “Energy Reform in Mexico”

IR/PS Dean’s Roundtable Lecture Series Event

Nov. 21, 2013

Speaker: Dr. Juan E. Pardinás, the CEO of the Mexican institute for competitiveness, spoke on the current state of Mexico’s energy use.

## “Governance of Public Health in Mexico”

Dec. 4, 2013

Alberto Diaz-Cayeros discussed Mexico’s massive transformation of both its political system and its public health system over the last 25 years.

## “Estimating House Effects of Mexican Polling Firms Through Time”

Dec. 11, 2013

Speaker: Marco Morales, USMEX Visiting Fellow