

EVENTS ARCHIVE: JANUARY 2014 - JUNE 2014

[“Is China the Next Mexico?”](#)

(Read News Story and Guajardo’s Complete Talk)

Jan. 16, 2014

Speaker: Jorge Guajardo, former Mexico ambassador to China

Guajardo’s public keynote address was part of a larger two-day conference called “Growth, Trade, Investment and the Future of Manufacturing in China, Mexico and the U.S.” This conference was held at UC San Diego on Jan. 16 and the Tec de Monterrey campus in Tijuana, Mexico on Jan. 17. Click here for **Agenda and Speaker Biographies**.

[“Territoriality, Conflict & the Polis in New Spain: The Creation of Colonial Communities after the Great Death”](#)

Overview, Agenda, and Abstracts

Jan. 23, 2014

This conference studied the massive relocation of indigenous populations by the Spanish crown at the end of the 16th and beginning of the 17th centuries, generally known as the reducciones or congregaciones de Indios in the Americas.

[“All Art Has Been Contemporary: Recent Experimentations with Pre-Columbian Art”](#)

Feb. 5, 2014

Speaker: Jennifer Reynolds-Kaye, USMEX Visiting Scholar

[“Caciques, Camarillas, and the Remarkable Career of Rubén Figueroa”](#)

Feb. 19, 2014

Speaker: Michael Lettieri, USMEX Visiting Scholar

[“Skeptics of Abundance: Oil Debates, Partisan Journalists, and Leaks in 1970s Mexico”](#)

Feb. 26, 2014

Speaker: Vanessa Freije, USMEX Visiting Fellow

[“Understanding Return Migration to Mexico:](#)

[Towards a Comprehensive Policy for the Reintegration of Returning Migrants”](#)

Presentation

March 5, 2014

Speaker: Dr. Miryam Hazan, Washington Director of Mexicans and Americans Thinking Together (MATT)

[“Mexico Moving Forward: 20 Years of NAFTA & Beyond”](#)

March 6, 2014

This daylong symposium included discussions with business leaders, policy makers and scholars on Mexico’s progress and future goals twenty years after the signing of NAFTA. Experts discussed NAFTA’s legacy and further opportunities to connect to other emerging markets in Asia.

[“Does Mexican Immigration to the U.S. Have Local Fiscal Policy Effects? 1980-2000”](#)

March 12, 2014

Speaker: Morris Levy, USMEX Visiting Fellow

[“How to tell the history of prohibited drugs in Sinaloa?”](#)

March 13, 2014

Speaker: Froylan Enciso, USMEX Visiting Fellow

[“Policy Challenges Through Political Pragmatism, the Mexican Case”](#)

April 2, 2014

Speaker: Roderic Camp, Philip McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, Claremont McKenna College

“Evaluating a Universal Health Insurance Program: Evidence from Mexico”

April 7, 2014

Speaker: Gabriella Conti, Assistant Professor, University College London

In this talk, Conti discussed the effects of introducing fully subsidized health insurance on the supply and demand of health care, and on mortality.

“Mobile Technology at the Border”

April 9, 2014

Speakers: Chris Locke, Founder of Caribou Digital with Ganz Chockalingham, Research Scientist at UC San Diego’s Calit2, and Brett Stalbaum, associate teaching professor at UC San Diego’s Department of Visual Arts

Chris Locke, Ganz Chockalingham and Brett Stalbaum focused specifically on the use of mobile technology to help individuals cross the border.

“Securing Labor, Freeing the Worker: The Debate over Debt Peonage in Porfirian Southern Mexico”

April 16, 2014

Speaker: Casey Lurtz, USMEX Visiting Fellow

Her current research uses the development of the coffee economy of southern Mexico to argue that local needs and efforts, not state mandate or foreign interests, dictated the shape of modernization in rural Porfirian Mexico.

“We are the Face of Oaxaca: Testimony and Social Movements”

April 17, 2014

Speaker: Lynn Stephen, director of the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, University of Oregon

Stephen discussed her book about the massive uprising against the Mexican state of Oaxaca that began with the emergence of the Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO) in June 2006.

“Music and Emotions in the Nahua Religious Life”

April 23, 2014

Speaker: Veronica Pacheco, USMEX Visiting Scholar

“A Reporter’s Journey through Mexico’s Drug War”

April 30, 2014

Speaker: Alfredo Corchado, Mexico bureau chief, Dallas Morning News and author of “Midnight in Mexico”

Keynote address to the May 1 conference “Libertad Bajo Palabra: Censorship, Satire and the Press in Mexico” (**full agenda**)

“Libertad Bajo Palabra: Censorship, Satire and the Press in Mexico”

May 1, 2014

This daylong conference brought together papers that will enrich our understanding of both the past and the present of Mexican journalism, from the experience of the PRI regime to the process of democratization and the contemporary specter of narcoviolence. Read the **full agenda** with schedule and speakers.

“The Role of the PRI in Mexico’s Emergence from Feudalism and Mercantilism after the Revolution”

May 7, 2014

Speaker: Irving Tragen

Before being known as a modern-day traveler, Irving Tragen taught courses on comparative labor law, Latin American social and labor history, and development strategies at several colleges and universities. He studied Article 123 and the Mexican Labor Code with Dr. Mario de las Cuevas, the principal drafter of both documents.

“Pesos to Pasos, Dihrams to Dingies: The Role of Export Processing Wages in Migration from Mexico and Morocco”

May 14, 2014

Speaker: Kathy Kopinak, USMEX Visiting Scholar

“Structural Reforms and Long-Term Economic Growth in Mexico”

May 21, 2014

Speaker: Alejandro Diaz-Bautista, professor of International Economics, researcher and economic consultant

Dr. Alejandro Diaz-Bautista analyzed the impacts of President Pena Nieto’s agenda of structural reforms on Mexico’s economy during 2014, 20 years after the passage of the NAFTA agreement.

“A tale of two Mexicos: Growth and prosperity in a two-speed economy”

May 28, 2014

Speaker: Jaana Remes, McKinsey Global Institute, McKinsey & Company

In the 20 years since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect, Mexico has become a global manufacturing leader and a prime destination for investors and multinationals around the world. Yet the country’s economic growth continues to disappoint, and the rise in living standards has stalled.

“Fragile Landscapes of Contemporary Yucatan: Time-share resorts, Pink Flamingos, Colonial Tastes and Pulverized Maquilas”

June 5, 2014

Speaker: Matilde Cordoba Azcarate, Department of Communication, UC San Diego