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**Summary:** My research agenda focuses on studying Mexico's main political and economic challenges: wealth inequality, political corruption, and criminal violence.

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<b>POSITIONS</b>	Harvard Summer School. Instructor, 2017- today (Cambridge, MA) Harvard University. Visiting Assistant Professor, Government, 2019 (Cambridge, MA) Purdue University. Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2017-2018 (West L., IN) Wilson Center for International Scholars. Fellow, 2015-2016 (Washington, DC)
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Ph.D., Harvard University, Government, 2013 MA., Harvard University, Government, 2010 BA., Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Political Science, 2005 (Mexico City)
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish (native), English (fluent)
<b>RESEARCH</b>	
<b>Books</b>	No es normal. The rigged game that fuels Mexican inequality and how to change it. Penguin Random House (2023) [in Spanish].  The missing reform. Strengthening rule of law in Mexico (with Duncan Wood, ed.). Woodrow Wilson Center Press (2018).
<b>Peer-reviewed articles</b>	<hr/> “Violence and business interests in social welfare: evidence from Mexico.” <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> . 2022; 55 (1): 1844-1876 (with Brad Holland).  “Association between living in municipalities with high crowding conditions and poverty and mortality from COVID-19 in Mexico.” <i>PLoS ONE</i> . 2022; 17 (2) (with Edgar Denova-Gutiérrez & Simón Barquera).  “Listening to snitches: race/ethnicity, English proficiency, and access to welfare frauds enforcement systems.” <i>Law &amp; Policy</i> . 2021; 43 (4): 319-347 (with Spencer Headworth).  “Human resource management as a tool to reduce corruption: evidence from Mexico.” <i>Public Administration</i> . 2021 (with Fernando Nieto).  “Narco-messages: competition and public communication by criminal groups.” <i>Latin American Politics and Society</i> . 2020; 62 (1): 1-24 (with Brian Phillips).  “News media coverage of crime and violent drug crime: a case for cause of Catalyst?” <i>Justice Quarterly</i> . 2020; 37 (6): 1012-1039 (with Christopher J. Ferguson).  “Cash transfers’ effect on government support: the case of Fiji.” <i>Disasters</i> . 2020; 44 (1): 152-178 (with Oleksiy Ivaschenko & Jesse Doyle).  “Media effects on public displays of brutality: the case of Mexico’s drug war.” <i>Politics, Groups and Identities</i> . 2019; 7 (1): 194-206 (with Johanan Rivera).  “The role of drug-related violence and extortion in promoting Mexican migration.” <i>Latin American Research Review</i> . 2014; 49 (3): 199-217. Republished at <i>Handbook of Latin American Studies</i> . 2018; 73.  “Informally governing information: how criminal rivalry leads to violence against the press in Mexico.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . 2017; 61 (5): 1095-1119 (with Brad Holland).  “How government coordination controlled organized crime: the case of Mexico’s cocaine markets.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . 2015; 59 (8): 1433-1454.

<b>Peer-reviewed articles</b>	<p>“Multicultural institutions, distributional politics, and postelectoral mobilization in indigenous Mexico.” <i>Latin American Politics and Society</i>. 2014; 56 (2): 70-92 (with Todd Eisenstadt).</p> <p>“Knowing where and how criminal organizations operate using web content.” <i>CIKM</i>. 2012; October: 1412-1421 (with Michele Coscia).</p>
<b>Book chapters &amp; research reports</b>	<p>A plan for eradicating poverty among working people in Mexico”, ¡Súbanle! Salario digno. (2023) [in Spanish].</p> <p>“Evolution of Mexico’s business elite and its impact on income inequality (1979-2020)” [Spanish] <i>Estudios y Perspectivas 205. United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL), Subregional headquarters Mexico</i> (2023).</p> <p>“What is the middle class in Mexico?” in <i>Harvard Review of Latin America</i> (Mar 24, 2022).</p> <p><i>The mining fund: a federal tax to reduce Mexico's inequality that lost its course</i> [Spanish]. Oxfam México (Jan, 2022).</p> <p>“The causes of López Obrador's triumph and the defeat of his opposition” [Spanish] in <i>The Fourth Transformation: keys to solving the puzzle</i> (Blanca Heredia &amp; Hernán Gómez Bruera, coords.). Penguin Random House (2021).</p> <p>“Culture of privilege. Mexico’s collusion between political and economic power.” [Spanish] <i>Estudios y Perspectivas 193. CEPAL, Subregional headquarters Mexico</i> (2021).</p> <p><i>Overcrowding and COVID-19 mortality in Mexico</i> [Spanish]. Habitat for Humanity, Mexico (2020).</p> <p><i>Corruption and inequality in Mexico</i> [Spanish]. Oxfam Mexico (2020).</p> <p><i>How to create special economic zones that redistribute wealth in Mexico?</i> [Spanish]. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (2018).</p> <p><i>Where and how public money gets lost</i> [Spanish]. Oxfam Mexico (2018).</p> <p><i>Innovation happens in Mexico: it should and could happen more</i>. Wilson Center, The Mexico Institute (2018).</p> <p>“Tracking back marijuana stigma” <i>Harvard Review of Latin America</i> (Winter 2015).</p> <p>“The assassination of journalists and mayors in Mexico’s drug war” [Spanish] in Aguilar-Rivera, José Antonio (coord.) <i>Las bases sociales y políticas del crimen organizado</i>. Secretaría de Seguridad Pública (2012).</p> <p>“Keys to reducing violence in Mexico” in <i>Harvard Review of Latin America</i> (Winter 2012).</p> <p><i>Drug violence in Mexico. Data and analysis through 2011</i> (with Cory Molzahn, David Shirk) Trans-border Institute (TBI), University of San Diego (USD) (2012).</p> <p><i>Drug violence in Mexico. Data and analysis through 2010</i> (with David Shirk) TBI, USD (2011).</p> <p><i>Mid-year report on drug violence in Mexico</i> (with Angelica Duran-Martinez, Gayle Hazard and David Shirk) TBI, USD (2010).</p> <p>“Positive and negative aspects of indigenous customary law” [Spanish] (with Todd Eisenstadt) in Singer, Martha (coord.) <i>México: democracia y participación política indígena</i>. UNAM (2007).</p>
<b>FELLOWSHIPS</b>	<p>Young global leader. World Economic Forum (WEF) (2020-2025).</p> <p>Fellow. International Women’s Forum (2019-2022).</p> <p>Global fellow. Wilson Center, The Mexico Institute (2016-2019).</p>

<b>FELLOWSHIPS</b>	Fellow. Wilson Center for International Scholars (2015-2016).
	Fellow. Harvard's David Rockefeller Center for Int. Studies (DRCLAS), Mexico City (2013-2016).
	Research fellow. Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York City (2014).
	Junior fellow. National Bureau of Economic Research. Working Group on the Economics of Crime (2012-2014).
	Fellow. Program in Criminal Justice, Policy and Management, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) (2011-12).
	Fellow. Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences (IQSS), Harvard University (2010-2012).
	Visiting fellow. Center for US-Mexico Studies, University of California, San Diego (UCSD) (Fall 2010; Fall 2011).
	Visiting scholar. TBI, USD (Summer 2010).
	Doctoral fellow. Program in Inequality and Social Policy, HKS (2009-2010).

<b>AWARDS</b>	Latin American Leader Award. School of Global Leaders, Vienna (2022).
	Will H. Moore III Prize. Peace Science Society (2019).
	Editor's pick of Latin American Studies. Library of Congress (2018).
	One of Top-5 Latin American "Corruption Buster", America's Quarterly (2016).
	Top-impact data generator. Mexican Council for Policy Evaluation (CONEVAL) (2016).
	Leonard D. White Prize to the best dissertation in the field of public administration. American Political Science Association and University of Chicago (2014).
	Merit scholarship for outstanding Research. Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences (2013).
	Top junior scholar. NBER (2013).
	Harvard stellar graduate. Harvard Gazette (2013).
	Special mention for scholastic achievement. Department of Political Science, ITAM (2006).

<b>GRANTS</b>	Scholarship. Harvard Business School & Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (2020-2022).
	Postdoc scholarship. Stanford University (2012-2013), declined.
	Scholarship. Mexico-Harvard Foundation (Academic year 2012-2013).
	Travel grant. DRCLAS, Harvard University (Summer 2010, 2011; Spring 2012).
	Scholarship. Mexico's National Counsel of Science and Technology (Academic years 2008-2012).
	Travel grant. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Spring 2011).
	Writing grant. Center for US-Mexico Studies, UCSD (Fall 2010, 2011).
	Travel grant. Kennedy/Sheldon Fellowship, Harvard University (Academic year 2010-2011).
	Research grant. Merit and Term-Time Fellowship to outstanding research, Harvard University. (2010).
	Research grant. Criminal Justice, Policy and Management, HKS (2010).
	Research grant. Inequality and Social Policy Program, Harvard University (Academic year 2009-2010).
	Research grant. Harvard Real Estate Institute (Summer 2009).
	Scholarship. Fulbright, Mexico-US Bilateral Commission (2008), declined.

<b>TALKS</b>	
	<b>General public</b> "A welfare-based digital transformation: considerations and best practices for people-centric technology" <i>International Book Fair</i> . Nov 30, 2023 (Guadalajara, MX).

## General public

- “Causes of economic disparities among vulnerable groups” *Mexico’s Senate*. Nov 24, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Reducing the workday from 48 to 40 hours in Mexico” *Congressional Hearing, Mexico’s Federal Congress*. Nov 13, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Mexico’s political and institutional context” *POLIS*. Nov 9, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “The feminist and LGBT agenda for the next administration” *International Women’s Media Foundation*. Nov 8, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Mexico’s complex and dynamic political landscape” *Canadian Chamber of Commerce*. Sep 20, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Creating a more prosperous Mexico”, *UNISAP Tenth Convention*. Aug 21, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Tax justice and an egalitarian agenda”, *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Foundation’s Program for Progressive Leadership*. Ago 27, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “The fiscal, antitrust and labor regulations Mexico needs” *ANAM*. May 16, 2023 (Cancun, MX).
- “How racism works in Mexico” *Day of resistance to racism Infonavit*. Apr 20. 2-23 (Mexico City, MX).
- “No es normal. Book tour 2023” Utopía Meyehualco May 27 (Iztapalapa, MX); Sándor Márai bookstore Apr 14 (Chihuahua, MX); *Impact Hub* Apr 13 (Juárez, MX).
- “How to create a more prosperous Mexico” *Mexican Association of Promotion Agencies*. Jan 26, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Actinver day: political panel” *Actinver*. Jan 25, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Understanding poverty in Leon, Guanajuato” *No + Pobreza*. Nov 3, 2022 (León, MX).
- “No es normal. Book tour 2022” *Actinver’s executive council*. Oct 20 (México City, MX); *International Book Fair*. Oct 11 (Monterrey, MX); *Mexico’s Senate, Parliamentary group Morena*. Oct 4 (Mexico City, MX); *Movimiento Ciudadano’s Annual Youth Congress*. Sep 23 (Mexico City, MX); *Centro Tepoztlán*. May 28 (Mexico City, MX); *El Péndulo*. May 24 (Mexico City, MX); *Desarrollando Morelos*. May 19 (Cuernavaca, MX); *International Women’s Forum Mexico*. Apr 25 (online); *Hagamos Jalisco*. Apr 5 (Guadalajara, MX); *Transversal*. Apr 4 (Guadalajara, MX); *Parque María Luisa*. Mar 27 (Mexico City, MX); *Faro Oriente*. Mar 12 (Mexico City, MX); *US Embassy*. Mar 2 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Labor policy for a more prosperous Mexico” *De La Vega & Martínez Rojas Abogados*. Oct 15, 2022 (Puebla, MX).
- “Inequality in Mexico” *Nuevo Leon’s College of Economists*. Oct 11, 2022 (Monterrey, MX).
- “Fighting poverty in Mexico City” *Secretariat of Inclusion and Social Welfare of Mexico City*. Sep 27, 2022 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Why isn’t Mexico rich?” *Eleva Mexicali*. Nov 10 (Mexicali, MX); *DILAMEG*. Aug 25, 2022 (Quintana Roo, MX).
- “Access to postgraduate education for women” *Mevk*. Aug 4, 2022 (Mexico City, MX).
- “AMLO’s visit to the U.S.” *Wilson Center*. Jul 11, 2022 (online).
- “No es normal. Book tour 2021” *Francisco Villa Museum*. Dec 13 (Durango, MX); *Mexico’s Senate, Parliamentary group PAN* and *Café Cuchi*. Dec 8 (Mexico City, MX); *Democracia Deliberada*. Dec 7 (Mexico

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City, MX); *Family Tuesday for those deprived of liberty*. Dec 7 (Edomex, MX); *Faro de Oriente*. Dec 4 (Mexico City, MX); *International Book Fair*. Dec 2 (Guadalajara, MX); *Steering Committee of the Mexican Institute of Finance Executives*. Dic 1 (online); *British Embassy*. Nov 29 (Mexico City, MX); *Faro Cosmos*. Nov 26 (Mexico City, MX); *El Ágora Cuautitlán*. Nov 27 (Edomex, MX); *La Laguna Cultural Center*. Nov 25 (Mexico City, MX); *Mexico's Harvard Alumni Association*. Nov 24 (Mexico City, MX); *Club de libro de Tenexyecac, Tlaxcala*. Nov 23 (online); *Fundar*. Nov 23 (Mexico City, MX); *El Ágora Chalco*. Nov 20 (Edomex, MX); *Centro Cultural La Mano*. Nov 17 (Mexico City, MX); *Opinion 51*. Nov 16 (Mexico City, MX); *Data Cívica*. Nov 12 (Mexico City, MX); *Mexico's Chamber of Deputies, Parliamentary group Morena*. Dic 8 (Mexico City, MX); *Coincydes*. Nov 11 (online); *Mexico's Chamber of Deputies, Parliamentary group Movimiento Ciudadano*. Nov 9 (Mexico City, MX); *Oxfam México*. Nov 5 (online).

“Towards a post-neoliberal order” *International Book Fair*. Nov 30, 2021 (Guadalajara, MX).

“Mexico’s budget 2022: challenges and proposals” *Parliamentary group Movimiento Ciudadano*. Aug 31, 2021 (Mexico City, MX).

“Mexico: results of the midterm elections” *Wilson Center*. Jun 15, 2021 (online).

“Towards a new relationship between public and private sector: cooperation based on clear rules for inclusive prosperity” *The future of Mexican capitalism: how to transform an extractive economy?* Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Fundar. Dec 19, 2020 (Mexico City, MX).

“How to safeguard the balance of the republic?” *II International meeting of government and civil society: federalist counterweights and democratic controls*, Transversal, Universidad de Guadalajara (UDG) and *International Book Fair*. Nov 29, 2020 (Mexico City, MX).

“Corruption & inequality in Mexico” *Civic Council*. Oct 26, 2020 (Nuevo León, MX); *Humanities week, ITESM*. Oct 14, 2020 (Nuevo León, MX); *Institute of Transparency, Public Information and Protection of Personal Data of the State of Jalisco*. Oct 13, 2020 (Jalisco, MX).

“Mexico’s main political and economic challenges” *The Biodiversity Fund annual meeting 2020*. Oct 7, 2020 (Mexico City, MX).

“Challenges and opportunities in face of the pandemic” *DECASA*. Oct 2, 2020 (Puebla, MX).

“How has COVID-19 transformed the anti-corruption space in Mexico?” *Americas Society/ Council of the Americas*. Sep 30, 2020 (New York, NY).

“Corruption & inequality in Mexico” *International seminar on citizen participation and oversight, Superior Audit of the Federation and Oxfam*. Sep 4, 2020 (Mexico City, MX).

“Growing the middle class worldwide” *Young global leader summit action lab on social and economic justice*, WEF. Aug 8-9, 2020 (online).

“Organization, mobilization and change in contemporary Mexico” *Dialogues for Mexico*. Jul 22, 2020 (Mexico City, MX).

“Post-COVID19 fiscal federalism” *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Oxfam*. Jul 16, 2020 (Mexico City, MX).

“Mexico’s subnational challenges” *Mexican Employers Confederation*. Jun 8, 2020 (Edomex, MX); Jun 19, 2020 (Aguascalientes, MX); Jul 8, 2020 (Chihuahua, MX).

“Socioeconomic factors influencing COVID-19 mortality rates in Mexico: a preliminary analysis” *Merck & Co*. Jul 3, 2020 (Kenilworth, NJ).

“Gender inequality and corruption in Mexico” *Institute of Transparency, Public Information and Protection of Personal Data of the State of Jalisco*. Mar 4, 2020 (Jalisco, MX).

“Together we made history” *International Book Fair*. Dec 5, 2019 (Guadalajara, MX).

“Corruption in Mexico” *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Herbert Ruben & Justice Rose Luttan Ruben international law symposium, New York University (NYU)*. Oct 10, 2019 (New York, NY).

“What is the fourth transformation?” *Wal-Mart Mexico*. Sep 5, 2019 (Mexico City, MX).

## General public

- “Why isn’t Mexico rich?” *Third Plenary Meeting, Parliamentary Group*. Aug 23, 2019 (Puebla, MX).
- “Using data to reduce corruption” *United Nations public service forum*. Jun 22, 2018 (Marrakech, MOR).
- “Mexico’s economic and social challenges” *Mexican Employers Confederation*. May 23, 2018 (Aguascalientes, MX); May 7, 2018 (Ciudad Valles, MX).
- “Economic impacts of corruption” *Mexican Employers Confederation*. Feb 28, 2018 (Hermosillo, MX).
- “The missing reform: strengthening the rule of law in Mexico” *Wilson Center*. Feb 5, 2018 (Wash., DC).
- “Economic challenges 2018” *Mercer Consulting*. Jan 8, 2018 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Boosting regional economic growth” *Mexican Employers Confederation*. Dec 20, 2017 (Oaxaca, MX); Oct 25, 2017 (Durango, Mexico); Sep 29, 2017 (Puebla, MX).
- “Lessons and future of Mexico’s national anticorruption system” *Mexican Employers Confederation*. Oct 24, 2017 (Hidalgo del Parral, MX); Jun 5, 2017 (Tlaxcala, MX); May 30, 2017 (Reynosa, MX).
- “Understanding the economic effects of corruption” *IMEF*. Oct 12, 2017 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Cash transfers and government approval ratings: the case of Fiji after tropical cyclone Winston” *The World Bank*. Apr 4, 2017 (Washington, DC).
- “The fight against corruption in Latin America” *Ecuadorian Eco. Policy Institute*. Mar 2017 (Guayaquil, EC).
- “What is inhibiting Mexico’s growth?” *Canadian Chamber of Commerce*. Dec 5, 2016. (Mexico City, MX).
- “Brief of Mexico’s politics and economics” *The dialogue*. Dec 1, 2016 (Buenos Aires, ARG).
- “Nudge innovation in Mexico” *The Wilson Center innovation forum*. Nov 17, 2016 (Boston, MA).
- “International symposium of oral-adversarial justice systems” *Oral-adversarial skill-building immersion seminar*. Sep 8-9, 2016 (Mexico City, MX).
- “The impact of crime and violence on economic diversity” *Mexico’s Central Bank (Banxico)*. Jun 22, 2016 (Mexico City, MX); *Inter-American Development Bank*. Apr 6, 2016 (Washington, DC); *The Wilson Center*. Jan 23, 2016 & Nov 17, 2015 (Washington, DC).
- “The costs of Mexico’s corruption” *Citibank’s investors plenary meeting*. Mar 3, 2016 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Rule of law and economic development in Mexico” *The Wilson Center*. Jan, 2016 (Washington, DC).
- “Labor and productivity inequality” *The Economist’s Mexico summit*. Nov 5, 2015 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Debating marihuana legalization” *La Ciudad de las Ideas*. Nov, 2015 (Puebla, MX).
- “The challenges of Mexico City’s economy” *IMEF Annual Meeting*. Jul 29, 2015 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Economic growth in Mexico” *Mexican Employers Confederation*. Feb 12, 2015 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Drugs, violence and crime” *Attorney General Office of Mexico City*. Oct 3, 2012 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Corruption, justice reform and citizen security in Mexico’s drug war” *The World Bank’s citizen security beam BBL*. Sep 12, 2012 (Washington, DC).
- “Understanding Mexico’s drug violence” *Guggenheim Foundation*. Dec 8-10, 2011 (New York, NY).
- “The future of Mexican drug cartels” *Mexico Security Conference, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Dept. of State, and Nat. Intelligence Council*. Aug 11-12, 2011 (Washington, DC).
- “Trends in drug-related violence and policy recommendations” *Southern California roundtable, CENTRA Technology Inc*. Sep 22, 2010 (Santa Monica, CA).

## Academic talks

- “AMLO versus the institutions: how has the Lopez Obrador presidency affected Mexico’s democracy?” *Tuesday seminar series DRCLAS, Harvard University*. Nov 28, 2023 (Cambridge, MA).
- “Origin and consequence of the Mexican pre-development trap” *Pearson Global Forum*. Oct 20, 2023 (Chicago, IL).
- “Inequality and social policy in Mexico”. *El Colegio de México*. Ago 29, 2023 (Mexico City, MX).

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“Uses and abuses of anti-corruption measures” *El Colegio de México*. Ago 19, 2023; Oct 26, 2022; Sep, 2021 (online).

“The rigged game that fuels Mexican inequality and how to change it.” (2023) *UAEM*. May 18 (Edomex, MX); *ITAM*. Apr 27 (Mexico City, MX).

“The paradoxes of Mexico’s left” Stanford University’s *Center for Latin American Studies* & *University of California Davis’s Hemispheric Institute on the America*. May 5, 2023 (Davis, CA).

“The rigged game that fuels Mexican inequality and how to change it.” (2022) *ITESM*. Oct 14 (Guadalajara, MX); *UNAM Facultad de Economía*. Sept 7 (Mexico City, MX); *UABC Tijuana*. Aug 31 (Tijuana, MX); *UAM Iztapalapa*. Jul 14 (Mexico City, MX); *ITESM*. May 26 (Querétaro, MX); *Facultad Libre de Derecho*. Apr 26 (Monterrey, MX); *Universidad Cristóbal Colón*. Apr 21 (Veracruz, MX); *Universidad Anáhuac, Campus Sur*. Apr 19 (Mexico City, MX); *Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla*. Apr 8 (Puebla, MX); *ITESO*. Apr 4 (Guadalajara, MX); *Harvard Club Mexico*. Apr 2 (Mexico City, MX); *Universidad Anáhuac, Campus Norte*. Mar 17 (Mexico City, MX); *ITESM*. Mar 8 (Toluca, MX); *University of Chicago, Mexican Association*. Feb 25 (online).

“How much does the Welfare State cost and how much does it cost not to have it?” *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Facultad de Derecho*. Jun 9, 2022 (Mexico City, MX)

“Social inequality in Mexico” *El Colegio de México, Líderes en Movimiento-Universitarios*. Apr 12, 2022 (Mexico City, MX).

“The rigged game that fuels Mexican inequality and how to change it.” (2021) *Colegio de Economistas*. Dec 7 (online); *Museo de las Artes, UDG*. Dec 3 (Guadalajara, MX).

“Authoritarianism or democracy in Mexico” *UDG*. Dec 3, 2021 (Guadalajara, MX).

“Reducing inequality. A necessary condition to preserve Mexico’s democracy” *UDG*. Dec 2, 2021 (Guadalajara, MX).

“Post-neoliberalism in Mexico” *UDG*. Nov 30, 2021 (Guadalajara, MX).

“Why is Mexico so unequal?” *Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy*. Nov 15, 2021 (online).

“How to measure corruption in Mexico.” *El Colegio de México*. Oct 23, 2021 (online).

“Mexico under AMLO” *Tuesday seminar series DRCLAS, Harvard University*. Mar 23, 2021 (Cambridge, MA).

“Who owns the money? Presidents & congressmen 1970-2020” *ITESM*. Feb 25, 2021 (Mexico City, MX).

“Defense of the Mexican economy and health protection against COVID-19” *Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD*. Jul 10, 2020 (San Diego, CA).

“Political innovation in Mexico: new narratives, new practices” *The Mexico conference 2020, Harvard Law School and HKS*. Jan 31, 2020 (Cambridge, MA).

“Mexico's challenges under a left government” *University of Southern Cal*. May 30, 2019 (Mexico City, MX).

“Corruption cycles” *State and organized in Mexico, CIDE*. May 30, 2019 (Mexico City, MX).

“Mexico’s security challenge” *Harvard University Mexican Association (HUMA) and the Mexican Caucus, HKS*. Apr 26, 2019 (Cambridge, MA).

“Corruption types & income inequality: evidence from Latin America” *Latin American Studies Program's Speaker Series, Cornell University*. Apr 25, 2019 (Ithaca, NY).

“The political origins of corruption in Mexico” *Tuesday seminar series DRCLAS, Harvard University*. Apr 23, 2019 (Cambridge, MA).

“Doing fieldwork in highly violent areas of Latin America” *Fieldwork workshop, Harvard University*. Apr 5, 2019 (Cambridge, MA).

## Academic talks

- “Towards a Mexican welfare state” *El Colegio de México*. Mar 7, 2019 (Mexico City, MX).
- “A conversation about security and corruption” *HUMA Speakers*, HKS. Feb 21, 2019 (Cambridge, MA).
- “Corruption & inequality in Latin America” at *Latin American studies program's speaker series, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual meeting*. Apr 6-8, 2018 (Chicago, IL).
- “To be or not to be a drug trafficker” *Seminar on normative approaches to study of criminal violence, CIDE*. Nov 16, 2017 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Violence and business attitudes toward redistribution: evidence from Mexico” *APSA annual conference*. Sep 1-3, 2017 (San Francisco, CA).
- “Mexico’s new security challenges” *University of Texas*. Feb 8, 2017 (Austin, TX); *US Naval Academy*. Feb 7, 2017 (Annapolis, MD).
- “The economic effects of violence and corruption” *Texas A&M*. Nov 9, 2016 (Laredo, TX); *Economists National Congress*. Nov 4, 2016 (Toluca, MX).
- “Security in Mexico: a research agenda” *University of Oklahoma*. Feb 16, 2016 (Norman, OK).
- “How criminal rivalry leads to violence against the press” *Syracuse University*. Jan 13, 2016 (Syracuse, NY); *Texas A&M University*. Dec 24, 2015 (Laredo, TX).
- “Rule of law and corruption” *Rethinking violence and civil society in Mexico, Harvard University*. Apr 10, 2015 (Cambridge, MA).
- “The citizen security tipping points” *Citizen insecurity in Latin America conference, Stanford University, ITAM and UNDP*. Mar 11, 2013 (Mexico City, MX).
- “Government coordination and violence deterrence in Mexico’s drug war” *School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS), UCSD*. Nov 14, 2012 (San Diego, CA); *RAND*. Nov 13, 2012 (Washington, DC); *Workshop in political economy, Harvard University*. Oct 12, 2012 (Cambridge, MA).
- “When criminals cannot hide: generating intelligence data through search engines” *New directions in analyzing text data conference, IQSS, Harvard University*. Oct 9, 2012 (Cambridge, MA).
- “Police security in borderlands” *Border and borderlands in the Americas conference, Stanford University*. Jun 18, 2012 (Palo Alto, CA).
- “Drug traffickers’ communications and violence: assessing the impact of expressed rivalries in drug-related violence” *International Studies Association*. Apr 4, 2012 (San Diego, CA).
- “Lessons from Mexico’s drug war: policy outcomes depend on organizational structure” *World Peace Foundation, Tufts University*. Mar 29, 2012 (Boston, MA).
- “Security issues and immigration flows: drug-violence refugees, the new Mexican immigrants” *Graduate student political economy seminar, IQSS, Harvard University*. Feb 17, 2012 (Cambridge, MA).
- “Why did Mexican drug traffickers become so violent? Trends and explanations to a drug war” *Tuesday seminar series DRCLAS, Harvard University*. Jan 31, 2012 (Cambridge, MA).
- “Drug war: myths and realities” *Dean’s breakfast, UCSD*. Nov 16, 2011 (San Diego, CA).
- “Criminal market diversification and drug-related violence” and “Security issues and immigration flows” *Violence, drugs and governance: Mexican security in comparative perspective conference, Stanford University*. Oct 3-4, 2011 (Palo Alto, CA).
- “Why are Mexican mayors getting killed by traffickers? Corruption dynamics in Mexico” *MPSA annual conference*. Mar 2011 (Chicago, IL); *Research colloquium, Williams College*. Nov 2010 (Williamstown, MA); *Public Policy and Inequality, Harvard University*. Nov 2010 (Cambridge, MA).
- “Corruption dynamics in Mexico” *MPSA annual conference*. Mar 2011 (Chicago, IL); *Williams College’s Research Colloquium*. Nov 2010 (Williamstown, MA); *Harvard University’s public policy and inequality seminar*. Nov 2010 (Cambridge, MA).



<b>Academic talks</b>	“Trends and figures on drug-related violence in Mexico, 2010” <i>TBI, USD</i> . Dec 10, 2010 (San Diego, CA).
	“Public security and competitiveness: improving Mexico’s image” <i>International congress on competitiveness, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas</i> . Nov 2010 (Nuevo Laredo, MX).
	“The potential impacts of marijuana legalization in Mexico’s drug-related violence” <i>Ending prohibition conference, TBI, USD</i> . Oct 14, 2010 (San Diego, CA).
	“Political conflict in indigenous Latin America” <i>LASA 2010 Meeting</i> . Oct 7, 2010 (Toronto, CN).
	“Evaluating the economic impact of drug traffic in Mexico” <i>Graduate students political economy workshop, IQSS, Harvard University</i> . Spring 2008 (Cambridge, MA).
	“To be or not to be a drug trafficker: modeling occupational choices of criminals” <i>MPSA annual conference</i> . Apr 2010 (Chicago, IL).
	“Possible manipulations of indigenous electoral traditions in Mexico” <i>MPSA 2006 meeting</i> . Apr 23, 2006 (Chicago, IL).

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## TEACHING

<b>Harvard Extension Education</b>	<i>Govts-1865</i> U.S.-Mexico politics. Instructor <i>Summer School</i> (2019-today). Grad & undergrad.
	<i>Govts-1507</i> Introduction to public policy. Instructor <i>Summer School</i> (2018-2021). Grad & undergrad.
	<i>Govts-1115</i> Corruption and inequality. Instructor <i>Summer School</i> (2017). Grad & undergrad.
	Opportunities and challenges for Mexico’s future. Instructor <i>Executive Education</i> (Jan 2013, 2014).
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