FLACSO-México, University of Texas Law School, LBJ School of Public Affairs, and the Mexican Center of LLILAS Present an International Conference

*Accountability and the Rule of Law in Mexico on the Threshold of the 2006 Elections*

University of Texas at Austin
September 8–9, 2005

All sessions will be held in the Eidman Courtroom of the UT Law School

Please join us via the Web for this important conference. Live Webcast will begin 1 hour before the opening of the sessions each day: mms://realaudio.cc.utexas.edu/wmtencoder/utlaw

Thursday, September 8

12:00–3:00 P.M. Arrival of conference participants

4:45–5:00 P.M. Inauguration

**Welcome:** William Powers, Dean of the UT Law School
Corresponding Remarks: Giovanna Valenti, Director of FLACSO

(Presidium Party will also include
Peter Ward, UT-Austin
Nicolas Shumway, Director of LLILAS
Giovanna Valenti, Director of FLACSO
John Ackerman, FLACSO-México)

5:00–6:45 P.M. Keynote Address

*Transparency as a Condition of the Rule of Law in Mexico*
José Ramón Cossío, Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico

**Commentator:** Kurt Weyland, UT-Austin
**Moderator:** Peter Ward, UT-Austin

7:00–8:30 P.M. Reception and Signing of FLACSO-UT Agreements
Hosted by the Law School
Agreement Signatories:
Nicolas Shumway, Director of LLILAS, College of Liberal Arts
Giovanna Valenti, Director of FLACSO

Friday, September 9

8:15–8:45 A.M.  Continental Breakfast

8:45–8:50 A.M.  Welcome

Victoria Rodríguez, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

8:50–9:00 A.M.  Introductory Remarks

Conference Organizers: Peter Ward (UT) and John Ackerman (FLACSO)

9:00–11:30 A.M.  Panel Discussion 1: Accountability and the Rule of Law in Mexico Today

Ken Greene, UT-Austin  
Accountability: An Introduction for the Uninitiated

Alonso Lujambio, IFAI  
Direct Checks and Balances: Citizen Control and Transparency in Mexico

Irma Sandoval, IIS-UNAM  
Breaking the Silence: Financial Opacity and Accountability

Karina Ansolabehere, FLACSO-México  
El poder del poder judicial de cara a la vigencia del estado de derecho

Emilio Álvarez Icaza, President, CDHDF, Mexico City  
Transparencia y Rendición de Cuentas: Nuevos Elementos de la Democracia en México

Moderator: Daniel Brinks, UT-Austin  
Commentator: Jonathan Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz

11:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M.  Keynote Address

The IFE and the 2006 Elections: The Challenge and the Opportunity  
Luis Carlos Ugalde, Councilor President of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE)

Commentator: John Ackerman, FLACSO-México  
Moderator: Peter Ward, UT-Austin

1:00–2:00 P.M. Lunch (all participants invited)
2:15–4:15 P.M. **Panel Discussion 2: The IFE and the Challenge of Campaign Oversight and Electoral Organization**

Jaime Cárdenas, IIJ-UNAM  
*Entre la agenda pendiente y la interpretación de las normas*

Arturo Sánchez, IFE  
*The Challenges of the Federal Electoral Institute to the 2006 Elections*

Alejandro Poiré, Harvard University  
*Early Campaigning and Early Spending: Should IFE Care about It?*

Jesús Cantú

**Commentator:** Hugo Concha, IFE/IIJ-UNAM  
**Moderator:** Patricia Hansen, UT-Austin

4:15-4:30 P.M. **Break**

4:30–6:30 P.M. **Panel Discussion 3: The Dynamics of Citizen Participation in Mexico**

Benjamin Temkin, FLACSO-México  
*¿Por qué partido "votarán" los que no votarán en el 2006?*

Gisela Zaremberg, FLACSO-México  
*¿Votos con o sin influencia?: elecciones, género y política social*

Denise Dresser, ITAM  
*Mexico 2006: A Choice between Bad and Worse*

David Crow, UT-Austin  
*(Can't Get No) Satisfaction: Disillusionment and Political Participation in Mexico*

**Moderator:** Peter Ward, UT-Austin  
**Commentator:** Bryan Roberts, UT-Austin

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