

The University of Texas at Austin
Presents an International Conference
***President Calderón's First 100 Days in Office:
Trends and Directions***

Friday, April 13, 2007
8:30 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

The School of Architecture,
Main Lecture Theater, GOL 3.120

This conference is designed to bring together scholars, political analysts, and politicians from Mexico and the U.S. to analyze the change of administration in Mexico in 2006, and to make an initial assessment of what the first “semester” of President Calderon’s government tells us about the current and likely future directions in two key arenas of policy making and political change: (1) political reform, and (2) the strategy to improve public security. These two arenas, along with employment creation and poverty alleviation, form the central policy platforms of the new administration. The conference is open to the public and will offer a capstone to two graduate and undergraduate courses that examine Mexico’s democratic transition and emerging political culture. It will be Webcast live or streamed after the event.

8:30 A.M. Welcome by Sponsors

8:35–9:30 A.M. Opening Keynote:

An Overview of the Transition and the First 100 Days

Dr. Luis Rubio, Director of CIDAC, Mexico

9:45–11:45 A.M.

The Rule of Law and Public Security: First Steps

Moderator: Dr. Peter M. Ward, LBJ School

- Dr. Jorge Chabat, CIDE
- Dr. Roderic Camp, Claremont McKenna College
- Dr. David Shirk, San Diego State University
- To be confirmed

Discussants: Dr. Kurt Weyland, Dept. of Government, UT Austin
Dr. Alvaro Santos, Law School, UT Austin

12:10–1:45 P.M. Recess

2:00–4:00 P.M.

Wither Political Reform in Mexico? The Imperatives and Pragmatics Arising from July 2

Moderator: Dr. Victoria Rodríguez, LBJ School and Dean of the Graduate School

Politicians/legislators:

- Dip. César Camacho, PRI
- Lic. Carlos Heredia, PRD
- TBA, PAN
- Dr. Alejandro Poiré, Director General de Análisis Político, Presidencia

Discussants: Dr. Ken Greene, Dept. of Government, UT Austin
Dr. William Glade, Dept. of Economics, UT Austin

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