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Republics of Fear

Understanding Endemic Violence
in Latin America Today

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

About the Conference

Violence has become the signal threat to stability in Latin America in the new millennium. Kidnappings and murders generate lurid headlines from Mexico to Honduras to Argentina. Communities tired of statelessness and voicelessness set suspected criminals on fire in Guatemalan public squares. Hundreds of women die violent deaths in Ciudad Juárez and Guatemala City while the state remains either impotent or indifferent. Police raids into Rio's favelas kill dozens of people while drug trafficking gangs stockpile more numerous and more powerful weapons. Prison gangs paralyze the megalopolis of São Paulo for days in retaliation for official measures taken against their imprisoned leaders. Meanwhile, structural violence continues to condemn huge portions of the region's population to poverty, disease, marginalization, and penury. If cold war ideologies set Latin America aflame in the 1960s and 1970s, a far more complex set of factors stokes the ordinary and extraordinary violence that burns in the region today.

In its Third Annual Lozano Long Conference, LLILAS hosts the academics who are exploring the causes and consequences of this conflagration. Researchers have only begun to respond to these new challenges to democracy, development, and human well-being. The time is ripe for a conference that brings together cutting edge research from different disciplines, perspectives, methods, and viewpoints, all united around a concern for the peoples of the region and the circumstances they face.

The conference hosts panels on topics such as gender violence; intimate violence; organized violence; the trafficking of humans, weapons, and drugs; political, state, and para-state violence; structural violence, including poverty, forced migration, racism, and discrimination; and the responses to violence, including representations of violence in the media, literature, films, and public discourse. LLILAS hopes in this way to foster and stimulate a new wave of theoretically informed, interdisciplinary, and culturally aware research into this crucial new challenge for Latin America.

Thursday, March 4

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 A.M. WELCOMING REMARKS

9:15 A.M. SEXUAL AND GENDER VIOLENCE

Subjetividad y acción en mujeres heridas:

Hacia la construcción de una metodología dialógica o colaborativa

Patricia Ravelo, CIESAS, Mexico

Enduring Violence: Ladina Women's Lives in the Guatemalan Oriente

Cecilia Menjivar, University of Arizona

Public Sex: Fucking, Talking, Writing

Ileana Rodríguez, Ohio State University

Researching Silenced Violence: The Challenges of Conducting Sociological

Research on Incest in Mexican Society

Gloria González López, University of Texas at Austin

CHAIR: HÉCTOR DOMÍNGUEZ RUVALCABA, University of Texas at Austin

11:15 A.M. BREAK

11:20 A.M. DOCUMENTARY SCREENING OF *La Carta*

12:45 P.M. LUNCH BREAK

1:45 P.M. ORGANIZED CRIME

Violence in Ciudad Juárez: Life at the Epicenter of Mexico's Drug War

Ricardo Ainslie, University of Texas at Austin

La acumulación social de la violencia en Río de Janeiro

Michel Misse, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

Cartel Violence in Mexico and Its Impact on Youth in Texas

Michael Lauderdale, University of Texas at Austin

El crecimiento del delito y el Crimen Organizado en América Latina

Marcelo Bergman, CIDE, Mexico

CHAIR: FORREST NOVY, University of Texas at Austin

THURSDAY, CONT.

3:45 P.M. BREAK

4:00 P.M. VIOLENCE AND REPRESENTATION

Drug Traffickers and the Contestation of Space in Rio de Janeiro
Lorraine Leu, University of Bristol

Destiny's Children: A Legacy of War and Gangs
Donna DeCesare, University of Texas at Austin

El lenguaje del narco: Una lectura comparativa entre Medellín y Culiacán
Gabriela Polit, University of Texas at Austin

Llora et labora (Memoria de la carne)
Alvaro Restrepo, El Colegio del Cuerpo de Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

CHAIR: SONIA RONCADOR, University of Texas at Austin

6:00 P.M. RECEPTION

REMARKS BY RICHARD FLORES, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

PERFORMANCE BY THE UT CARIBBEAN ENSEMBLE

Friday, March 5

9:00 A.M. STATE VIOLENCE

State Violence after Thirty Years of Democracy
Dan Brinks, University of Notre Dame

Juárez's Lost Years: State Violence in Mexico's War against Drugs
Cecilia Balli, University of Texas at Austin

The Combat of Drug Trafficking under Calderón: Long-Term Bet
Jorge Chabat, CIDE, Mexico

De este delito por el que vengo: Historias de vida de policías sentenciados por secuestro en la Penitenciaría de Santa Martha Acatitla
Elena Azaola, Comisión de Derechos Humanos DF, Mexico

CHAIR: ANDRÉS VILLARREAL, University of Texas at Austin

11:00 A.M. DOCUMENTARY SCREENING OF
Mampujan: Crónica de un desplazamiento

11:30 A.M. POLITICAL MOBILIZATION AGAINST VIOLENCE

Memoria y violencia en Colombia: Un caso paradigmático
Maria Victoria Uribe, Grupo Memoria Histórica, Comisión Nacional de Reparación y Reconciliación

*The Politics of Violence in Postwar Guatemala:
A Bottom-Up View of Community Responses to Crime*
Angelina Snodgrass Godoy, University of Washington

*Visible Fists, Clandestine Kicks, and Invisible Elbows:
The Regulation of Neoliberal Poverty*
Javier Auyero, University of Texas at Austin

Los defensores de derechos humanos en Chihuahua: Un oficio de alto riesgo
Gustavo de la Rosa, Comisión Estatal de Derechos Humanos, Chihuahua

CHAIR: JULIET HOOKER, University of Texas at Austin

1:15 P.M. LUNCH BREAK

FRIDAY, CONT.

2:15–4:00 P.M.

CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH INVITED SPEAKERS

Marcelo Bergman, CIDE, Mexico

Jorge Chabat, CIDE, Mexico

Gabriela Polit, UT Austin

Ileana Rodríguez, Ohio State University

María Victoria Uribe, Grupo Memoria Histórica, Comisión Nacional de Reparación y Reconciliación, Colombia

CHAIR: HÉCTOR DOMÍNGUEZ RUVALCABA, University of Texas at Austin

2010 Lozano Long Conference Participants

RICARDO AINSLIE is Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. His research focuses on the study of psychoanalysis and cultural experience by examining topics such as the psychological experience of immigration, ethnic conflicts within communities, and the relationship between individual and collective identity. In his film *Crossover: A Story of Desegregation*, he addresses issues of cultural conflict and transformation by examining the impact of school desegregation on the community of Hempstead, Texas. In collaboration with a documentary photographer, Professor Ainslie also developed a photographic exhibit describing the impact of the murder of James Byrd on Jasper, Texas.

JAVIER AUYERO is Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a distinguished theorist and methodologist with substantial contributions to the understanding of political and social change in contemporary Latin America. Professor Auyero's research concentrates on politics, community organization, and social movements in Argentina. He is the author of *Poor People's Politics* and *Contentious Lives* (both with Duke University Press) and *Routine Politics and Collective Violence in Argentina* (Cambridge University Press), and coauthor with Débora Swistun of *Flammable: Environmental Suffering in an Argentine Shantytown* (Oxford University Press). Professor Auyero is also the current editor of the journal *Qualitative Sociology*.

ELENA AZAOLA is Senior Investigator at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) in Mexico City, where she received her Ph.D. in social anthropology and psychoanalysis. She was an adviser at the National Commission of Human Rights (1991–1993) and is a current Council Member at the Commission of Human Rights of Mexico City. Dr. Azaola has published more than 125 works in Mexico and other countries. Most of her research has been in the field of juvenile and women's justice institutions, human rights, and violence. She is the Board Chair of the Institute for Security and Democracy, which won the 2007 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions.

CECILIA BALLI is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin. She received her Ph.D. in anthropology from Rice University in Houston. Her main research interests are U.S.-Mexican borderlands, gender and violence, Latino expressive culture, and narrative writing. Dr. Balli is a contributing

writer for *Texas Monthly*. A native of Brownsville, Texas, she has written many stories about the U.S.-Mexico border. Her personal essays have appeared in various anthologies, including *Puro Border* (Cinco Puntos Press), *Colonize This!* (Seal Press), *Border-line Personalities* (Rayo/Harpercollins), and *Rio Grande* (University of Texas Press).

MARCELO S. BERGMAN teaches in the Department of Legal Studies of the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE) in Mexico City. His research focuses on two major areas: tax evasion and law abidance, and public security and criminality, both in Latin America. His latest works are two forthcoming books: *Cheaters, Suckers and Legalists: On Tax Evasion in Latin America* and *Law and Trust in Latin America*. He has served as director of PESED (Program for the Study of Security and the Rule of Law) and as a consultant to tax administrations in Argentina, Chile, and Mexico.

DAN BRINKS is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame, where he received his Ph.D. He is also a J.D. of the University of Michigan Law School. He teaches courses in comparative politics and public law. Dr. Brinks's research on the role of the law and courts in supporting or extending rights has appeared in journals such as *Comparative Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and the *Texas International Law Journal*. His most recent books are *The Judicial Response to Police Violence in Latin America: Inequality and the Rule of Law* and *Courting Social Justice: Judicial Enforcement of Social and Economic Rights in the Developing World* (coedited with Varun Gauri). Dr. Brinks's most recent projects address the judicial response to police violence in Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay; the use of courts and law to enforce social and economic rights in the developing world; judicial independence; and the role of informal norms in the legal order.

JORGE CHABAT has been Professor in the Department of International Studies at the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City since 1983, and was department director from 1996–1999. He received his bachelor's from El Colegio de México and his master's and Ph.D. in international affairs from the University of Miami. Dr. Chabat has published extensively in books and journals on issues of Mexican foreign policy, U.S.-Mexico relations, and drug trafficking. He is a political commentator for Radio Imagen and the Mexican TV Network Televisa, and writes a bimonthly op-ed for the newspaper *El Universal*.

DONNA DECESARE is Associate Professor of Journalism at the University of Texas, a faculty affiliate of the Latin American Studies program, and an Advisory Board member of the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas. Professor DeCesare is widely known for her photographic reportage on the spread of Los Angeles gangs in Central America. Her photographs and testimonies from children in Guatemala and Colombia who are former child soldiers, survivors of sexual abuse, or who live with the stigma of HIV helped UNICEF to develop protocols for photographing children at risk. Her works have appeared in many publications such as the *New York Times Magazine* and *Life*. Dr. DeCesare has been the recipient of numerous awards for visual journalism, including an Emmy and several top awards in the National Press Photographers' annual Best of Photojournalism.

GUSTAVO DE LA ROSA was appointed Ombudsman for the Human Rights Commission of the State of Chihuahua (CEDH) in April 2008. He has been one of the few officials to recognize publicly that there has been a large increase in the number of complaints of serious human rights violations, including torture and extrajudicial executions in Ciudad Juárez, by the armed forces carrying out police duties. But after talking about the violence of the drug cartels and denouncing the abuses committed by the army in the campaign against drug trafficking in Chihuahua, Gustavo de la Rosa was forced to leave Ciudad Juárez and cross the border to seek protection from the U.S. government.

HÉCTOR DOMÍNGUEZ RUVALCABA received his Ph.D. in Hispanic literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is Associate Professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Texas at Austin, where he teaches queer Latin American literature and culture, Latin American modernism, and film. He has published the books *La modernidad abyecta. Formación de discurso homosexual en Latinoamérica* (Xalapa: Universidad Veracruzana, 2001) and *Modernity and the Nation in Mexican Representations of Masculinity* (New York: Palgrave, 2007). His areas of interest are queer Latin American studies, gender violence on the U.S.-Mexico border, and criminal organizations in Mexico.

ANGELINA SNODGRASS GODOY is Assistant Professor in the Law, Societies, and Justice Program at the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2001. Dr. Godoy's recent research has examined issues of violence and social control and their implications for human rights and democracy, particularly in Latin America. Her book, *Popular Injustice: Violence, Community, and Law in Latin America* (Stanford University Press, 2006), focuses on the spread of highly punitive forms of social control in postauthoritarian Latin

America, and on the use of lynchings, extrajudicial executions, and other forms of vigilante “justice.” At present, she is conducting research on free trade agreements and their effects on health and human rights, particularly intellectual property law and access to medications.

GLORIA GONZÁLEZ LÓPEZ is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on sexuality, gender and society, Latinas/Chicanas and sex, men and masculinity, and qualitative methods and sexuality research. Dr. González-López is the author of *Erotic Journeys: Mexican Immigrants and Their Sex Lives* (University of California Press, 2005). She is currently conducting sociological research on the sexual, romantic, and life experiences of adult women and men with histories of incestuous relationships and who currently live in four of the largest urbanized areas in Mexico.

JULIET HOOKER is Associate Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin and Associate Director of LLILAS. A Ph.D. of Cornell University, she has research interests in contemporary political theory, democratic theory, feminist theory, comparative political theory, Latin American political thought, critical race theory, and Latin American politics, especially Afro-descendant and indigenous politics. Dr. Hooker’s awards include a Visiting Fellowship at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame and a Junior Scholar in the Study of Democracy in Latin America grant from the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Ford Foundation. Her book, *Race and the Politics of Solidarity*, was published in 2009 by Oxford University Press.

MICHAEL LAUDERDALE received a Ph.D. in education from the University of Oklahoma. He has taught at the University of Oklahoma, New Mexico State University, and the University of Texas at El Paso, and joined the faculty at UT Austin in 1970. He has a long-established research program that assesses organizational functioning and effectiveness. Since 1975 he has worked with the State of Texas to develop tools and procedures to improve services, based on previous work that he has done in the U.S. southwest, Mexico, and Europe. Within the last ten years, Dr. Lauderdale has increased his research and service on the topic of leadership. Through this activity, he works particularly with law enforcement entities and initiated a new course in 2003 under the sponsorship of the Greater Austin Crime Commission in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin Varsity Athletics Department.

LORRAINE LEU, a Ph.D. of the University of London, is Associate Professor of Brazilian Studies at the University of Bristol, UK. She is an editor of the *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies* and the author of *Brazilian Popular Music* (2006), which was named as one of the most important books read by reviewers of *The Year’s Work in Critical and Cultural Theory*. Dr. Leu has written articles on the representation of criminals in the Brazilian press and in the cinema; on the criminalization of the popular classes through urbanization projects and in public discourse; and on challenges to social exclusion in the cultural expression and social practices of subaltern subjects. She is currently writing a book on crime, urban history, and the cinema in Rio de Janeiro.

CECILIA MENJIVAR is Professor of Sociology at Arizona State University. Her research encompasses U.S.-bound migration, and the militarization of the U.S. border and its effects on the immigrants who cross it; and the effects of legal, social, and economic exclusion on different spheres of social life among immigrants, focusing primarily on Central American immigrants in the United States. Her second area of interest lies in Central America, particularly the effects of structural adjustments on daily life, as seen through the lens of gender. Dr. Menjivar is additionally interested in issues of state terror in the region, highlighting the political aspect of world systemic relations. Based on fieldwork she undertook in Guatemala, she has been writing about the effects that multiple forms of violence—institutional, political, gender, symbolic—have on the social worlds of Latinas and indigenous women.

MICHEL MISSE is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Philosophy and Social Sciences Institute of the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). He serves as the coordinator of the network of studies on urban violence at UFRJ. In 2006, Professor Misse published the book *Crime e violência no Brasil contemporâneo*, which discusses the main issues affecting public safety in the Brazilian metropolis.

FORREST NOVY holds a Ph.D. in learning disabilities from Northwestern University. His career has included classroom and clinical teaching experience with children and young adults with learning and language disorders and administration of programs for children and youth in conflict with the law. He has served as the associate director of the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC) at Utah State University, for ten years as a consultant with the Texas Education Agency in special education programming and accountability, and most recently in program leadership at the Texas Youth Commission. Dr. Novy lived and worked in Brazil as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer and later as a visiting professor of special education and linguistics at the Universidade Federal do Paraná and

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PATRICIA RAVELO BLANCAS is a Professor at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social and a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, with a specialization in gender studies from El Colegio de México. Her current research project "Protestal social y acciones colectivas en torno de la violencia sexual y de género en Ciudad Juárez, Chih./El Paso, TX" discusses the social movements surrounding issues of violence against women in Mexico.

ALVARO RESTREPO is codirector of El Colegio del Cuerpo de Cartagena de Indias—Colombia's first contemporary dance choreographic formation center, a dance school and troupe for disadvantaged Colombian children. Through his work with Afro-descendant communities, Restrepo demonstrates how the arts can be used as a vehicle for exploring issues of human rights and racial justice.

ILEANA RODRÍGUEZ is Professor of Literature and Latin American Studies at Ohio State University. Her research focuses on feminist studies, Latin American literature and culture, Caribbean and Central American narratives, and post-colonial theory. She is the author of *Women, Guerrillas, and Love: Understanding War in Central America* and *House/Garden/Nation: Space, Gender, and Ethnicity in Post-Colonial Latin American Literatures by Women*. She is also a founding member of the Latin American Subaltern Studies Group.

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MARIA VICTORIA URIBE served as Director of the Colombian Institute for Anthropology and History from 1994–2005. Her areas of research are comparative perspectives in armed conflicts, anthropology of inhumanity, and body and ritual anthropology. Dr. Uribe has served as a researcher for the Pensar Institute of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and for CINEP. Her most recent publication is the article "Memory in Times of War," which describes the complexity of transitional justice in Colombia. She is currently a member of the Area of Historic Memory of the National Commission of Truth in Colombia.

ANDRÉS VILLARREAL is Associate Professor of Sociology and a LLILAS-affiliated faculty member at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Dr. Villarreal's research focuses on crime and urbanization in Mexico; determinants of homicide in Mexican municipalities; the impact of poverty and inequality; changes in family structure; international migration; political competition on homicide; differences in crime rates across Mexico City neighborhoods and how they relate to the process of urbanization; and Latin American and border demography, crime, law, and deviance.

