

**PUBLIC SECURITY AND IMPUNITY IN MEXICO:  
THE ROLE OF POLICE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

*A Virtual Multimedia Roundtable*

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 10:00-12:30 EST*

**AGENDA**

This invitation-only dialogue will address the unfinished agenda of criminal justice and police reform in Mexico through evidence-based data and video presentations on both problems and solutions as interpreted by leading authorities in Mexico and the United States. We aim to identify common points of understanding and recommendations for reframing local, national and bilateral agendas for improved law enforcement and security cooperation.

*\*this meeting will be held under Chatham House non-attribution rules.*

- 10:00-10:05am**      **Introductions:** Alejandro Ponce, Chief Research Officer, World Justice Project and Duncan Wood, Director of Mexico Institute, Wilson Center  
  
Roundtable facilitator: Juan Salgado, Senior Police Reform Researcher, World Justice Project Mexico
- 10:05-10:15am**      **Opening Remarks:**  
  
Ambassador Martha Bárcena Coqui, Ambassador of Mexico to the United States  
  
Ambassador Christopher Landau, Ambassador of the United States to Mexico
- 10:15-10:55am**      **Session 1: Challenging the Dominant Narrative – the real causes of impunity**  
  
***Setting the Context:*** Lilian Chapa Koloffon, Senior Researcher, World Justice Project  
  
Annie Pforzheimer, Non-resident Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies and former director of the Merida Initiative  
  
***Voices of Prison Inmates:*** Video presentation of highlights of National Survey of Populations Deprived of Liberty in Mexico  
  
Roberto Hernandez, Senior Researcher, World Justice Project Mexico and Director of award-winning documentary Presunto Culpable

Guillermo Castillo Koschnick, Assistant Director for Government Policy and National Census, INEGI

Roundtable discussion

**10:55-11:40am**      **Session 2: Progress in police reform at the local level**

Moderator: Alejandro Gonzalez Arreola, Director of Rule of Law Projects, World Justice Project Mexico

***Making police reform happen*** – Video presentation of municipalities of Escobedo, Chihuahua and Oaxaca

***Voices of Mayors***

Clara Luz Flores, Mayor of Escobedo

Oswaldo Garcia, Mayor of Oaxaca

Maria Eugenia Campos, Mayor of Chihuahua

Roundtable discussion

**11:40-12:15pm**      **Session 3: Toward a national police reform**

Moderator: Ambassador Earl Anthony Wayne, Former Ambassador of the United States to Mexico, Wilson Center

Bertha Alcalde, Unit Chief, Ministry of Security and Civic Protection, Government of Mexico

Ruben Vasconcelos, Attorney General, State of Oaxaca

Marien Rivera, Senior Researcher, World Justice Project, Mexico

Roundtable discussion

**12:15-12:30pm**      **Concluding Roundtable Discussion: Key Takeaways and Recommendations for Mexican and U.S. Policymakers**

*Meeting co-chairs will summarize key points of common understanding and moderate discussion on recommendations for path forward for police and criminal justice reform in Mexico*

Juan Salgado, Senior Police Reform Researcher, World Justice Project

Duncan Wood, Mexico Institute, Wilson Center