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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
3.-4. JUNE 2019 | 9AM - 7PM

Latin American Centre
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Monday, 3rd of June 2019

Welcome and introduction to the event, 9:00-9:15 | Pavilion Room, St Antony's

Carlos A. Pérez Ricart (Oxford), Carlos Solar (Oxford), Eduardo Posada Carbo (Oxford)

A. 9:15-10:45 | Colombia before and after the Peace-Agreement | Pavilion Room, St Antony's College | Chair: Eduardo Posada Carbo (Oxford)


Erin K McFee (University of Chicago) Fluid membership in Non-State Armed Groups (NSAG) in Colombia: An ethnographic investigation into Recruitment Prevention Policy and Program Design

Annette Idler (University of Oxford) Borderlands Battles: Violence Crime and Governance at the Edge of Colombia's War

Georg Holfelder (Freie Universität Berlin) The Reconfiguration of Violent Non-State Groups in Colombia

B1. Perspectives on Central America | 11:15-12:45 | Pavilion Room, St Antony’s | Chair: Wil Pansters (Universiteit Utrecht)

Jose Miguel Cruz (Florida International University) Gangs and Political Order in Central America

Douglas Castro (Civic Alliance for Justice and Democracy, Nicaragua) (In) Security and Explosion of Violence in Nicaragua: Behind the Decay of the Nicaraguan National Police


Désirée Marlen Reder (GIGA, Hamburg) The Salvadoran Discourse on Violence
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B2. Citizen and Public Security | 11:15-12:45 | Latin American Centre | Chair: Antonio Sampaio (The International Institute for Strategic Studies)

Marta-Laura Suska (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY) The Police See It Differently: Criminality and Policing in Two Brazilian Cities

Gonzalo Croci (University College London) Citizen Security in Latin America: A Comparative Study of the Variables that Affect Homicides Trends

Vanja Grujic (University of Brasilia) Human Rights and Public Security in Rio de Janeiro in the State of Exception

Donia Khanegi (University College London) Applying Crime Scripts to Examine the Nexus between Recreational Drug Use and the Negative Societal Impacts of the Illicit Drug Trade: A Comparison between England, Mexico and Uruguay

C1. Business, markets and resources | 14:00-15:30 | Pavilion Room, St Antony’s | Chair: Jeremy Hobbs (Foreign Office)

Adrian Gonzalez (University of York) “Criminality” or a struggle for justice? Oil development and indigenous resistance in Peru's Amazon rainforest.

Juliana Gomez-Quintero (University College London) Related Crimes to Drug-Dynamics in Colombia: a Crime Script and Crime Harm Assessment

Jorge Mantilla (University of Illinois at Chicago) Contested Informalities: State Intervention and Criminal Resilience in Colombian Illegal Markets

Vidal Romero (ITAM / LSE) The Resource Course at the Local level: Oil Projects and Insecurity
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C2. Issues on Mexico | 14:00-15:30 | Latin American Centre | Chair: Alan Knight (Oxford)

Karol Derwich (University of Cracow) State Dysfunction and the Expansion of Organized Crime in Mexico

Denise González (Universidad Iberoamericana) Injustice and Lack of Punishment: Human Rights Violations and the Rule of Law in Mexico, 2006-2018

Thomas Rath (University College London) Barracks, Commanders, and Caciques: Military Space and Political Anachronism in PRIista Mexico

Romain Le Cour Grandmaison (Sorbonne University), Nathaniel Morris (University College London), Benjamin T. Smith (Warwick) Heroin Production Crisis in Mexico- "The Last Harvest"

D. Roundtable and wine reception | 16:00-18:00 | Latin American Centre | Security and commercial enterprises in the Americas

Chair: Carlos Solar (University of Oxford)
Discussants: Mónica Serrano (El Colegio de México)
Jill Hedges (Oxford Analytica)
David Mares (University of California, San Diego)
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E1. The military and militarised responses | 9:15-10:45 | Pavilion Room, St Antony's | Chair: David Mares (University of California, San Diego)


Juan Masullo (University of Oxford) and Davide Morisi (Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin) “Mano Dura” No Matter What? Attitudes toward the Militarization of Security in the Mexican War on Drugs

Shane S. Prince (University of West Indies at Saint Augustine) The Far-Reaching State; Criminal Use of the Military as an Apparatus of Repression and Subterfuge

Carlos Coelho and Guilherme Dias (Escola de Comando e Estado-Maior do Exército, Brazil) Violence, Criminality and the Armed Forces in Brazil

Veronica Azzi (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro) The War on Criminality in Rio de Janeiro: Pacifying Unruly Territories?

E2. Homicides, violent groups and institutional corruption | 9:15-10:45 | Latin American Centre | Chair: Monica Serrano (El Colegio de Mexico)

Gabriel Feltran (Universidade Federal de São Carlos) How do Homicide Rates change? Lessons from the Brazilian case

Mariana Gutierrez and Gabriel Costantino (Universidad Nacional de San Martin/ Policía de Seguridad Aeropuertaria) Between Compliance and Strategic Defection: Police, Judiciary and Politics in Criminal Investigation

Andrea Varsori (King’s College London) Not-So-Stray Bullets. An Exploratory Study of Police-Gang Corruption in Rio de Janeiro

Alberto Nieto T. (University College London) Revisiting Security Policies in Latin America Using Social Network Analysis Insights
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F1. The state, violence and security sector reform | 11:15-12:45 | Pavilion Room, St Antony's | Chair: Annette Idler (Oxford)


Carlos Schmidt-Padilla (University of California at Berkeley) The Parallel State: Crime, Weak Institutions, and the New Urban Order

Jan Eijking (Oxford) Why does Colombia Export Security Expertise? Security Cooperation between Status and Bureaucracy

Arantza Gomez-Arana (Birmingham City University) Asymmetric Cooperation in the Area of Law Enforcement: The Case of Colombia

F2. Criminality and elections | 11:15-12:45 | Latin American Centre | Chair: Benjamin T. Smith (University of Warwick)

Louis-Alexandre Berg (Georgia State University) Organized Criminal Violence and Electoral Competition: An Analysis of Subnational Data from Mexico and Honduras

Manuel Meléndez (University of Harvard) Criminal Electioneering in Latin America

Nelson Ruiz (University of Oxford) Kickbacks and Limits on Campaign Donations

Moshe Ben Hamo (University of Oxford) The Many Faces of Criminal Organizations in Mexico: Terrorist Tactics and Political Assassinations
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G1. Youth, gangs and the urban spaces, 14:00-15:30 | Pavilion Room, St Antony’s | Chair: Andreza de Souza (Oxford)

Elena Butti (War Child Holland) From the ‘Law of the Whip’ to the ‘Law of the Street’: Reflections on Youth, Violence, and Punishment in Antioquia, Colombia

Fernando Rodrigues (Universidade Federal de Alagoas) From the Outskirts to Urban Peripheries: National Criminal Collectives in North and Northeast Brazil

Fausto Carbajal Glass (University College London) Informal Institutions Between Organised Crime Groups and Local Communities: An Exploratory Case Study in Mexico

Erwin Rosas-Valdez (University College London) Artificial Criminal Systems: Prevention of Street Robberies in Mexico City

G2. Local crime and policing, 14:00-15:30 | Latin American Centre | Chair: Gabriel Feltrán (Universidade Federal de São Carlos)

Carla Alberti, Diego Díaz–Rioseco (Universidad Católica de Chile) and Giancarlo Visconti (Purdue University) Partners Against Crime: Can Political Alignment Reduce Local Criminal Activities?

Spencer Chainey (University College London) The Impact of a Hot Spot Policing Program in Uruguay for reducing Robberies and its Opportunities for wider Use in Latin America for Countering other Forms of Violence


Robert Malengreau (UmRIO) From Research to Practice: Informed Social Interventions in Rio’s Favelas.

F. Roundtable and wine reception 16:00-18:00 | Latin American Centre | Urban policing and policy responses

Chair: Carlos A. Pérez Ricart (University of Oxford)
Discussants: Spencer Chainey (University College London)
             Salvador Caro (Former Guadalajara Police Chief 2015-2017)
             Miguel La Rota (Former National Director of Public Policy of the Attorney General / Oxford)