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## **Do Criminals Rule in Mexico?**

### **The political economy of state capture and criminal impunity**

**Wednesday 15th March 2023**

**Latin American Centre**

**Oxford School of Global and Area Studies**

**10:00 am Welcome and introduction**

David DOYLE, Latin American Centre, and Mónica SERRANO, El Colegio de México/LAC

**10:10 PANEL 1. Institutional weakness and state capture**

CHAIR David DOYLE, Latin American Centre

Explaining criminal governance in Mexico  
Mónica SERRANO, El Colegio de México/LAC

Policing drug-trafficking: a study of institutional capture  
Carlos PÉREZ RICART, CIDE

Logics of impunity: the justice system\*  
Guillermo ZEPEDA LECUONA, Jurimetría & El Colegio de Jalisco

Discussant: Laurence WHITEHEAD, Nuffield College

*11:30 coffee*

**11:45 PANEL 2. Regional perspectives**

CHAIR Javier PÉREZ SANDOVAL, Latin American Centre

Estado de México: criminal governance in the Brecha Triangle  
Raúl ZEPEDA, King's College, London

State capture in Nayarit (via zoom)  
Michael REED HURTADO, The Guernica Centre for International Justice

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Discussant: Susana BERRUECOS, Academic Visitor, LAC

Lunch 13:00-14:00

**14:15 Panel 3. Violence and criminal governance**

CHAIR: Eduardo POSADA-CARBÓ, Latin American Centre

Autodefensas: resisting criminal governance and state capture  
Alexander CURRY, Independent Researcher

Mexico's armed violence in a global conflict landscape  
Irene MIA, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

**15:00 Round table: the character of contemporary violence in Mexico**

Carlos PEREZ RICART, Mónica SERRANO and Raúl ZEPEDA

\*to be presented in Spanish

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