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Mexico's Second Transition?

Joint Conference Nuffield College & Latin American Centre, University of Oxford

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

3rd and 4th of October 2018

Wednesday, 3rd October

09:00 Introduction

Carlos A. Pérez Ricart (St. Antony's College)

Laurence Whitehead (Nuffield College)

09:30-11:10 Panel 1: Mexico's democratic challenges: elections, government and society

Arturo Sánchez (TEC Monterrey) *Challenges to Mexican democracy after the 2018 election*

Kevin Middlebrook (UCL) *A new era in state-labour relations?*

Chair: Laurence Whitehead (Nuffield College)

11:10-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 2: The new government's (likely) take on human rights, drugs and security

Mónica Serrano (COLMEX) *Ending Mexico's war on drugs? AMLO's new security approach*

Patricio R. Estévez-Soto (UCL) *Old wine, new bottles: AMLO's security strategy*

Chair: Dudley Ankerson (Latin Insight Consulting)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:40 Panel 3: Energy policy: reformist setback?

Dudley Ankerson (Latin Insight Consulting) *AMLO's Energy Policy - Make PEMEX Great Again?*

José María Valenzuela (St. Antony's College) *Low-carbon transition in the energy sector: climate policy from the left?*

Chair: David R. Mares (UC San Diego)

15:40-16:20 Break

16:20-18:00 Panel 4: Foreign Policy

Laurence Whitehead (Nuffield College) *Trump and the NAFTA question*

Maryhen Jiménez (St Cross College) *AMLO and Venezuela - comparable realities or distorted accounts?*

Chair: Giles Paxman (former Ambassador to Mexico 2005-2009)

18:00-18:30 Conclusions

Alan Knight (St Antony's College)

19:00 Drinks reception, Senior Common Room, Nuffield College

19:30 Dinner at Nuffield College

Thursday 4th October 2018

09:30-10:30 Mexico's Economic perspectives

Rodrigo Aguilera *Bad intentions and bad outcomes: does the Mexican economic model have a future?*

10:30-12:10 Panel 5: Federalism, local and subnational politics

Marianne Braig (FU Berlin) *The reconfiguration of clientelist state-society-relations in México City*

Javier Pérez Sandoval (Wolfson College) *Navigating subnational tides amidst the tsunami: Exploring state-level political dynamics after the 2018 Mexican elections*

Alejandro Espinosa Herrera (Nuffield College) *Fiscal Federalism, Party Politics and Amlo's re-centralization effort.*

Chair: Carlos A. Pérez Ricart (St. Antony's College)

12:10-12:30 Break

12:30-13:00 Conclusions

Laurence Whitehead (Nuffield College)

13:00 Lunch

PANELISTS

Rodrigo Aguilera

Rodrigo Aguilera is a London-based economist who has worked as an international economist for Chatham House and the Economist Intelligence Unit, where he was the lead analyst for Mexico from 2012 to 2017. Rodrigo holds a BSc in Economics from Universidad de las Americas (Puebla) and an MSc in Social Policy and Development from LSE.

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Dudley Ankeron is a political consultant specialising in Latin America and particularly in Mexico. He spent twenty-five years in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, serving amongst other posts in Argentina, Mexico and Spain. He wrote a biography of Saturnino Cedillo, a prominent figure in the Mexican Revolution, and published several articles on Mexican history.

Marianne Braig

Marianne Braig is Professor of Political Science at the Institute for Latin American Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. Marianne's broad research encompasses the following topics: gender segmentation in labour markets, and social and educational policy, transformation and development in Latin America, the political culture of the state and governance, as well as intertwined and interdependent inequalities in the global context.

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Alejandro Espinosa is a DPhil candidate in Political Science at the University of Oxford and a member of Nuffield College. His research interests include public budgeting, party politics, fiscal federalism, decentralisation, and Latin American politics. He holds a M.Sc. in Latin American Studies (honours) and a M.Sc. in Politics, both from the University of Oxford, as well as a BA in Economics from Tecnológico de Monterrey.

Patricio R. Estévez-Soto

Patricio R. Estévez-Soto is currently pursuing a PhD in Security and Crime Science at UCL. His research is focused on the situational prevention of organized crimes, with particular attention to extortion against businesses in Mexico. He holds a BA in Communication Science, an MRes in Security Science, and a Master in Public Policy. Before joining University College London, Patricio worked in Mexico's Ministry of the Interior, where he was part of a government-led effort to promote scientific research on security.

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Maryhen Jiménez is a DPhil candidate at St Cross College, Oxford University. Her research interests include electoral authoritarianism, democratic transition, and political parties in Latin America. Her doctoral thesis explores uneven patterns of opposition coordination in autocracies using empirical evidence from Latin America. The questions addressed in her research include: Why do some opposition parties coordinate in electoral autocracies, while others do not? How does repression affect the likelihood of opposition coordination?

Alan Knight

Alan Knight was Professor of the History of Latin America and Fellow of St Antony's College at the University of Oxford. His chief interest is twentieth-century Latin American history, with a focus on Mexico, agrarian society, state-building and revolutions.

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David R. Mares, Ph.D., is a nonresident scholar in Latin American energy studies at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. He is also Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California, San Diego.

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Giles Paxman is a British diplomat who was Ambassador to Mexico 2005–09, and then Ambassador to Spain 2009–13. He worked in public service for 39 years, holding posts in Brussels, Rome, Paris and Singapore among others.

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Arturo Sánchez

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José María Valenzuela is a doctoral student in public policy at the University of Oxford. His published work concerns the multiple dimension of transforming the energy sector with an emphasis on the role of innovative forms of governance, regulation and property. Previously, he worked for Mexico's Department of Energy on climate change and renewable energy policy.

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Laurence Whitehead is a Senior Research Fellow in Politics at Nuffield College, Oxford University, where he served as Acting Warden 2005/6. In 2011/2 he served as Senior Proctor of the University. His main research focus lies on authoritarianism and democracy in Latin America.

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