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**Challenges for Latin American Police Forces:  
The Complex and Changing Environment**

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**Speakers' Biographies**

**Cynthia Arnson** is director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is the editor of *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America*, and co-editor of *Rethinking the Economics of War: The Intersection of Need, Creed, and Greed*, among other works. She is a member of the editorial advisory board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica* and a member of the advisory board of Human Rights Watch/Americas. Arnson has an MA and PhD in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University.

**Carlos Basombrío** is consulting director for the Woodrow Wilson Center's Citizen Security Project. He is the former director of the Instituto de Defensa Legal, one of Peru's premiere human rights organizations. Basombrío previously worked in Peru's Ministry of the Interior as Vice Minister of the Interior, Chief of the Cabinet of Advisors of the Ministry, and Coordinator of the Commission to Restructure the Police. As a consultant and independent investigator for both Peruvian and international organizations, he has written widely on issues of citizen security, democracy, peace and violence, civil-military relations, and police reform. Basombrío holds a BA in Sociology from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

**Gino Costa** is the founding director of Ciudad Nostra, an organization dedicated to citizen security issues in Peru. He has held important government positions including Minister and Vice Minister of the Interior, president of the national penitentiary system, and public defender specializing in human rights cases. Costa has worked for the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights in Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador, as well as in Geneva, Switzerland. He has published eight books, including, most recently, *Inseguridad ciudadana en Lima ¿Qué hacer?* and *Los serenazgos en Lima ¿Le ganan las calles a la Policía?* Costa received his PhD in contemporary history from Cambridge University and a JD from the Pontificia Universidad Católica in Peru.

**Hugo Frühling** is the director of the Center for the Study of Citizen Security of the University of Chile. He has taught at a host of universities, primarily on human rights, criminal justice, and crime issues. Frühling has served as an advisor to Chile's Minister of Interior and to other governments in Latin America, and as a consultant to numerous international organizations, including the United Nations Development Program, the German Cooperation Agency, and the Inter-American Development Bank. He has published numerous books and articles, most recently *Violence and the Police in Latin America*. He received law degrees from the University of Chile and Harvard Law School, as well as a PhD in Juridical Sciences from Harvard Law School.

**Antonio González** works as a consultant for the Venezuelan Public Defender's Department of Analysis and Investigation of Human Rights, and for the National Police on issues of victim's rights, gender equality, and accountability. Formerly associated with the first Experimental Approach Academy of the National Police and Institutional Diagnostic Department for the National Commission for Police Reform, González has served as a human rights consultant for the Inter-American Platform for Human Rights, Democracy, and Development in Bolivia, the International Human Rights Internship Program in Mexico, and the Carter Center in Ecuador. He is the author of two books, *El Derecho a la Vida: Marco Teórico – Metodológico Básico* and *Las Estrategias de la Impunidad. Nueve años de lucha por la justicia en El Amparo*. He has also written widely on sociopolitical and human rights issues. González received his MA in Human Rights and Latin American Democracy from the Andean University Simón Bolívar.

**María Victoria Llorente** has been the executive director of Fundación Ideas para la Paz since 2007. Between 1998 and 2006, Llorente worked as a research associate at the Department of Economic Development Studies (CEDE) and professor in the Political Science and Economics Department at the Universidad de los Andes. At los Andes she carried out research projects relating to violence, security, and justice in Colombia. She has been a consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations Office on Drug Control, the Colombian National Police, and the mayor's office in Bogotá, and has served as a presidential advisor on issues of national defense and security. Llorente is the author of several articles and books, including her most recent co-authored book, *Violencia en las familias colombianas: costos socioeconómicos, causas y efectos*. She received her BA in Political Science from the Universidad de los Andes.

**Helen Mack** is the founder and president of the Myrna Mack Foundation, an organization dedicated to the fight against impunity and the promotion of the rule of law in Guatemala. She is currently the Coordinator of the Justice Commission in Guatemala and has participated as an expert witness in cases of human rights violations before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Organization of American States. Mack is credited with having initiated the first judicial process against high-ranking military officials of the Guatemalan Army for the assassination of her sister, Myrna Mack. She has been awarded the Right Livelihood Award in 1992, the Notre Dame Award for Public Service in Latin America in 2005, the Human Rights award from the King of Spain in 2006, along with several other recognitions from prominent universities in the United States.

**Jacqueline Muniz** is professor of police studies at the Catholic University in Brasília and professor of law at the University of Carlos Mendes. She is a member of the Group of Strategic Studies (GEE-COPPE/UFRJ) and Brazilian Forum for Public Security, and a founding member of the Latin American Police and Civil Society Network. Muniz has experience in public security matters from her positions as Director of the Department of Investigation, Analysis, and Human Resources and Bureau Chief for Public Security, Justice and Human Rights for the Ministry of Justice, and as Director for the Secretary of Public Security for the State of Rio de Janeiro. She has an MA in Social Anthropology and a PhD in Political Science.

**Roberto Orozco** is a senior researcher at Nicaragua's Institute of Strategic Studies and Public Policies, focusing on issues of public safety and organized crime. A journalist, lawyer, and former editor for the Nicaraguan newspaper *La Prensa*, Orozco has two decades of experience researching topics of organized crime, drug trafficking trends, and the illegal trafficking of arms and people. He is a specialist in national policies on security and the institutional culture of the national police of Nicaragua. Orozco received his degree from the Catholic University of Nicaragua.

**Ernesto López Portillo** is the CEO and founder of Mexico's Institute for Security and Democracy (INSYDE). As one of Mexico's leading authorities on police reform, Portillo regularly consults with government officials world-wide on police reform and public security issues. Before joining INSYDE, he was an advisor to the National Institute for Criminal Justice, the Mexican Attorney General's office, and both houses of the Mexican Congress. He has authored various books, including the most recent *Responsabilidad Policial en Democracia. Una propuesta para América Latina*, and is an award winning contributing writer to *El Universal*. Portillo attended the National Institute of Criminal Sciences in Mexico.