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Speakers' Biographies

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 in the roles of Vice Minister of the Interior, Chief of the Cabinet of Advisors of the Ministry, Coordinator of the Commission to Restructure the Police, and Member of the Commission for the Modernization of 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.

Claudio Beato is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Minas Gerais Federal University (UFMG) and the Lemann Visiting Scholar at the David Rockefeller Center at Harvard. He is also the coordinator of the Center for Studies in Criminality and Public Security at UFMG and a researcher at the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development in Brazil. Beato has been a visiting professor at Oxford University's Center for Brazilian Studies in England, and a consultant to many international entities including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Inter-American Development Bank, and the World Bank. He has created projects in the areas of homicide control and integrated management of public safety which now guide public policies and are being implemented in different cities in Brazil. Beato has authored numerous works on criminality, violence and public policy on security. He received a Ph.D. in Sociology from the Rio de Janeiro Institute for Graduate Studies.

Robinson Caicedo González is Local Security Manager at the Bogotá's Chamber of Commerce, where he coordinates the Safety Zones and the Security Observatory Program. Caicedo González also consults on studies and policies on improving road safety. He presented at the conference, "Public Safety: Tools to Make Diagnostics and Decisions" in Quito, Ecuador and has also participated in international conferences such as the Latin American Congress' "Community Networks for Crime Prevention" and "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design." He has a degree in business administration.

Abby Córdova is a post-doctoral fellow in the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) and the Political Science Department at Vanderbilt University. She is currently directing a scientifically rigorous impact evaluation study of USAID community-based crime prevention programs in three Central American countries. Her latest published work, “Economic Crisis and Democracy,” appeared in the September issue of the journal *Political Science and Politics*. Córdova received her Ph.D. in political science from Vanderbilt University. In her doctoral dissertation, she examined the social and political impacts of economic inequality and poverty at the country and municipal levels in the Latin American context.

Rodrigo Guerrero is the Former Mayor of Cali, Colombia. As Mayor, he developed an epidemiological approach to urban violence prevention through the Program DESEPAZ, which was successfully implemented in several Colombian cities and as well as in other countries. After City Hall, Guerrero started the Violence Prevention Program at the Pan American Health Organization and was elected city counselor. He has taught epidemiology for undergraduate and graduate students and has served as Head of the Department, Dean of Health Sciences, and President of Universidad del Valle, Secretary of Health. Guerrero currently helps to run Vallenpaz, a non-profit corporation devoted to helping peasants in conflict-ridden rural areas of Colombia. He received an MD from Universidad del Valle in Colombia and an MS and a PhD in Epidemiology from Harvard University.

Carlos Romero researches security and citizen coexistence at Ciudad Nuestra in Peru. He was previously Permanent Secretary for the National Commission on Human Rights and Adjunct Ombudsman at the Police Ombudsman office at the Peruvian Ministry of Interior. Romero served as researcher at the Special Investigations Unit at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and as adviser to the president of the National Penitentiary Institute. He holds a law degree and completed a Master’s Degree program in Penal Science at Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos.

Juan Salgado is a professor in Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas’ (CIDE) Legal Studies Department. He has been a consultant to funders, international organizations, and police reform projects at the state and municipal levels in Mexico. Salgado has also coordinated human rights, non-violent conflict resolution, and public security projects in Mexico, Europe, and Africa. Salgado’s main research topics include police performance assessment at the municipal level, police accountability, and civilian oversight of law enforcement. Salgado received a BA in International Relations from El Colegio de México and an LLM in Human Rights from the University of Essex in the UK. He is currently a PhD candidate at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), focusing on police reform at the Mexican sub-national level.

Ana María Sanjuán is a sociology professor at Universidad Central de Venezuela and a board member for the Center for the Study of America. Her topics of expertise include democracy, human rights, human security, and governability. Sanjuán has consulted on these topics for over 15 years for institutions such as the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and United Nations Development Programme. She holds a BA in Social Psychology and a PhD in Political Science from Universidad Central de Venezuela.

Andrew Selee is Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute. He has worked in the U.S. House of Representatives and on community programs in Mexico. Selee he is editor or co-editor of several publications on US-Mexico relations, Mexican politics, immigration, and decentralization, including *Mexico and the United States: More Than Neighbors* and *Democracy Close to Home?* Selee is an Adjunct Professor of Government at Johns Hopkins University, a board member of the U.S.-Mexico Fulbright Commission (Comexus), and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations' Task Force on Immigration. A long-time volunteer of the YMCA, Selee also served for five years on the National Board of the YMCA of the USA and chaired its International Committee.

Renato Sérgio de Lima is General Secretary of the Brazilian Forum on Public Safety at Forum Brasileiro de Seguridad in São Paulo. He is also an editor of the Brazilian Journal on Public Safety. Sergio de Lima's past positions include Chief of the Socioeconomic Studies Division at the Data Analysis System State Foundation (SEADE) and General Coordinator of Information Analysis of the Public Safety National Secretariat under the Ministry of Justice. He holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of São Paulo.

Paulo Sotero is Director of the Brazil Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He is also an adjunct lecturer at Georgetown University in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and in the Center for Latin American Studies of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Sotero was previously the Washington correspondent for the Brazilian newspaper *Estado de S.Paulo*. He has testified before the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs on the issue of U.S.-Brazil relations, and has been a regular commentator and analyst for the BBC radio Portuguese language service, Radio France Internationale, and Radio Eldorado, in Brazil. He holds a BA in History from Catholic University of Pernambuco and an MA in Journalism and Public Affairs from American University.

Silvia Vásquez is the former Vice-Minister of Security in Guatemala. She was the Director of the National Civil Police in 2000 and Deputy Minister of the Interior from 2004-2007. For 11 years, Vásquez worked on issues of public safety from different perspectives, including the academic realm, civil society advocacy activities, international cooperation, and participation in national and international forums of public safety.

Liza Zúñiga is Political Scientist at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. She has also worked as a researcher for the International Migrations Organization (OIM-Chile) and as a consultant for Fundación Arias para la Paz. Zúñiga has participated in Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) projects related to the security sector in Latin America, community participation in crime prevention, police discipline, prison systems, and small and light weapons control. Zúñiga's most recent publications are *Control, disciplina y responsabilidad policial: desafíos doctrinarios e institucionales en América Latina* and *La cárcel: problemas y desafíos para las Américas*. Zúñiga obtained her MA in Political Science with honors in International Relations from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.