

Please join the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars for the conference:

International Efforts to Combat Organized Crime

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6th floor Dining Room
Woodrow Wilson Center
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Washington, D.C.
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Recent news reports have highlighted the surge in violence in Mexico resulting from a large-scale government crackdown on – and warring factions within – drug cartels and organized crime. The problems afflicting Mexico have also been experienced in many countries of Latin America, raising questions about the best way for democratic societies to confront a powerful and well-organized criminal enterprise. The panelists will discuss numerous cases of state attempts to address organized crime and will provide some conclusions that may be useful to U.S. policymakers and Latin American government officials who face this challenge.

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