



Migration, Trafficking, and Organized Crime: Central America, Mexico, and the United States

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Panelists

Gretchen Kuhner holds a degree in International Relations from Occidental College, a J.D. from Seattle University, and has conducted migration studies at *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* in Mexico City. She is Director of the Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI), a non-profit organization based in Mexico City that advocates for the rights of women migrants in the region through legal representation, policy advocacy and strategic communication. She has consulted with various institutions on migration and human trafficking projects including UN Women, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, *El Colegio de la Frontera Norte*, and the American Bar Association.

Mónica Salazar holds a J.D. from the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education and an LL.M. in Human Rights from the University of Melbourne. She is co-founder of the Institute for Women in Migration and has worked with several other organizations including *Sin Fronteras IAP*, *Infancia Común*, and the Pan American Development Foundation. Since 2007 she has led the Collective Against Human Trafficking most recently serving as the organization's President. Currently she is a Human Rights Consultant specializing in Human Trafficking. She is an author and co-author of various publications dedicated to the topic of human trafficking, having provided workshops, seminars, and training sessions for organizations in Mexico.

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera (Ph.D. in Political Science, The New School for Social Research) is Associate Professor at the Department of Public Affairs and Security Studies, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), Brownsville Campus. Her areas of expertise are Mexico-U.S. relations, immigration, human trafficking, border security, and organized crime. Her teaching fields include comparative politics, Latin American politics, U.S.-Mexico relations, U.S.-Mexico border policy, energy and security policy, comparative public policy and public administration, and Latino politics. Guadalupe's most recent book is entitled *Democracy in "Two Mexicos": Political Institutions in Oaxaca and Nuevo León* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). She has published works in journals such as *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, *Politics & Policy*, *Policy Studies*, among others. Dr. Correa-Cabrera just finished writing her second book entitled "*Los Zetas Inc.*": *Criminal Corporation, Energy, and Civil War in Mexico* (UT Press – forthcoming, August 2017). She is working on a new book (coauthored with Dr. Tony Payan) entitled *The Bird's Eye View: An Elitist Analysis of Mexico's 2006-2012 Security Strategy*. She is also co-editing a volume (with Professor Victor Konrad) titled *North American Borders in Comparative Perspective: Re-Bordering Canada, The United States of America and Mexico in the 21st Century*. She was recently the Principal Investigator of a research grant to study organized crime and trafficking in persons in Central America and along Mexico's eastern migration routes, supported by the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (April 2015-September 2016). She is now residential fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and President-elect of the Association for Borderlands Studies.

Celina Realuyo is Professor of Practice at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University where she focuses on U.S. national security, illicit networks, transnational organized crime, counterterrorism, threat finance, and women in peace and security issues. As a former U.S. diplomat, international banker with Goldman Sachs, State Department Director of Counterterrorism Finance Programs, and professor of international security affairs at the National Defense, Georgetown, George Washington, and Joint Special Operations Universities, Professor Realuyo has two decades of international experience in the public, private, and academic sectors. She speaks regularly in English and Spanish on "Managing U.S. National Security in 21st Century," "The 3 R's: Responding to Risk with Resourcefulness," "Following the Money Trail to Combat Terrorism, Crime, and Corruption," and "Promoting Public-Private Partnerships to Combat the Convergence of Illicit Networks." Professor Realuyo is a regular commentator in the international media, including CNN en Español, Deutsche Welle, Foreign Policy, Reuters, and Univision and has testified before Congress on national security, terrorism, and crime issues. Professor Realuyo is a graduate of the Harvard Business School, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and holds a Certificate from l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris, France. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Women in International Security. Professor Realuyo has traveled to over 70 countries and speaks English, French, and Spanish fluently, and is conversant in Italian, German, Filipino, and Arabic.

Thérèse Couture is a data analyst with Polaris, a D.C.-based organization with the goal of eradicating modern slavery and restoring freedom to survivors. As part of Polaris' Data Analysis Program, she analyzes data from the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the BeFree Textline operated by Polaris. She also works to identify external data sources and synthesize these with hotline data in order to build up increasingly accurate and detailed pictures of human trafficking trends and networks across North America. This data serves to help identify where and how traffickers operate in order to keep them from harming more people, and in order to help survivors connect with the services they need. She is the author of several Polaris reports including: *More Than Drinks For Sale: Exposing Sex Trafficking in U.S. Cantinas and Bars*, and *Knocking at Your Door: Labor Trafficking on Traveling Sales Crews*. Tessa graduated with a B.A. in English and French from the University of Dallas and an M.S. in Applied Intelligence from Mercyhurst University, where she completed her thesis on the topic of strategic intelligence development on the human trafficking issue in her home state of Maine.

Moderator

Eric L. Olson is the Associate Director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. His research and writing has focused on security issues and the impacts of crime, organized crime, and violence on democracies. He has also written about reform of police and judicial institutions as a vehicle for addressing the problem of expanding crime in the Americas. Among his most recent publications are, "*Crime and Violence in Central America's Northern Triangle: How U.S. Policy is Helping, Hurting, and can be Improved.*" Prior to joining the Wilson Center he was a Senior Specialist in the Department for Promotion of Good Governance at the Organization of American States from 2006–2007. He served as Advocacy Director for the Americas at Amnesty International USA from 2002–2006. Prior to Amnesty, he was the Senior Associate for Mexico, and Economic Policy at the Washington Office on Latin America for eight years. He worked at Augsburg College's Center for Global Education in Cuernavaca, Mexico from 1989–1993 where he was the program director. From 1986 to 1988, he worked in Honduras as a development specialist for several local non-governmental organizations. He has an M.A. in International Affairs from the School of International Service at American University, Washington, D.C.