



The Long-Term Impact of Violence against Women and New Approaches to Addressing it

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9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Woodrow Wilson Center
6th Floor Flom Auditorium

Welcoming Remarks

Gwen Young is the Director of the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative and Women in Public Service Project at the Woodrow Wilson Center. She has spent over 20 years in international public service as a public policy professional and an attorney. In public policy, she has published on the role girls and women play in development, trained women in advocacy skills, and worked “on the ground” on issues of women’s entrepreneurship. Over her career she has worked with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Medecins Sans Frontieres, International Rescue Committee, the ICTY, the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego, and the Harvard Institute for International Development. She holds degrees from Smith College, Harvard University, and the Martin Luther King Jr School of Law at the University of California-Davis. She was recently named among the “100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy in 2018” by Apolitical.

Carlos Santiso is the Head of the Innovation for Citizen Services Division at the Inter-American Development Bank. His work has focused on improving lives in fragile states and emerging economies in Africa and the Americas by furthering democracy, strengthening governance, and fighting corruption. He has previously served at the African Development Bank, the British Department for International Development, and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. He received his Ph.D. in comparative political economy from Johns Hopkins University, a Master in International Economic Policy from Columbia University, and a Master in Public Policy from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Paris.

Keynote Speaker

Erika Ender is a renowned singer and songwriter who has released five albums across a variety of genres. Born and raised in Panama City, she grew up in a trilingual home and incorporates all three languages—Spanish, Portuguese, and English—into her music. Along with, Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee, she co-authored the popular song “Despacito,” which was number 1 in nearly every Latin billboard chart and whose music video has been viewed over 4 million times. Outside of her entertainment career, she founded the organization Fundación Puertas Abiertas in 2009, which uses music to educate and positively influence children and teenagers. She also created Festival TalenPro, a televised youth talent competition that encourages finalists to “activate” their classmates to do “social labor” for a low-income school in their community. She was recently honored by the United Nation’s General Assembly’s annual Social Good Summit where she spoke about her foundation and contest.

Panelists

Jorge Agüero is an Assistant Professor in Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Connecticut where he is also the co-founder of the university's Health Economics Lab. His main areas of focus are economic development, labor economics, and gender. He has previously held positions at the University of California-Riverside and the Inter-American Development Bank. His work has been featured in the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Development Economics*, and the *Journal of Health Economics*. He earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.

Eric L. Olson is Deputy Director of the Wilson Center's Latin American Program and Senior Advisor to the Center's Mexico Institute. He is an expert on security and organized crime in Latin America and U.S. security policy in the region. Based on extensive fieldwork, which has taken him from Mexico's borderlands to the back roads of Honduras, he has published widely and testified before Congress on topics ranging from the crisis in Central America's Northern Triangle to U.S. security cooperation with Mexico. Olson previously worked on governance issues at the Organization of American States and was Advocacy Director for the Americas at Amnesty International.

Ana Safranoff is a Researcher at the Center for Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence (CELIV) at the Universidad Tres de Febrero and at the Center for Population Studies-Argentina (CENEP) where she focuses on issues of people deprived of liberty, gender inequalities, and power relations. Her previous work includes a research stay at the University of Manchester and completion of specialized courses at the Universities of Michigan and Berkeley. Her writing has been published in journals such as the *European Journal of Criminology and Population*, *Space and Place*. She holds a Master in Sociodemography and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the Pompeu Fabra University in Spain.

Karelia Villa is a Senior Citizen Security Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank. Villa is the focal point for the Bank's Citizen Security and Justice work in Central America, and she has more than 15 years of experience supporting state modernization processes in Latin America and the Caribbean. She has a Master in Public Policy from The George Washington University, and she obtained her Bachelor in Economics at the Monterrey Institute for Technology and Higher Education.

Moderator

Diana Castañeda is a journalist who has worked as a political correspondent and news anchor covering U.S. and international events with special significance to Hispanic viewers. She is the former director and host of "Poder Latino," NTN24's Sunday political debate show. She has covered multiple congressional and presidential elections, the U.S.-Cuba thaw, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy, and produced a special report on Central American children crossing the U.S.-Mexico border called "Cross or Die" (2014). She holds a Master in Political Communication and Strategic Governance from George Washington University and a Bachelor in Journalism and Social Communications from Universidad de La Sabana in Colombia.