

The business of **lethality**: Arms trafficking to Mexico

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Venue: Alfonso Reyes Hall of **El Colegio de México**
(Carretera Picacho Ajusco 20, Ampliación Fuentes del Pedregal, 14110 Tlalpan).

Dates: Thursday, November 3rd (10:30 to 17:00 hours) and
Friday, November 4th (10:00 to 19:00 hours), 2022.

Thursday, November 3rd

INAUGURATION 10:30-11:00

1. Welcome remarks: Doctora **Silvia Giorguli**, President of El Colegio de México.

2. Foreign policy as a tool to promote security and peace in Mexico:

Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Moderator: **Jean François Prud'homme** (Colmex).

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PANEL #1: Arms control in the international context. 11:00-13:00

1. Firearms and geopolitics. **Sergio Aguayo** (Colmex).
2. Arms Control Efforts within the United Nations. **John Brandolino** (UNODC).
3. International actions on arms control. **Jon Lowy**. (Global Action on Gun Violence).
4. Multilateral forums: opportunities to promote gun control. **Isaac Morales** (SRE).
5. The Mexican Government's strategy against arms trafficking at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. **Alejandro Celorio** (SRE)

Moderator: Undersecretary **Martha Delgado** (SRE)

PANEL # 2: Arms trafficking from the United States to Mexico. 15:00-17:00

1. The United States: the most armed country in the world. **Eugenio Weigend** (Universidad de Michigan).
2. Arms trafficking from the United States to Mexico. **Édgar Guerrero** (CENAPI -FGR).
3. The relationship between the illicit arms market and the illicit drug market on the border.
Cecilia Farfán (UC San Diego).
4. The border, customs and supply reduction approaches to fighting arms trafficking.
Topher McDougal (San Diego University)
5. Bilateral actions to respond to illicit arms trafficking. **Roberto Velasco** (SRE).

Moderator: **Wilma Gandoy** (SRE).

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PANEL #3: The fifth country with the most fire-arms in circulation: effects of gun violence in Mexico. 10:00-12:00

1. The impact of guns beyond homicides. **Carlos Pérez Ricart** (CIDE)
2. Guns and violence against women. **Estefanía Vela** (Intersecta)
3. Intersectional analysis of guns, masculinity and their relationship to gender-based violence. **Ana Pamela Romero** (Tec de Monterrey).
4. Building political will: narratives against arms trafficking from the U.S. to Mexico.
John Lindsay-Poland (Stop US-Arms to Mexico).

PANEL #4: Unprecedented actions: Mexico's litigations against gun companies and dealers in the USA. 12:00-14:00

1. The amicus curiae briefs: the support for Mexico's lawsuit in Boston and their arguments **Miguel Reyes** (SRE).
2. The District Court's Decision in Mexico v. Smith & Wesson: Jurisdictional Aspects.
León Castellanos (Instituto Asser).
3. The Mexican government's second lawsuit: the case of gun dealers in Arizona **Steve Shadowen** (Shadowen LLP)
4. Victories of the legal strategy: visibility, opportunity and narrative change. **María de Haas** (SRE).

Moderator: **Liliana Oliva** (SRE)

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PANEL #5. Limiting the business of lethality: corporate responsibility and human rights in arms control. 16:00-18:00

1. The obligation to protect: a human rights perspective on arms trafficking.
Thilo Marauhn (Universidad de Giessen y Universidad de Amsterdam).
2. Access to remedy in the business and human rights field.
Humberto Cantú (Universidad de Monterrey).
3. The responsibility to stop gun violence that derives from International Law.
Marina Aksenova (IE University Law School).
4. Extraterritoriality: How much connection to the United States is needed?
Dalia Palombo (Universidad de Tilburg).

Moderator: **Alejandro Alday** (SRE).

CLOSING REMARKS. The future of arms control:
conclusions and pending agenda
18:00-19:00

1. **Alejandro Celorio** (SRE).
2. **Sergio Aguayo** (Colmex).

Moderator: **Ana Covarrubias** (Colmex).