

A World in Humanitarian Crisis:
Forced Mobility and Organized Crime in Latin America

Un Mundo en Crisis Humanitaria:
Movilidad forzada y Crimen Organizado en Latinoamérica

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences and El Colegio de México are pleased to invite you to a hybrid policy forum exploring the challenges of delivering humanitarian health services to migrants in areas affected by political and criminal violence in Latin America.

This event will feature two 90-minute panels and convene academics, scholars, policy-makers, and practitioners.

Join us to explore the ideas raised in “Delivering Humanitarian Health Services in Violent Conflicts,” the Spring 2023 issue of *Dædalus*, the open-access quarterly journal of the American Academy. The issue is co-edited by Jaime Sepúlveda, Jennifer M. Welsh, and Paul H. Wise and is a product of the Academy’s project on Rethinking the Humanitarian Health Response to Violent Conflict.

September 12, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 1:50 p.m. CST
El Colegio de México
Mexico City

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee, Registration, Art Exhibition

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Introductory Remarks

Silvia Giorguli Saucedo
President, El Colegio de México

David W. Oxtoby
President, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

10:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Panel I: Themes from the *Dædalus* volume

Moderator: Jaime Sepúlveda

*Haile T. Debas Distinguished Professor of Global Health,
University of California, San Francisco;*

*Project Cochair, Rethinking the Humanitarian Health Response to Violent Conflict
[Crisis humanitaria regional; crimen organizado y migración forzada]*

Paul H. Wise

*Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society, Stanford University;
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Sergio Aguayo

Professor, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México

Tamara Taraciuk Broner

Director, Peter D. Bell Rule of Law Program, Inter-American Dialogue

Speaker: TBD

Affiliation

Panelists' Reactions

General Q&A

11:40 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Coffee Break

12:10 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

**Panel II: Forced Migration, Urban Violence, and
Climate Change in Latin America**

Moderator: Silvia Giorguli Saucedo
President, El Colegio de México

Sergio Aguayo
Professor, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México

Emilio González
Senior Protection Assistant, UNHCR, Mexico

Ietza Bojórquez
Professor and Researcher, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

Julia Carabias
*Faculty of Science, National Autonomous University of Mexico;
Member of El Colegio Nacional*

Panelists' Reactions

General Q&A

1:40 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Karine Tinat
Professor, Centro de Estudios de Género, El Colegio de México

Paul H. Wise
*Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society, Stanford University;
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Sergio Aguayo,
**“La Gran Evasión: Migración
y Crimen Organizado en
México y sus Fronteras”**



Sergio Aguayo,
**“The Great Evasion: Human
Mobility & Organized Crime
in Mexico & Its Borders”**



Dædalus issue,
**“Delivering Humanitarian
Health Services in
Violent Conflict”**



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Sergio Aguayo is a scholar and political analyst. He received his Masters (1971), Doctorate, and Post-Doctorate degrees (1977–1984) from Johns Hopkins University. He has been a research professor at the Centro de Estudios Internacionales (Center for International Studies) at El Colegio de México since 1977, and holds a Level III – the highest possible level – in Mexico’s Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (National Researcher System). He currently coordinates the Seminar on Violence and Peace in that institution. He has taught at various universities in Mexico, the United States, and throughout Europe. In 2014 and 2015, he taught a course on “Violence in the Caribbean Basin” at Harvard University. In March 2015, he was appointed Visiting Professor at Harvard University. He has written dozens of books and scholarly articles.

Ietza Bojórquez holds a Ph.D. in Epidemiology, and a MSc in Public Health. Her main research interest is on the social determinants of health in the areas of migrant health, mental health, health policies, and health-related practices (diet, physical activity). After graduating from medical school, she worked in health promotion in rural areas in Mexico. From 2007–2010 she was Deputy Director of Operations Research in Mexico’s Ministry of Health. Since 2010 she has been a professor-researcher at the Department of Population Studies, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico, where she is currently in charge of the Surveys of Migration in Mexico’s Borders (EMIF). She is a member and co-lead of the board of the Lancet Commission on Migration and Health-Latin America Node. She is currently working on a pilot study of a model to facilitate access to mental health care for migrants, a study of cross-border use of health services in the Mexico-Guatemala border, and a characterization of food insecurity and dietary change during migration, among other projects.

Julia Carabias is a biologist and has been a Professor in the Faculty of Science at National Autonomous University of Mexico since 1977. For forty-six years, she has taught and conducted research on ecology with an emphasis on conservation, management, and restoration of tropical ecosystems and environmental policies. She served as president of the National Institute of Ecology in 1994 and as minister of the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries from 1994–2000. She has been a member of several national and international commissions or boards, and has participated in different environmental committees of the United Nations. She has been recognized with several awards, including the International Paul Getty Award (2000), International Cosmos Prize (2004), Champions of the Earth from UNEP (2005), Belisario Domínguez Medal from the Mexican State (2017), and honorary degrees from National Autonomous University of Mexico, Autonomous University of Nuevo León, Autonomous University of Tlaxcala, and the University of Guadalajara. She has been a member of El Colegio Nacional since 2018.

Emilio González has a degree in History from the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of the UNAM. He holds an MA in Political Science from El Colegio de México. He also completed master's studies in international relations at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. In his academic work he has specialized in forced displacement due to violence and armed conflict, as well as humanitarian action and peacebuilding. His research has been published in international journals such as the *Stanford International Policy Review* and in Mexico in the *Journal of International Relations* of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. He has written in physical and digital media with national circulation such as *Reforma*, *Horizontal*, *Nexos*; and was a permanent collaborator of *Paradigmas Magazine*. He has also taught courses on peacebuilding and humanitarian action at the Memory and Tolerance Museum in Mexico City. Since August 2016, he works in the UNHCR Protection Unit in Mexico. He currently coordinates the UNHCR strategy against racism, xenophobia and discrimination against refugees and asylum seekers in Mexico.

David W. Oxtoby has served as President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 2019. During his tenure as President, he has focused on broadening the diversity of the Academy's membership and has helped move forward project and policy work in areas ranging from strengthening American democracy to climate change, nuclear arms control, undergraduate education, and the arts. From 2017 through 2018 he was a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and co-founded the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration. He is President Emeritus of Pomona College, where he served as President from 2003–2017 and helped to advance environmental sustainability, increasing college access, cultivating creativity, and pursuing academic excellence in the context of an interdisciplinary liberal arts environment. Previously he served as Dean of the Division of Physical Sciences and the William Rainey Harper Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry at the University of Chicago. Dr. Oxtoby has been the recipient of several fellowships, including from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Science Foundation. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Philosophical Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations. He was an Overseer of Harvard University from 2008–2014 (Chair from 2013–2014) and currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Smith College. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Oxtoby received honorary degrees from Occidental College (2005), Lingnan University in Hong Kong (2009), and Miami Dade College (2019). He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012.

Silvia Giorguli Saucedo has been President of El Colegio de México (Colmex) since 2015. She joined the faculty of the Center for Demographic, Urban, and Environmental Studies (CEDUA) at Colmex in 2003. She was the Director of CEDUA from 2009–2015, President of the Mexican Society of Demography from 2011–2012, and Founding Director of the magazine *Coyuntura Demográfica*. Her research focuses on issues of international migration from Mexico to the United States and its impact on education and the structure of Mexican families on both sides of the border. Currently, she is a co-researcher at the Mexican Migration Project, organized by Princeton University, University of Guadalajara, and Brown University. She has also been a participant in the Binational Dialogue on Mexican Migrants in the United States and Mexico, organized by Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) and Georgetown University. Dr. Giorguli studied sociology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), received an MA in demography from El Colegio, and in 2004 received her doctorate in sociology from Brown University. She was a Visiting Fellow in 2007–2008 at Stanford University's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. In 2018, she received the Horace Mann Medal from Brown University.

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Jaime Sepúlveda is the Haile T. Debas Distinguished Professor of Global Health and was most recently the Executive Director of the Institute for Global Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), serving in that role for twelve years. A member of UCSF Chancellor's Cabinet, he leads a team of over 350 faculty and staff, engaged in translating UCSF's scientific leadership into programs that positively impact health and reduce inequities globally. Sepúlveda obtained his medical degree in Mexico City (UNAM) and two masters and a doctoral degree from Harvard University. He received the Harvard Alumni Award of Merit (1997) and was elected to serve at the Harvard Board of Overseers (2002–2008). From 2007–2011, Sepúlveda was a member of the Foundation Leadership Team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he played a central role in shaping the foundation's overall global health strategy as part of its executive team. Sepúlveda worked closely with key foundation partners – including the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI). As Vice-Chair of the GAVI Board and Chair of its Executive Committee, he contributed to improve the governance and management of the organization and to increase access to vaccines and other effective health solutions in low-income countries. Sepúlveda worked for over 25 years in the Mexican government, including as Director-General of Epidemiology, Vice-Minister of Health, Dean of the National School of Public Health, and Director of all the National Institutes of Health of Mexico. Sepúlveda designed Mexico's Universal Vaccination Program, achieving universal childhood immunization coverage. He also founded Mexico's National AIDS Council. Sepúlveda is an elected member of both the U.S. and Mexican National Academies of Medicine. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2014.

Tamara Taraciuk Broner is the Director for the Peter D. Bell Rule of Law Program at Inter-American Dialogue. She was the acting Americas director at Human Rights Watch. She has carried out extensive field research throughout Latin America documenting human rights violations, and she has conducted cutting-edge research on policies and practices that undermine democracy, including threats to judicial independence, attacks on free speech, discrimination, and harassment of civil society organizations. Taraciuk Broner brings a proven record of developing ambitious projects to address critical rule of law issues. She has led strategic advocacy efforts to promote policy changes to strengthen rights protection and democracy in the region, including by building strong partnerships with public officials, civil society leaders, policy-makers, and subject-matter experts. Taraciuk Broner has published widely in leading newspapers in the United States, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Miami Herald*, as well as in Latin America and Europe. Prior to her time at Human Rights Watch, Taraciuk Broner worked on a regional citizen security project at the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center. She also worked at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. Taraciuk Broner was born in Venezuela and grew up in Argentina. She studied law at Torcuato Di Tella University. She holds a post-graduate diploma on human rights and transitional justice from the University of Chile and a master's degree in law (LLM) from Columbia Law School.

Paul H. Wise is the Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society and Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is Co-Director of the March of Dimes Center for Prematurity Research and a core faculty of the Centers for Health Policy and Primary Care Outcomes Research. Dr. Wise is also a Senior Fellow in the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law and the Center for International Security and Cooperation at the Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. Wise received his A.B. degree summa cum laude in Latin American Studies and his M.D. degree from Cornell University, a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health, and did his pediatric training at the Children's Hospital in Boston. His former positions include serving as the Director of Emergency and Primary Care Services at the Children's Hospital, Boston and Director of the Harvard Institute for Reproductive and Child Health, and Vice-Chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, the academic home of Partners in Health. He also served as Special Assistant to the U.S. Surgeon General, Chair of the Steering Committee of the NIH Global Network for Women's and Children's Health Research, and currently is a member of the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH. Wise's research focuses on health inequalities, child health policy, and health care delivery in areas of political instability. He currently leads the Children in Crisis Initiative, an effort to integrate health and global security experts in addressing health care delivery in areas of civil conflict and unstable governance. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2018.

ABOUT RETHINKING THE HUMANITARIAN HEALTH RESPONSE TO VIOLENT CONFLICT PROJECT

This event is part of the American Academy project on *Rethinking the Humanitarian Health Response to Violent Conflict*, which engages legal and security experts, health professionals, leaders of humanitarian organizations, policy-makers, artists, and representatives of victimized communities to confront the current crisis in humanitarian protection and the provision of health services in areas plagued by armed conflict. The project is based on the premise that these new approaches are best derived from a deeper, transdisciplinary understanding of the changing political, military, legal, and health dimensions that are dramatically redefining humanitarian challenges throughout the world.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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