

GUN VIOLENCE IN MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA

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The global burden of gun violence accounts for more than 250,000 deaths worldwide, and half of these deaths occur in just six countries – all in the Americas. This public health and humanitarian crisis has significant challenges, requiring multiple policy and program approaches for making our respective nations healthy and safe. This multisectoral conference is intended to convene public health, humanitarian, arms control, policy, legal, human rights and other leaders to focus on challenges ahead and finding solutions. [REGISTER HERE](#)

8:15-9:00 Registration, Networking, Light Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Framing the problem: the tragedy of gun violence in Mexico and Central America

- **Arturo Cervantes**, Chair of Health Sciences, Anahuac University, Mexico
- **Jessica Molina**, whose husband was forcibly disappeared in Nuevo Laredo by Mexican Navy troops
- **Leila Sadat**, Special Advisor on Crimes Against Humanity, International Criminal Court Prosecutor
- **Stephen Hargarten**, Director Comprehensive Injury Center, Medical College of Wisconsin
- **Jeremy Biddle**, Founder and Executive Director of the Metropolitan Peace Institute

10:45-12:15 Understanding the movement of guns and the impact of the gun trade

- **John Lindsay-Poland**, Coordinator, Project to Stop US Arms to Mexico
- **Bill Kullman**, Retired ATF official, Independent Consultant
- **Matt Schroeder**, Senior Researcher, Small Arms Survey
- **Laura Carlsen**, Director, The Americas Program
- **Rachel Stohl**, Vice President, Stimson Center

12:15-1:00 Keynote Lunch: representative of Mexico's Foreign Secretary (invited)

1:00-2:15 Understanding multiple policy approaches

- **Mark Ungar**, Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, Brooklyn College
- **Philip Alpers**, Founder of GunPolicy.org, Adjunct Associate Professor, The University of Sydney
- **Eugenio Weigend**, Associate Director for Gun Violence Prevention, Center for American Progress

2:15-3:15 Small group discussions – multiple topics – moving toward solutions

3:30-4:00 Open plenary discussion

4:00-4:30 Closing Address: Representative Dr. Ami Beri (D-California) (invited)