

RAFAEL FERNÁNDEZ DE CASTRO

Expert in U.S.-Mexican Relations, Visionary Scholar, and Advocate for Community-Driven Security Solutions in Latin America

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- Expert on U.S.-Mexican Relations: Renowned scholar with a deep understanding of bilateral relations between Mexico and the United States
- Academic Leader: Founding chair of the Department of International Studies at ITAM, Mexico City, and current director of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UC San Diego
- Prolific Author and Researcher: Authored several influential books and numerous academic articles on U.S.-Latin American relations and Mexican foreign policy
- Policy Advisor and Media Contributor: Served as a foreign policy advisor to President Felipe Calderón and regularly contributes to El Financiero and Televisa
- Innovative Researcher on Security: Leads groundbreaking research projects focused on community-based security provision in violence-affected Mexican cities

Rafael Fernández de Castro is a professor, Aaron Feldman Family Chancellor's Endowed Chair in U.S.-Mexican Studies in Memory of David Feldman, and director of the school's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (USMEX). A former foreign policy adviser to President Felipe Calderón, he is an expert on bilateral relations between Mexico and the U.S.

Fernández de Castro is founder and former chair of the Department of International Studies at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. He has published numerous academic articles and written several books, including “Contemporary U.S.- Latin American Relations: Cooperation or Conflict in the 21st Century?” and “The United States and Mexico: Between Partnership and Conflict” with Jorge Domínguez.

He also worked as the Project Director of the UNDP’s Human Development Report for Latin America 2013-14, “Citizen Security With a Human Face: Evidence and Proposals for Latin America.” He is the founder and editor of Foreign Affairs Latin America and contributes to the daily newspaper El Financiero and a regular contributor to Televisa.

His current research includes a book on leadership and decision-making in Mexican foreign policy and he serves as a principal investigator along with Professor Jenny Pearce from the London School of Economics for the project “Co-constructing Security Provision in Mexico: A Methodology and Action Plan from Communities to the State”. The project, funded by Mexico’s National Council of Science and Technology and the UK’s the Economic and Social Research Council, works with community, civil society and state actors to build shared understandings of the differential impacts of violence, insecurity and security provision to develop local security agendas constructed from the ground up in four cities severely affected by violence: Tijuana, Apatzingán, Acapulco and Guadalupe.

TEMAS

Rafael tailors each presentation to the needs of his audience and is not limited to the topics listed below. Please ask us about any subject that interests you:

- U.S. Mexican Relations
- International relations
- Security
- Latin American

PROGRAMAS

U.S.-Mexican Relations and Foreign Policy

Insights into the evolving political and economic dynamics between the United States and Mexico.

Security and Citizen Participation in Latin America:

Discusses community-based approaches to security in regions impacted by violence.

Leadership and Decision-Making in Mexican Foreign Policy:

Analyzes leadership strategies and decision-making processes within Mexico's political landscape.

Contemporary U.S.-Latin American Relations:

Explores themes of cooperation and conflict between the United States and Latin American countries in the 21st century.

The Role of Media and Public Opinion in Foreign Policy:

Examines how media influences public opinion and foreign policy decisions in Latin America.

CONDICIONES

- **Travels from:** San Diego, USA / Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico
- **Fee Range:** Please Inquire
