“Intelligence and Security on the US-Mexico Border”

Purpose
In the wake of heightened concerns regarding the extraordinary violence along the border with Mexico, US policy is increasingly focused on protection and surveillance measures to defend against potential threats from transnational criminal and terrorist organizations. An overall examination of the strategic situation is warranted and an appropriate topic of academic inquiry for the University of Texas at El Paso’s (UTEP) fourth annual Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) Colloquium. The IC CAE colloquium, funded by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, will run from April 11-12, 2011, and will be held on campus at the El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center.

Description

As during previous years, we are delighted to host select national scholars, students, and practitioners both as panelists and speakers (Please note the attached itinerary for panel discussion times and speakers’ names and topics). We also strongly encourage other IC CAE school staff and students, students from all universities with an interest in intelligence, and local and regional members of the Intelligence Community to attend.

This year, the colloquium with be held in conjunction with a graduate research project focusing on security issues related to the US / Mexico border region sponsored by the National Defense Intelligence College (NDIC) and in collaboration with UTEP and the University of San Diego (USD). The topic encompasses a wide range of issues of practical relevance to both the intelligence and national security community. Discussions may include, but are not limited to: drug and human trafficking; state failure to provide security and services; immigration and terrorism; and, crossover violence.

The exploration of this timely subject matter by practitioners and scholars promises to be both stimulating and informative. A registration fee is not required, all are welcome to attend and benefit from this forum.
**Itinerary**

**Sunday, April 10**

6:00 – 8:30pm  
Reception Dinner at Il Posto Restaurant, 7128 North Mesa Street  
Dr. Mario Villarreal, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

**Monday, April 11**

All events below will be held at the El Paso Natural Gas Conference Room

8:30 – 9:00  
Registration and refreshments

9:00 – 9:10  
Dr. Diana Natalicio, UTEP President…………….Welcome

9:10 – 9:30  
Mark Gorman / INSS Coordinator…………………Introductory Remarks  
Richard Owens / Research and Outreach Coordinator, NDIC  
Dr. David Shirk / Director, Trans-Border Institute, USD

9:30 – 10:20  
Keynote address: Dean Haas, Consul General, US Consulate, Ciudad Juarez

10:20 – 10:30  
Break

10:30 – 11:20  
George Grayson, College of William and Mary, "Mexico: Narco-Violence and a Failed State?"

11:20 – 12:30pm  
Lunch

12:30 - 1:30  
Student Presentations, Christiaan Renee, “Colombia - Mexico Comparison”  
Jose Jimenez, “Corrupted U.S. Financial Institutions”

1:30 – 2:30  
Discussion Panel 1 (Mexican Perspective)

2:30 – 2:40  
Break

2:40 – 3:30  
Dr. Aldouri, UTEP, “Border Tunnels”

3:30 – 3:40  
Break

3:40 – 4:30  
Dr. Richard Pineda, UTEP, “Rhetoric(s) of Security: Media, crisis, and conflict on the US-Mexico border

6:00 – 8:30pm  
Dinner at Forti’s, 321 Chelsea – Mr. David Cuthbertson, Special Agent in Charge, FBI
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