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The Mexican International Security Forum

Second Edition





Mexico: A global actor

The onset of a new administration in Mexico offers a pivotal opportunity to envision and shape the nation's **strategic horizon**, outlining its aspirations and **the role it should play on the global stage**. With its strategic geographic location, significant global economic influence, and soft power, Mexico is well-positioned to influence the international agenda and establish itself as a **key global player**.

To embrace this responsibility, a process of national reflection and analysis is essential, engaging various sectors to build consensus and unite efforts in addressing global challenges and threats. Additionally, this requires a shift in our relationships with other countries and blocs considering the current international landscape.

Objective

In light of this scenario, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Mexico, the Institute for Strategy and Defense Research (ISDR), and Tec de Monterrey have joined forces to host the **second edition of The Mexican International Security Forum**, scheduled to take place at Tec de Monterrey, Monterrey Campus, on **October 30-31, 2024**.

More than 15 speakers, including academics, decision-makers, and national and international opinion leaders, will share their insights and experiences with the aim of **advancing discussions on strategic issues between Mexico and key partners**, fostering spaces for dialogue, convergence, and action.

Registration

Those interested in attending the forum can register at the following page

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Day One. October 30th

Event Program

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration

9:00 - 9:15 am

Inauguration

PhD. Edna Jaime

National Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Government at Tec de Monterrey

Hans Blomeier

Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation in Mexico

MA. Christian Ehrlich

Director of the Institute for Strategy & Defense Research

9:15 - 10:30 am

**International Security:
Chaos and Uncertainty**

PhD. Carlo Masala

Political Science Professor and Director of the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies at the Bundeswehr University in Munich

10:30 - 10:45 am

Coffee Break 

10:45 - 11:45 am

**North America:
Between Crisis and Elections**

PhD. Raúl Benítez

Professor and Researcher at UNAM

11:45 - 12:00 pm

Coffee Break 

12:00 - 1:00 pm

**South America:
Influences and Realignment**

PhD. Patrick Paterson

Associate Dean of Research and Publications at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC.

PhD. Oscar Palma

Professor at the University of Rosario, Colombia.

Moderator: MA. Christian Ehrlich

Director of the ISDR

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Lunch Break 

3:30 - 4:30 pm

MENA: War and Proxies

PhD. David Sorenson

Professor at the United States Air War College

4:30 - 4:45 pm

Coffee Break 

4:45 - 5:45 pm

**Cybersecurity
in the Americas**

PhD. Boris Saavedra

Professor at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC

5:45 - 6:00 pm

Coffee Break 

6:00 pm

Day One Closing Ceremony

Day Two. October 31st

Event Program

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration

9:00 - 10:15 am

International Political Economy

PhD. Mariana Rangel

National Program Director of the Bachelor's Degree in International Relations at Tec de Monterrey

PhD. Gabriel Aguilera

Regional Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey.

PhD. Sebastian Mazzuca

Distinguished Professor and Faculty of Excellence, School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey

Moderator:

PhD. Alexis Herrera

Professor at Universidad Anáhuac

10:15 - 11:15 am

Europe: Strategic Autonomy and Cooperation

PhD. Carlo Masala

Professor at the Bundeswehr University and Lecturer at the University of Munich

PhD. Robert Papp

Regional Director of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Tec de Monterrey

Moderator: Hans Blomeier

Director of the KAS Mexico

11:15 - 11:30 am

Coffee Break 

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Nearshoring and the Defense Industry

MA. Iñigo Guevara

Director of Janes Strategic Services and Professor at Georgetown University.

PhD. Roberto Durán

Professor and Researcher at the School of Government and Public Transformation at Tec de Monterrey.

Moderator:

MBA Emilio Cadena

CEO of Prodensa

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Women and International Security

MA. Sanda Sandu

Project Coordinator and Scientific Researcher at KAS Moldova (Virtual Participation)

MA. Isabella Cota

Investigative Journalist at El País

PhD. Magdalena Alcocer

Postgraduate Coordinator, Faculty of Global Studies at Anáhuac University

Moderator:

MA. Giovanna Villalobos

Senior Analyst at the Institute for Strategy & Defense Research

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Lunch Break 

3:30 - 4:30 pm

The Role of Youth in International Security

Tec Students

Moderator:

PhD. Luz Araceli González

Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Tec de Monterrey

4:30 - 4:45 pm

Coffee Break 

4:45 - 5:15 pm

Final Remarks

PhD. Gabriel Aguilera

Regional Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey

Hans Blomeier

Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Mexico

MA. Christian Ehrlich

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