

**Dr. César Estrada**  
**CV**

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I am a peace and conflict studies public servant and scholar specialized in the study of criminal violence in the context of organized crime and human rights violations. With a disciplinary training in international relations, political science, development studies and sociology of violence, my expertise involves the analysis of criminal conflicts and their narratives, as well as the design of violence prevention, peacebuilding, and human rights public policies in Mexico.

**CURRENT POSITIONS**

11/2023–present

**General Director of Public Policy of Human Rights**

Unit for the Defense of Human Rights

Undersecretary for Human Rights, Population and Migration

**Mexico’s Secretariat of the Interior (SEGOB)**

I am in charge of following up Mexico’s National Coordination Agenda for Human Rights, of directing trainings to public officers on human rights, and to design and implement territorial strategies for the protection of priority attention groups such as searching people and journalists.

01/2021-present

**Part-Time Lecturer**

Undergraduate program of International Relations

**Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO),  
Guadalajara, Mexico**

I design and teach courses on the war on drugs from historical, regional, and critical perspectives for undergraduate students.

2024-present

**Founding steering committee member**

Peace Futures Consortium

Founded in 2024 as a forward-looking community dedicated to understanding the meaning and conditions of peace. The consortium seeks to elevate new voices and new ideas, look beyond the disciplines, and challenge assumptions about how conflict should be studied.

**EDUCATION**

2020

**Ph.D. Conflict Analysis and Resolution**

The Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

George Mason University, Arlington, VA. USA

2014

**M.S. International Cooperation for Development**

Instituto Mora. Mexico City, Mexico

2012

**B.A. International Relations**

El Colegio de San Luis, SLP, Mexico

## EXPERIENCE

01/2022–11/2023

### **Director of Operations and Monitoring**

Responsible of criminal analysis reports, and the design and implementation of violence prevention and peacebuilding policies.

Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding

### **Mexico's Secretariat for Security and Civilian Protection (SSPC)**

I was in charge of designing and participating in the implementation of regional peacebuilding strategies in the municipalities the most affected by criminal violence in Mexico.

08/2021–12/2021

### **Visiting Research Fellow**

*Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies & Kellogg Institute for International Studies*

Keough School of Global Affairs

University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

I conducted research on the intersections between genocide and violence in the contexts of criminal conflicts, which resulted in my participation in internal seminars and the crafting of a draft for a paper submitted to a scholar journal.

02/2021–08/2021

### **Director of Operations and Monitoring**

Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding

Mexico's Secretariat for Security and Civilian Protection (SSPC)

I was in charge of overseeing and coordinating efforts state security and peace cabinets in nine states in the center and northwest of Mexico. Among other tasks, I participated in the elaboration of reports and special projects for the National Security Cabinet.

01/2019–01/2021

### **Associate Graduate Researcher.**

The Raphaël Lemkin Genocide Prevention Program

George Mason University, Arlington, VA. USA

I conducted research on the intersections of Mexico's war on drugs and the scholarship on genocide to identify new interpretive frames to better understand extreme criminal and cartel violence.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021– 2024

### **Part-time Lecturer**

*International Problems* (undergraduate program of International Relations)

Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO)

2020 (summer)

### **Graduate Lecturer**

*Human Rights and Inequality* (undergraduate/graduate course) Main Instructor: Dr.

Dan Jacob

Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University

2019 (fall)

### **Lecturer.**

*Critical Approaches to Violence in Mexico* (undergraduate course)

El Colegio de San Luis, Mexico

2019 (spring)

### **Graduate Lecturer**

*Culture, Identity, and Conflict* (Peacebuilding Fellows Program)

Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University

- 2018 (fall) **Graduate Lecturer**  
*Simulation in Global Conflict Resolution* (undergraduate course)  
 Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
*Culture, Identity, and Conflict* (undergraduate course), with Prof. Karina Korostelina  
 Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University
- 2016 (summer) **Lecturer.**  
*Narratives on Violence in Mexico* (undergraduate seminar)  
 El Colegio de San Luis, Mexico

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### Published:

Estrada, César (2012). "La Iniciativa Mérida y el combate al narcotráfico: Cooperación bajo concepciones inadecuadas" ("The Merida Initiative and combating drug trafficking: Cooperation under inadequate conceptions"), in *Revista de El Colegio de San Luis, Nueva época*, year II, no. 3, January-June, pp. 266-279.

### Accepted:

Estrada, César "Violencia genocida durante los conflictos criminales: el caso mexicano." Accepted with minor changes for *Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales* (Admitted with minor changes, September 10, 2024).

### Work in Progress:

Estrada, César. "Reframing the crimes of the war on drugs and genocide: The cases of Mexico and the Philippines" [paper will be submitted to *Critical Criminology*].

## OPINION ARTICLES

- Estrada, César (September 10, 2020). "Fosas clandestinas y re-narrar el horror en México", in *A dónde van los desaparecidos*. [See here](#).
- Estrada, César (January 26, 2015). "A 70 años de Auschwitz. Nunca más con nadie", in *La Silla Rota*.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2024 C. Estrada. Conference "Peacebuilding in Mexico: Reflections from the practice". [Construcción de la Paz en México: Reflexiones desde la práctica] School of International Relations at Universidad Anáhuac, Querétaro. (September 2024)
- 2022 C. Estrada, A. Vázquez, E. Prado, M. del Valle & S. Meza "Construyendo la Paz: de lo individual a lo colectivo" ["Building Peace: from the individual to the collective"], *Jornada por la Paz con Justicia en México*, ITESO, Guadalajara, México (August, 2022)
- 2019 C. Estrada. "The Narrative Logics of Mass Violence: A case study in central Mexico". *Latin American Studies Association*. Boston, USA (May 2019)
- 2019 C. Estrada. "Narratives of Mass Violence: Widespread Killings, Militarization, and Social Fear in Central Mexico". *International Studies Association*. 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Toronto, CA (March 2019). (Panel co-organizer)
- 2018 C. Estrada. "Killable Youth in Contemporary Systems of Mass Violence". Law & Society Association 2018 Annual Meeting. Toronto, CA (June 2018)
- 2018 C. Estrada. "Disappearances and Clandestine Graves in Mexico". *International Studies Association*, 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. San Francisco, California. (April 2018)
- 2017 C. Estrada "Narrativas sobre la Violencia: Un análisis del potencial de las narrativas sobre el sufrimiento humano para deslegitimar la violencia masiva en México (2010-2016)". 4th Latinamerican and Caribbean Congress of Social Sciences, FLACSO. Salamanca, Spain. (July 2017)
- 2017 C. Estrada "Narratives amidst Mass Violence in Mexico: Collective judgments in the aftermath of atrocities". *Law & Society Association*, 2017 Annual Meeting. Mexico City (June 2017)

- 2013 C. Estrada “International Responses on Human Trafficking: the need for a multidimensional approach in Mexico”. *Mexican Association of International Studies (AMEI) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*. Oaxaca, Mexico (October 2013).

### **SPEAKER AND LEADING INSTRUCTOR IN WORKSHOPS**

- 04/2021 In February, April, and June I led the workshop called “The Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding with States and Regions” during the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> editions of the Course on Intelligence for Public and Citizen Security, taught to security and intelligence agents at the School of Intelligence for National Security, National Intelligence Center (CNI), Mexico’s Government.
- 02/2020 Instructor during the Certificate Course at El Colegio de San Luis, Mexico, “Violence, Insecurity, and Public Discourse in Mexico”, for undergraduate and graduate students, and public servants.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & RESEARCH GRANTS**

#### Research Grants and Scholarships:

- 2020 George Mason University Dissertation Completion Grant (spring)
- 2018 George Mason University Summer Research Fellowship. Dissertation Research (summer)
- 2017 GMU School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution Faculty Scholarship Award (fall)
- 2015 Four-year Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT) Doctoral Fellowship
- 2012 Two-year Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT) Graduate Fellowship

#### Travel Grants:

- 2019 GMU School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Travel Grant. International Studies Association 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 Holodomor Research and Education Consortium. Travel Grant. Genocide in the Twentieth-Century History Conference, University of Alberta Toronto, Canada
- 2018 GMU Graduate Student Travel Fund. Travel Grant. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Toronto, Canada
- 2017 GMU Graduate Student Travel Fund. FLACSO 4<sup>th</sup> Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Social Sciences. Travel Grant. University of Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain
- 2010 El Colegio de San Luis. Research Assistantship and Mobility Grant. Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain

### **MEDIA APPEARANCE**

- 2020 “Violencia y Discurso Político en México.” *Mundo de Negocios* magazine, March/April 2020. SLP. Mexico (April)
- 2019 “Violencia en México y transición política.” *EntreVoces*, Radio Program of El Colegio de San Luis (September)

### **OTHER RELEVANT EXPERINCE**

- 2013-2014 Internship on Gender, Child Migration, and Human Trafficking. International Organization for Migrations (IOM), Mexico City
- 2013 Research Assistantship on Human Trafficking. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Mexico City (summer)
- 2010 Research Assistantship on Political Violence. Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain (winter)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Journal Reviewer

*Narrative & Conflict: Explorations in Theory and Practice*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

I have been member of:

International Studies Association (ISA); Law and Society Association (LSA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish: Native speaker

English: Fluent (speaking, reading, writing)

French: Intermediate (reading)

## **REFERENCES**

### **Dr. Sara Cobb**

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