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César Estrada is a peace and conflict studies scholar and practitioner 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, Dr. Estrada's expertise involves the analysis of criminal conflicts and the design of public policies to address the roots of violence from a comprehensive perspective.

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 02/2022–present **Director of Operations and Monitoring**
Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding
Mexico's Secretariat for Security and Civilian Protection (SSPC)
- 01/2021–present **Part-Time Lecturer**
Undergraduate program of International Relations.
Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO), Guadalajara, Mexico

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

- 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
- 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)
During my tenure, I was in charge of overseeing and coordinating efforts of technical secretaries in the local boards for peace and security in at least nine states and over fifty regions in the center and northwest of the country. Among other tasks, I participated in the elaboration of reports and special projects for the National Security Cabinet.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 (fall) **Part-time Lecturer**
International Problems (undergraduate program of International Relations)
Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO)
- 2022 (spring) **Part-time Lecturer**
International Problems (undergraduate program of International Relations)
Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO)
- 2021 (fall) **Part-time Lecturer**

- 2021 (spring) *International Problems* (undergraduate program of International Relations)
Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO)
Part-time Lecturer
- 2020 (summer) *International Problems* (undergraduate program of International Relations)
Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO)
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.

Under review:

Estrada, César “The Construction of the Killable: Violence and Narratives of the *Cártel Jalisco Nueva Generación* amid Mexico’s War on Drugs.” Under consideration by *Security Dialogue*. [Manuscript ID SDI-21-203] (Submitted on October 7, 2020).

Work in Progress:

Estrada, César. *Genocidal Mexico: The war on drugs and the construction of the killable* [Book Manuscript]
Estrada, César. “Genocidal Violence and the War on Drugs: Reinterpreting Mass Violence in Contemporary Mexico” [working paper]

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

- 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*. 60th 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*, 59th 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)* 27th Annual Meeting. Oaxaca, Mexico (October 2013)

SPEAKER AND LEADING INSTRUCTOR IN WORKSHOPS

- 06/2021 C. Estrada “The Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding with States and Regions”. 10th Edition of the Course on Intelligence for Public and Citizen Security. School of Intelligence for National Security, National Intelligence Center (CNI). Mexico’s Government.
- 04/2021 C. Estrada “The Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding with States and Regions”. 9th Edition of the Course on Intelligence for Public and Citizen Security. School of Intelligence for National Security, National Intelligence Center (CNI). Mexico’s Government.
- 02/2021 C. Estrada “The Unit for Policies and Strategies for Peacebuilding with States and Regions”. 8th Edition of the Course on Intelligence for Public and Citizen Security. School of Intelligence for National Security, National Intelligence Center (CNI). Mexico’s Government.
- 02/2020 Instructor for Certificate Course at El Colegio de San Luis, Mexico: Violence, Insecurity, and Public Discourse in Mexico (undergraduate, graduate, 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 60th 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 4th 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

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

San Luis.

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 MEMBERSHIPS

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, speaking)

REFERENCES

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