

Power and Organized Crime:

Comparative Perspective of Security and Criminal Governance

At a global scale, the security of States might become questioned by criminal groups interested in becoming legitimate and establishing forms of governance from illegality. This course aims towards providing the students with a general understanding of the political dimension of the organized crime phenomenon from an international, comparative, and interdisciplinary perspective. Given these processes' complexity, acknowledging them requires combining analytical tools with diverse approaches. To do so, this course will go through history, economics, political science, sociology, international relations, and anthropology. As a result, the course will provide students with analytical tools that allow them to understand how organized crime politically affects contemporary States nowadays. The training will be organized into four modules. Initially, it begins with a conceptual and theoretical review of the nexus between the phenomenon of organized crime and the State. This next module will focus on reviewing and analyzing international cases of criminal governance (mainly the U.S., Italy, Brazil, Jamaica, and El Salvador). The third module concentrates on the Mexican cases of criminal governance, so that the final module can focus on a comparison of Mexican and international cases of criminal governance. The course will be followed through instructional material based on in-depth literature on each topic.

General Course Objective

To provide students with the analytical tools to understand the phenomenon of criminal governance from a comparative perspective including Mexican and international case studies.

Thematic Modules

Module 1. National Security, International Security, and Criminal Governance.

Module 2. Criminal Governance. International Perspective.

Module 3. Criminal Governance. The Mexican Perspective.

Module 4. Security and Criminal Governance. Comparative Reflections.

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