

UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies to celebrate 20th Anniversary with conference on changing Mexican politics

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The Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego will celebrate its 20th anniversary Oct. 6-9 with a special reception, an anniversary dinner, and a two- day conference on changing Mexican politics. All events will be held in the Institute of the Americas Complex on the UCSD campus and are open to the public.

The reception will be held Oct. 6, following the Center's first fall quarter research seminar to be given by sociologist Julio Labastida of the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. He will speak on Legitimidad y Cambio de Regimen Politico en Mexico. The seminar begins at 3 p.m. and will be conducted in Spanish. The special reception will follow at 5 p.m.

The Center will also host a two-day conference, Dilemmas of Change in Mexican Politics Oct. 8 and 9. Center director Kevin J. Middlebrook will offer opening remarks and welcome participants and guests at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 8. Conference sessions will include such topics as parties, elections and the Mexican voter; the old regime; a new political order; Mexico's political future, and roundtables on the presidential succession and on media and politics. (See attached agenda.)

Anniversary events will conclude with a dinner and program Oct. 9. Tickets for the dinner and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, (858) 534-4503.

UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, founded in 1979, is committed to research and training in social sciences and history, as well as in migration, urban and regional planning, and environmental studies. It has earned international recognition as the most important U.S. institution for advanced research, postgraduate training, and public education on Mexico and U.S.-Mexican relations.

This year the Center hosted Mexico's Foreign Minister Rosario Green, Guanajuato's Governor Vicente Fox, and Mexico City's Mayor Cuauhtemoc Cardenas. It continually provides a nonpartisan forum for the discussion of key policy issues affecting the United States and Mexico.

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