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## “U.S.-MÉXICO BORDER SECURITY RISKS TODAY: A 'NEW GENERATION' OF CRIMINAL NETWORKS”



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**Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera** is a Professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government, and co-director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at George Mason University. Her areas of expertise are border studies, U.S.-México relations, international security, migration studies, and illicit networks. She has authored several notable books, including *Los Zetas Inc.: Criminal Corporations, Energy, and Civil War in México* (2017; Spanish edition published in 2018) which examines the intersection of criminal organizations and economic interests in México. Her other works include *Democracy in “Two Méxicos”: Political Institutions in Oaxaca and Nuevo León* (2013) and, more recently, *Frontera: A Journey across the U.S.-México Border* (co-authored with Sergio Chapa in 2024). Her most recent books in Spanish are *Las Cinco Vidas de Genaro García Luna* (The Five Lives of Genaro García Luna) and *La Guerra Improvisada: Los Años de Calderón y sus Consecuencias* (The Improvised

War: Calderón’s Years and Consequences), both co-authored with Tony Payan and published in 2021.

Professor Correa-Cabrera has also co-edited publications, such as *North American Borders in Comparative Perspective*, and serves as co-editor of the journal *International Studies Perspectives* (Oxford University Press). She is a past President of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) and has been involved in significant research projects supported by various government agencies and foundations, including serving as the Principal Investigator for a study on organized crime and trafficking in persons in Central America and México’s eastern migration routes, funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

She is a frequent commentator on issues related to Mexican politics, U.S.-México (border) relations, immigration, drug trafficking, and other forms of transnational organized crime in various media outlets. She currently conducts research on human smuggling and transnational crime networks and is writing her upcoming book titled *Coyotes LLC*. Professor Correa-Cabrera was a Fulbright U.S. Scholar in México and Visiting Scholar at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte in Tijuana in 2014-2015. She is now a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College (Fall 2025).

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