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Dr. Nilda Garcia is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). She holds a Ph.D. in International Studies from the University of Miami, where she specialized in International Relations Theory and International Political Economy. She also earned an MBA in International Trade and a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from TAMIU. Her academic journey has included international study experiences at the University of New Brunswick and the Superior de Commerce in France.

Dr. Garcia's research focuses on organized crime, drug trafficking, international relations, and security studies. She has extensively examined the role of social media in criminal networks, particularly in the context of Mexican drug cartels. Her book, *Mexico's Drug War and Criminal Networks: The Dark Side of Social Media*, explores how digital platforms have transformed criminal communication and operations. Additionally, she is the co-author of *Drug Policy Revolutions*, a newly published work that analyzes shifts in global drug policy.

Beyond her publications, Dr. Garcia has contributed to academic discussions through peer-reviewed articles, book reviews, and media commentary. She has been featured in various outlets, including NBC News and Univision, for her insights on security and organized crime. She has also participated in research collaborations and advisory roles, such as reviewing book proposals on security studies and the U.S. War on Drugs.

At TAMIU, Dr. Garcia teaches courses on American government, international political economy, drug trafficking, and security studies, helping students navigate complex global issues. Her dedication to scholarship and education continues to shape critical conversations on crime, security, and policy reform.

