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Education

2019-2023	King's College London PhD Candidate in Defence Studies Thesis project: The Making of a Sicario Class: Youth Mobilisation into the Mexican Criminal War (2007-2020)
2013-2015	El Colegio de México MSc in Political Science
2008-2012	Facultad de Estudios Superiores Acatlán, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México BA in Political Science and Public Administration

Experience Teaching

2021	Graduate Teaching Assistant King's College London <i>Modules:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Relations Theory (War Studies Department)• International Political Economy of Production (European and International Studies Department)• Contemporary Security Issues (War Studies Department)
2017-2019	Teaching fellow Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México FES Acatlán UNAM <i>Modules:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparative Politics• Mexican Economic Policy• Theory of Conflict, Cooperation and Power

Work

January – August 2019	Director General of Legislative Liaison Secretariat of Economy, Mexican Government <i>Achievements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratification of the United States, Mexico, and Canada Trade Agreement• New anti-obesity food labelling regulation approved• Preparation of the new bills for standards and intellectual property
September – December 2018	Advisor to the Undersecretary of Budget Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit, Mexican Government <i>Achievements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget 2019 passed through Mexican Congress
November 2016 – August 2018	Researcher “B” on Politics and Federalism Belisario Domínguez Institute, Mexican Senate <i>Achievements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 technical policy reports

Publications

Books coordinated (Spanish)

- Zepeda Gil, Raul y Aguayo Quezada, Sergio (2018) (eds.). *Construir el Estado, Construir la Paz en México: Memorias sobre la Segunda Conferencia sobre Violencia y Paz*. Ciudad de México: El Colegio de México. [In Spanish]

Peer reviewed (in English)

- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2022), "The Political Economy of the Criminal War in Tierra Caliente, Mexico", In Solar, Carlos & Perez Ricart, Carlos (eds.) *Crime, Violence, and Justice in Latin America: Themes and Trends*. London: Routledge.
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl & Pérez Ricart, Carlos A. (2022) "Effects of long-term development and schooling expansion on the decline in homicide rates: Mexico from 1950 to 2005", *Journal of Crime and Justice*.
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2018), "Seven Explanatory Approaches about the Increasing of Violence in Mexico", *Política y gobierno*, 25(1), January, pp. 185-211.

Conferences and policy papers (in English)

- Zepeda Gil, R., & Vargas Pineda, L. R. (2021). *Global Britain: Views from abroad: Mexico*. The UK in a Changing Europe. <https://ukandeu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Global-Britain-views-from-abroad.pdf>
- Zepeda Gil, R. (2021). "The Debate about the definition of the Mexican Violent Conflict: towards a useful concept." In World Congress of Political Science, Lisbon, Portugal, 11/07/2021. *SocArXiv* <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/d9ync>

Book reviews (in English)

- Bear F. Braumoeller. Only the dead: the persistence of war in the modern age. New York: Oxford University Press. 2019. ISBN: 978-0-1908-4953-5. 314pp. Hb.: £21.97. *Strife* (Spring 2020)

Peer reviewed (in Spanish)

- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2018), "Violence in Tierra Caliente: Income inequality, economic development and education rates in the Mexican drug war", *Estudios Sociológicos*, 36(106), January, pp. 126-163. [In Spanish]
- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2016), "The Game of Budget Allocation for the State Public Universities in Mexico after Mexico's transition to democracy", *Revista Mexicana de Investigación Educativa*, 21(70), July, pp. 901-928. [In Spanish]
- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2016), "Democracy, the Military and Mexico's Foreign Policy: The Case of the Absence of Mexican Military in Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations", *Foro Internacional*, 56(225), July, pp. 633-656. [In Spanish]

Technical Reports (in Spanish)

- Zepeda Gil, R. (2020). *Fin a la guerra. Una agenda para la paz, la justicia y los derechos humanos en México*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/mexiko/16651.pdf>
- Galindo, Carlos; Gómez, Mara; Zepeda Gil, Raúl y Castellanos, Roberto (2017), "Seguridad Interior: elementos para el debate", *Temas Estratégicos*, (39), Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Senado de la República. [In Spanish]
- Zepeda Gil, Raul; Huerta Pineda, Alejandra; Sánchez Correa, Mara Karina y Sánchez Ramírez, María Cristina (2018), *Mexico's climate change vulnerability: A Review of the National Risk Management System*, Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Mexican Senate. [In Spanish]
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2017), "El problema de la aplicación de los conceptos de seguridad en México: una reflexión a partir de las iniciativas de Ley de Seguridad Interior", *Pluralidad y Consenso*, (33), julio-septiembre, pp. 36-54. [In Spanish]
- Ramírez Lemus, Edwin Enrique and Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2017), "Gasto y fiscalización electoral en México: 1997-2017", *Temas Estratégicos*, (48), Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Senado de la República. [In Spanish]

Additional information

Extracurricular activities

2021

President

Society of Mexican Students in the United Kingdom

Achievements:

- Restoration of the extra-funding for PhD climate change Mexican students
- New mental health cycle for PhD students
- Advocate for student fee reduction because of COVID-19
- New constitution and board of advisors

2020 - 2021

Delegate, National Union of Students Conference King's College London

Achievements:

- Motion passed on finance for international students
- Motion passed on alliance between students and unions

Referee

Foro Internacional, Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas, Strife, Política y Gobierno, Governance, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Revista Latinoamericana de Población

Awards

2022

Gold Crown for Contributing to student activities, Kings College London Student Union

2019-2022

Mexican Council of Science and Technology's scholarship for PhD Studies

2019-2022

Fund for Development of Human Resources, Mexico's Central Bank, financial loan

2013-2015

Mexican Council of Science and Technology's scholarship for MSc studies

June 2014

Second Place of the Contest of Essay "Mexico, The World and The Global Responsibility", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

September 2010

First place of the National Contest of Political Debate, National Youth Institute, Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico

Relevant skills

Languages

Spanish (native speaker), English (fluent).

Software

Stata, R, Geoda, QGIS, LATEX, NVivo.

Qualitative

Elite interviews, Participant Observation.