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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

2021-2022	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)• Climate and Capitalism (European and International Studies Department)• Political Economy: Approaches, Concepts and Issues (Political Economy)• Contemporary Security Issues (War Studies Department)
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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
July – December 2018	Advisor to the Undersecretary of Budget Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit, Mexican Government <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

Peer reviewed (in English)

- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2022), “[Conceptualising criminal wars in Latin America](#)”, *Third World Quarterly*.
- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2022), " Micro-dynamics and 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.

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]

Conferences and policy papers (in English)

- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2022). “[Neither NEET nor Unemployed: Mexican Youth Homicide Inmates in Organised Crime](#)“, Working Papers CEEY, (22), Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias.
- 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>

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]

Referee

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

Additional information

Awards

2022	Gold Crown for Contributing to student activities, Kings College London Student Union
2019-2023	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.