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Ph.D. in Defence Studies Program, School of Security Studies, King's College London.
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Education

2019-2023

King's College London

PhD Candidate in Sociology of War

Thesis project: The Making of a Sicario Class: Youth Mobilisation into the Mexican Criminal War

Expected submission: May 2023.

2013-2015

El Colegio de México (Colmex)

MA in Political Science

Thesis: Violencia en Tierra Caliente: Guerra Criminal e Intervenciones Federales de 2000 a 2014.

2008-2012

National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

BA in Political Science and Public Administration

Experience

Teaching

2021-2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant

King's College London

Modules:

- 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)

2017-2019

Teaching Lecturer

National Autonomous University of Mexico

Modules:

- Comparative politics (FES Acatlán)
- Mexican economic policy (FES Acatlán)
- Power, Conflict and Cooperation (FES Acatlán)
- Theory of the State (Law School)

Work

July 2020 – August 2021

President

Society of Mexican Students in the United Kingdom (MexSocUK)

Achievements:

- Co-organiser of the XVIII Symposium of MexSocUK
- Launching of the PhD seminar for Mexican Students with UNAM-UK.
- Reform of the internal rules fostering gender parity.

January – August 2019

Director General of Legislative Liaison

Secretariat of Economy, Mexican Government

Achievements:

- Ratification of the United States, Mexico, and Canada Trade Agreement through the Mexican Senate.
- 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

Achievements:

- Budget 2019 passed through Mexican Congress

November 2016 – June 2018

Researcher "B" on Politics and Federalism

Belisario Domínguez Institute, Mexican Senate

Achievements:

- 20 technical policy reports
- Head organiser of the Second Conference on Violence and Peace with El Colegio de México and CNDH.

October 2015 – October 2016

Analyst for the Executive Academic Coordinator

Belisario Domínguez Institute, Mexican Senate

Achievements:

October 2012 – June 2013

- Co-organiser of the First Conference on Violence and Peace with El Colegio de México and CNDH.

**Junior Head of Department, Democratic Culture and Peace
Youth Institute, Morelos Government, Mexico**

Achievements:

- Redacted the first draft of the new Youth Law for Morelos.
- Re-designed the debate contest for the state.
- Advised of the implementation of crime prevention policy.

August – October 2012

**Research Assistant
Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, UNAM**

Achievements:

- Collected the information for the index of institutionalisation of committees of local congresses in Mexico.

Publications

Peer reviewed (in English)

- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2023), "[Conceptualising criminal wars in Latin America](#)", *Third World Quarterly*. Vol. 44, No. 4., pp. 776-794.
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl & Pérez Ricart, Carlos A. (2023) "[Effects of long-term development and schooling expansion on the decline in homicide rates: Mexico from 1950 to 2005](#)", *Journal of Crime and Justice*. Vol. 46. No.1., pp. 1-23.
- 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 (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, policy papers and working papers

- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2023), "La economía política del narcotráfico y gobernaza criminal en el Triangulo de la Brecha, Tierra Caliente, México", [Do Criminals Rule in Mexico? The political economy of state capture and criminal impunity](#). Latin American Centre, University of Oxford, 15 March. [In Spanish]
- 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. (2022). "Reforma curricular, Escuelas Normales y relaciones intergubernamentales: resultados de una etnografía accidental en México". SocArXiv, 17 Dec. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/rcynt> [In Spanish]
- 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>

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]

Book chapters (in Spanish)

- Podder, Sukanya & Zepeda Gil Raúl (forthcoming), "Working for 'Minor Utopias': Youth Employment in Sierra Leone and Liberia", In Waldow, Valerie: Bargués, Pol & Chandler, David (cords). *The Politics of Hope in the Anthropocene: Agency, Governance and Critique*. Edinburgh University Press.
- Zepeda Gil Raúl (forthcoming). "Paz, seguridad internacional y los ODS: una relación en construcción." In Areizaga, Gabriela (coord.). *Agenda Internacional y ODS. Retos y perspectivas camino al 2030*. México: UNAM.
- Pantoja García, Juan Camino & Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2023). "La Paz Total en Colombia. Un intento necesario". In Calderón Ríos, José Luis & Álvarez Rodríguez, Irene (coords.). *Cultura de derechos humanos para un futuro de paz. Experiencias en México y Colombia*. México: Fondo de Cultura Económica.
- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2018), "¿Con qué Estado construir la Paz en México?", En Zepeda Gil, Raul and Aguayo Quezada, Sergio (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, pp. 13-30. [In Spanish]
- Zepeda Gil, Raul (2019), "Homicidio en Michoacán: Tendencias estadísticas desde 1990 hasta 2015", en Maldonado Aranda, Salvador (ed), [Michoacán: violencia, inseguridad y Estado de derecho](#). Zamora: El Colegio de Michoacán, p. 53-72. [In Spanish]
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2017), "Violencia en Michoacán: de la guerra criminal a la captura del gobierno estatal", en Benitez Manaut, Raúl y Aguayo Quezada, Sergio, [Atlas de la Seguridad y la Defensa 2016](#), Instituto Belisario Domínguez del Senado de la República, México, pp. 191-205.
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl (2015), "La tragedia de Iguala y la fragmentación criminal", en Sociedad de Estudiantes de El Colegio de México, [Faltan más: 43 voces por Ayotzinapa](#), Sociedad de Estudiantes de El Colegio de México, México, pp. 97-103.

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]
- 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]
- Zepeda Gil, Raúl; Ramírez Lemus, Edwin Enrique and Orozco, Ernesto David (2017), “[Segunda vuelta: implicaciones de una posible implementación en México](#)”, *Temas Estratégicos*, (44), Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Senado de la República. [In Spanish]
- Castellanos Cereda, Noe Roberto; Zepeda Gil, Raúl and Orozco, Ernesto David (2017), “[Fuero, inmunidad parlamentaria y juicio político en México](#)”, *Temas Estratégicos*, (41), Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Senado de la República. [In Spanish]

Consultancy

May 2023 – currently

Consultant

Co-Lab | Cooperation Program between Latin America, the Caribbean, and the European Union on drug policy

- Technical assistance for the conceptual and methodological impact evaluation of drug policy on the Sustainable Development Goals with the 2030 agenda.

March – September 2017

Coordinator

Second Conference on Violence and Peace

Mexican Senate | El Colegio de México | National Commission for Human Rights

- Conference: 7 and 8 August, Mexican Senate, Mexico City
- Report: *Construir el Estado, Construir la Paz en México: Memorias sobre la Segunda Conferencia sobre Violencia y Paz.*

Service

August 2022 – currently

Graduate Teaching Assistant Lead

King’s College London Doctoral Studies Association

August 2021 – July 2022

Postgraduate Representative

King’s College London LGBT+ Society

2020 - 2021

Delegate on behalf of King’s College London Student Union

National Union of Students in the UK Conference

November 2014 – July 2015

Centre of International Studies Representative

Student Society at El Colegio de México

Memberships

Seminario de Violencia y Paz, El Colegio de México | Urban Violence Research Network | International Political Science Association | Mexico & Central America Noria Research Network

Regular contributor

Animal Político | Nexos | Horizontal |

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 for PhD Studies

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.

Academic references

Dr. Sukanya Podder

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