

Symposium

Mexico's Education System in the 21st Century



Symposium Organizers

Programa Interdisciplinario sobre Política y Prácticas Educativas,
CIDE (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas)
Center for Mexican Studies, Columbia University
Teachers College, Columbia University

Thursday September 18 and Friday September 19, 2014
Columbia University in the City of New York

Mexico has recently introduced major legal reforms in the realm of educational governance, but their practical implications for educational quality and equity are still unclear, and very much a subject of debate. The central aim of this symposium is to bring together a diverse group of education experts, intellectual leaders and young scholars in order to identify and discuss the current state of affairs, and the ends that could help guide Mexico's educational system in the face of major transformations in areas as diverse as demography, labor markets, citizenship and technology. In addition to broadening and deepening the conversation about educational reform, the symposium seeks to promote a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities that the country is likely to face in its attempt to fashion an equitable, high quality, and effective educational system.

Program

[DAY 1 \(Thursday, September 18, 2014\)](#)

1501 International Affairs Building, Columbia University, 420 West 118th Street

Introduction and Welcome 9-9:30am –David Madigan (Vice-President School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University) and Sergio López Ayllón (Director General, CIDE).

1. Education in the 21st Century: Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills (9:30-11:30)

Moderator: Blanca Heredia (PIPE/CIDE)

1.1 Cognitive and Non-Cognitive-Skills: The Role of Evaluation in Improving Educational Outcomes.

Andreas Schleicher (OECD/PISA), TBC

1.2 The Importance of Educational Adaptability. Henry M. Levin (Teachers College)

1.3 From Education to Employment: How Can We Make It Work? Mona Mourshed (McKinsey)

Discussant: Martin Carnoy (Stanford University)

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2. Defining the Contours of the Contemporary. (12:00-13:30)

Moderator: Regina Cortina (Teachers College)

2.1 The educational Project of the Post-Revolutionary Authoritarian Regime. Carlos Ornelas (UAM-Xochimilco)

2.2 Education and the Transition to Democracy in Mexico. Jorge Javier Romero (UAM-Xochimilco)

2.3 The Wakening of Civil Society. David Calderón (Mexicanos Primero)

Discussant: Soledad Loaeza (El Colegio de México)

3. Education Goals for a New Century: International, National and Individual Dimensions (15:00-17:00)

Moderator: Claudio Lomnitz (Columbia University)

3.1 Tensions and Possibilities: International, National and Individual Aspects of Education in the 21st Century. Martin Carnoy (Stanford University)

3.2 Inclusive Education: a Necessary Gene Pool for the Survival of the Mexican Nation. Ricardo Raphael (CIDE)

3.3 Democratic Citizenship, Youth Identity, and the Failed Promise of Mexican Secondary Education Reform. Bradley A. Levinson (Indiana University)

Discussant: José Merino (ITAM and Data4)

4. Mexican Youth and Education (17:30-19:00)

Moderator: Lucrecia Santibañez (Claremont Graduate University)

4.1 High School in Mexico: A "Bottleneck?" Miguel Székely (CEES)

4.2 Higher Education and Employment in Mexico: Beyond Accepted "Truths". Blanca Heredia and Alberto Serdán (PIPE/CIDE)

4.3 The Talent Gap in Mexico and its Economic Costs. Blanca Heredia (PIPE/CIDE) and Edgar Franco (Stanford University)

Discussant: Javier Elguea (Fundación Carlos Slim)

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DAY 2 (Friday, September 19, 2014)

408 Zankel Building, Teachers College, 525 West 120th Street

5. Institutional Re-engineering and the Need for a New Pedagogical Model. (9:00-11:30)

Moderator: Henry M. Levin (Teachers College)

5.1 Mexico's Education Reform: Advances and Challenges. Rodolfo Tuirán (Subsecretaría de Educación Media Superior, SEP)

5.2. Educational Evaluation and the Ends of Mexican Education for the 21st Century. Sylvia Schmelkes (INEE)

5.3 Mexico's Education Reform: A View from the Legislative. Sen. Juan Carlos Romero Hicks (Comisión de Educación del Senado de la República)

5.4 Advancements and Challenges in the Implementation of the Education Reform from a Local Perspective: the Case of Querétaro. Fernando de la Isla Herrera (Secretaría de Educación de Querétaro)

Discussant: Robert Kaufman (Rutgers/Columbia University)

6. Evaluation and Education: What Should We Evaluate, How and for What Purpose? (12:00-13:45)

Moderator: Ricardo Raphael (CIDE)

6.1 What Kind of Evaluation? For What Purpose? Angela Valenzuela (University of Texas, Austin)

6.2 Evaluating Teachers. Jonah Rockoff (Columbia University Business School)

6.3 Educational Evaluation in the Mexican Context. Manuel Gil Antón (El Colegio de México)

Discussant: Lucrecia Santibañez (Claremont Graduate University)

7. Round Table on the Ends of Mexican Education for the 21st Century (15:00-17:30)

Moderators: Blanca Heredia and Ricardo Raphael

- Mónica Caudillo (NYU)
- Diego Luna (Teachers College)
- Ismael Martínez (CIDE)
- Ana Razo (CIDE)
- Daniela Rubio (CIDE)
- Vania Salgado (Teachers College)
- Marisol Vázquez (CIDE and Teachers College)
- Vicente García (Teachers College)