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# The Mexican International Security Forum

Second Edition





## Mexico: A global actor

The onset of a new administration in Mexico offers a pivotal opportunity to envision and shape the nation's **strategic horizon**, outlining its aspirations and **the role it should play on the global stage**. With its strategic geographic location, significant global economic influence, and soft power, Mexico is well-positioned to influence the international agenda and establish itself as a **key global player**.

To embrace this responsibility, a process of national reflection and analysis is essential, engaging various sectors to build consensus and unite efforts in addressing global challenges and threats. Additionally, this requires a shift in our relationships with other countries and blocs considering the current international landscape.

# Objective

In light of this scenario, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Mexico, the Institute for Strategy and Defense Research (ISDR), and Tec de Monterrey have joined forces to host the **second edition of The Mexican International Security Forum**, scheduled to take place at Tec de Monterrey, Monterrey Campus, on **October 30-31, 2024**.

More than 15 speakers, including academics, decision-makers, and national and international opinion leaders, will share their insights and experiences with the aim of **advancing discussions on strategic issues between Mexico and key partners**, fostering spaces for dialogue, convergence, and action.

## Registration

Those interested in attending the forum can register at the following page

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# Day One.

## October 30<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 – 9:00** am

Registration

**9:00 – 9:30** am

Inauguration

**PhD. Edna Jaime**

National Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Government at Tec de Monterrey

**Hans Blomeier**

Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Mexico

**MA. Christian Ehrlich**

Director of the Institute for Strategy & Defense Research (ISDR)

**9:30 – 10:45** am

**International Security: Chaos and Uncertainty**

**PhD. Carlo Masala**

Professor of International Politics and Director of the Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies (CISS) at the University of the Bundeswehr Munich.

**10:45 – 11:00** am

Coffee Break 

**11:00 – 12:00** am

**North America: Between Crisis and Elections**

**PhD. Raúl Benítez**

Professor and Researcher at UNAM

**12:00 – 12:15** pm

Coffee Break 

**12:15 – 1:30** pm

**South America: Influences and Realignment**

**PhD. Patrick Paterson**

Associate Dean of Research and Publications at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC

**PhD. Oscar Palma**

Professor at the University of Rosario, Colombia

**Moderator: MA. Christian Ehrlich**

Director of the ISDR

**1:30 – 3:30** pm

Lunch Break 

**3:30 – 4:30** pm

**MENA: War and Proxies**

**PhD. David Sorenson**

Professor at the United States Air War College

**4:30 – 4:45** pm

Coffee Break 

**4:45 – 5:45** pm

**Cybersecurity in the Americas**

**PhD. Boris Saavedra**

Professor at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC

**5:45 – 6:00** pm

**Day One Closing Ceremony**

# Day Two. October 31<sup>st</sup>

## Event Program

**8:30 - 9:00** am

Registration

**9:00 - 10:15** am

International Political Economy

**PhD. Mariana Rangel**

National Program Director of the Bachelor's Degree in International Relations at Tec de Monterrey

**PhD. Gabriel Aguilera**

Regional Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey

**PhD. Sebastian Mazzuca**

Distinguished Professor and Faculty of Excellence, School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey

**Moderator: PhD. Alexis Herrera**

Professor at Universidad Anáhuac

**10:15 - 11:30** am

Europe: Strategic Autonomy and Cooperation

**PhD. Carlo Masala**

Professor of International Politics and Director of the Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies (CISS) at the University of the Bundeswehr Munich.

**PhD. Robert Papp**

Regional Director of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Tec de Monterrey

**Moderator: Hans Blomeier**

Director of the KAS Mexico

**11:30 - 11:45** am

Coffee Break 

**11:45 - 12:45** pm

Nearshoring and the Defense Industry

**MA. Iñigo Guevara**

Director of Janes Strategic Services and Professor at Georgetown University

**PhD. Roberto Durán**

Professor and Researcher at the School of Government and Public Transformation at Tec de Monterrey

**Moderator: MBA Emilio Cadena**

CEO of Prodensa

**12:45 - 2:00** pm

Women and International Security

**MA. Sanda Sandu**

Security expert, Program Manager at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in the Republic of Moldova, Co-Founder of the Platform for Initiatives in Security and Defence

**MA. Isabella Cota**

Investigative Journalist at El País

**PhD. Magdalena Alcocer**

Postgraduate Coordinator, Faculty of Global Studies at Anáhuac University

**Moderator:**

**MA. Giovanna Villalobos**

Senior Analyst at the Institute for Strategy & Defense Research

**2:00 - 3:30** pm

Lunch Break 

**3:30 - 4:30** pm

The Role of Youth in International Security

**Tec Students**

**Moderator:**

**PhD. Luz Araceli González**

Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Tec de Monterrey

**4:30 - 5:30** pm

NATO and the Colombian Armed Forces

**General (r) Luis Mauricio Ospina**

Former Commander of the National Armed Forces of Colombia

**5:30 - 6:00** pm

Final Remarks

**PhD. Gabriel Aguilera**

Regional Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Tec de Monterrey

**Hans Blomeier**

Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Mexico

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