



# BI-NATIONAL SEMINAR

ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY:  
A REVIEW OF CONTEMPORARY ISSUES FOR  
MEXICO-BELIZE TRANS-BORDER RELATIONS



Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina

Belize City, 14-15 March 2016

## Presentation

This is a two-day bi-national seminar that is the result of an initiative put forward by the Embassy of Mexico in Belize, and the enthusiastic collaboration of the University of Belize (UB), the University of Quintana Roo (UQROO) and El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), Unidad Chetumal.

The purpose of this event is to address migration, trans-border and environmental issues between Mexico and Belize based on connectivity and mobility as key concepts to explain the social, economic and cultural interaction between the two countries and societies, as they strive to strengthen ties across their common border.

## Agenda

Day/Time	Activities
<b>Monday March 14</b>	
<b>8:00 am-8:30 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Masters of Ceremony:</b>	<b>Nestor Chan-Dean, Faculty of Education and Arts, University of Belize</b> <b>Katia Hoare: Embassy of Mexico in Belize</b>
<b>8:30 am-9:30 am</b>	<b>Belize and Mexico National Anthems</b>  <b>Invocation: Bishop Roosevelt Papouloute, Methodist Diocese of Belize</b>  <b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Ambassador Carlos Quesnel, Embassy of Mexico in Belize</b> <b>President Alan Slusher, University of Belize</b> <b>Rector Angel Ezequiel Rivero Palomo, Universidad de Quintana Roo</b> <b>Director General Hector Hernández, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Unidad Chetumal</b> <b>Ambassador Yanerit Morgan, Director General for Latin American and the Caribbean of Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b> <b>C.E.O. Lawrence Sylvester, Belize's Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>
<b>9:30 am-10:00 am</b>	<b>Keynote speech-Introduced by Katia Hoare</b> <b>Lorena Careaga</b> UQROO "Yucatan, Belize and Guatemala's Peten area in 1840: A macro-region from the British perspective"
<b>10:00 am-10:20 am</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

### **Session 1: Migration and Identity**

**Moderator: Pio Saqui-UB**

- 10:20 am-10:40 am**                      **Cesar Ross**  
UB  
“Migration and social cohesion: Defining national identity”
- 10:40 am-11:00 am**                      **Melanie Smith**  
UB  
“Determinants of Belizean migration: Exploring classical and contemporary theory”
- 11:00 am-11:20 am**                      **Pilar Barradas**  
UQROO  
“Migración, comunidades y organización indígena: Una experiencia en Quintana Roo”
- 11:20 am-11:40 am**                      **Q & A**
- 11:40 am-13:00 pm**                      **Lunch**

### **Session 2: Culture**

**Moderator: Ubaldimir Guerra-UB**

- 13:00 pm-13:20 pm**                      **Sandra Valdez Hernández**  
UQROO  
“Teaching culture in the classroom to enhance motivation and integration”
- 13:20 pm-13:40 pm**                      **Priscilla Brown Lopez**  
UB  
“Perspectives and motivating factors: Second generation immigrants’ pursuit of higher education”
- 13:40 pm-14:00 pm**                      **Guillermo Velázquez/Inocente Bojórquez**  
UQROO  
“Plan for the development of infrastructure and identity in the University of Belize at the Belmopan campus”
- 14:00 pm-14:20 pm**                      **Q & A**
- 14:20 pm-14:40 pm**                      **Coffee break**

### Session 3: Immigration and the Local Economy

**Moderator: Romaldo Lewis-UB**

14:40 pm-15:00 pm	<b>Xóchitl Ballesteros Pérez</b> UQROO “Situación actual de la migración internacional en Belice”
15:00 pm-15:40 pm	<b>Francisco Javier Güemez Ricalde/Michelle Marina DeVore Vargas/Grisel Yumil Makyda Chan</b> UQROO “Characterization of the flows of visitors for commercial purposes between Mexico and Belize”
15:40 pm-16:00 pm	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
16:00 pm-16:20 pm	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:20 pm-17:00 pm	<b>Special Session: “Mexico, the Americas and the World: Ten years of Mexican public opinion and foreign policy”</b> <b>Jorge A. Schiavon</b> CIDE
17:00 pm-17:20 pm	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
18:00 pm-19:30 pm	<b>Reception offered by the Embassy of Mexico Mexico’s Cultural Institute</b> Corner of Newton Barracks & Wilson Streets, Belize City

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<b>Tuesday March 15</b>	
8:30 am-9:00 am	<b>Keynote speech-Introduced by Nestor Chan</b> <b>Martha García</b> ECOSUR “Belize and Mexico’s southern border: The vitality of their migratory connections”
<b>Session 4: Border Dynamics</b> <b>Moderator: Phillip Castillo-UB</b>	
9:00 am-9:20 am	<b>Allan Ortega</b> INAH “Relaciones transnacionales a inicio del Siglo XX. Formación de familias y sociabilidad entre el sur de Quintana Roo y Honduras Británica”

<b>9:20 am-9:40 am</b>	<b>John Dunn</b> UB "Perception of borders: The Belize-Guatemala differendum among trans-border communities along the adjacency zone"
<b>9:40 am-10:00 am</b>	<b>Luz Margarita González Lepe</b> UQROO "Índices delictivos en la frontera México-Belice"
<b>10:00 am-10:20 am</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
<b>10:20 am-10:40 am</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>Session 5: Trans-border Issues</b> <b>Moderator: Deserie Avila-UB</b>
<b>10:40 am-11:00 am</b>	<b>Crucita Ken</b> UQROO "Zona libre: Tiempo y espacio"
<b>11:00 am-11:20 am</b>	<b>Natalia Armijo</b> UQROO "Desafíos a la seguridad en la frontera sur de México"
<b>11:20 am-11:40 am</b>	<b>Héctor Hernández</b> ECOSUR "Tecnología satelital en la investigación de la región Centrocaribeña"
<b>11:40 am-12:00 pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
<b>12:00 pm-13:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Session 6: Environmental Interaction</b> <b>Moderator: Harald Albrecht-UQROO</b>
<b>13:00 pm-13:20 pm</b>	<b>Laura Carrillo</b> ECOSUR "Conectividad de ecosistemas en el Caribe"
<b>13:20 pm-13:40 pm</b>	<b>María Magdalena Vázquez González</b> UQROO "Riqueza y biodiversidad edáfica de las selvas y bosques tropicales de Belice"
<b>13:40 pm-14:00 pm</b>	<b>Arlenie Rogers</b> UB-Faculty of Science & Technology "UB-UNAM collaborative research programs for the Meso-American reef"

<b>14:00 pm-14:20 pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
<b>14:20 pm-14:40 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
	<b>Session 7: A Shared Natural Space</b> <b>Moderator: Lorena Careaga-UQROO</b>
<b>14:40 pm-15:00 pm</b>	<b>Rafael Manzanero</b> Friends for Conservation and Development “Relevancia y retos de la selva maya”
<b>15:00 pm-15:20 pm</b>	<b>Juan Jacobo Schmitter-Soto</b> ECOSUR “Fish as both resources and a pest at the Belize-Mexico border”
<b>15:20 pm-15:40 pm</b>	<b>Harald Alejandro Albrecht Arellano</b> UQROO “Sustainable development from the perspective of the periphery: Implications for Mexico-Belize relations”
<b>15:40 pm-16:00 pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
<b>16:00 pm-16:20 pm</b>	<b>Vote of Thanks/Closing Remarks</b> <b>Ambassador Carlos Quesnel</b> <b>President Alan Slusher</b>
<b>16:20 pm</b>	<b>End of event</b>
<b>17:00 pm-18:30 pm</b>	<b>Reception offered by UB</b> <b>Mexico’s Cultural Institute</b> Corner of Newton Barracks & Wilson Streets, Belize City