



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Briefing

Enforced Disappearance in Mexico

Panelists



Michael Chamberlin is the Deputy Director of the Diocesan Human Rights Center "Fray Juan de Larios" in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, where he has been a leader in the effort to document a pattern of crimes against humanity by government officials who have acquiesced in thousands of enforced disappearances over the past decade. He is a widely respected human rights advocate in Mexico with 25 years of grassroots experience with NGOs and social movements in the country, and strong relationships with international and regional organizations. Chamberlin received his Master's Degree on human rights and democracy from FLACSO-Mexico.



Ariel Dulitzky is Clinical Professor of Law and the Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the School of Law of the University of Texas at Austin. Between 2010 and 2017, he served as a member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and as its Chair-Rapporteur (2013-2015). A native of Argentina, Professor Dulitzky has dedicated his career to human rights in both his scholarly research and his legal practice. His expertise on enforced disappearances derives from active involvement in the promotion and defense of human rights, particularly in the Americas and in international human rights litigation. Prior to joining the University of Texas, he was Assistant Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). Professor Dulitzky is an honors graduate of the University of Buenos Aires School of Law and received his LLM from Harvard Law School.



Jimena Reyes is an *avocat* from the Paris Bar and has been the Americas Director of the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) since June 2003. In that capacity she has investigated human rights violations and public policies in 17 countries in Latin America and North America. Reyes has contributed to the drafting of more than 30 reports on human rights issues, advocated at the international, regional and national levels, and litigated

before the Inter-American system of human rights where she has represented victims from Chile and Honduras. Reyes coordinated national litigation (France, Belgium, Spain), and drafted and presented International Criminal Court communications on Colombia, Honduras and Mexico.

Moderator



Barbara A Frey, J.D. is a Senior Lecturer in the Institute for Global Studies and, since 2001, the Director of the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota. Her current research focus is on human rights in Mexico, including forms of advocacy, and legal and media representations of systematic human rights violations. She is a research collaborator with the Observatory on Disappearances and Impunity in Mexico, along with colleagues at Oxford University and FLACSO-Mexico. Frey received a Fulbright-García Robles Teaching and Research Award to support her work in Mexico in 2013. Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Frey co-founded several important human rights institutions, including the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, where she served as Executive Director (1985-97); the Center for Victims of Torture; and the Midwest Coalition for Human Rights.