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Ms. Fitzpatrick's portfolio for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor includes the Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, the Office of Near East Asian Affairs, and the Office of International Religious Freedom.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister Counselor. Before this assignment as Deputy Assistant Secretary, she served for two and a half years as the Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs, managing U.S. relations with Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus.

Ms. Fitzpatrick has received a number of Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards from the Department of State. She has studied Spanish, Russian, Dutch, French, and some Arabic.

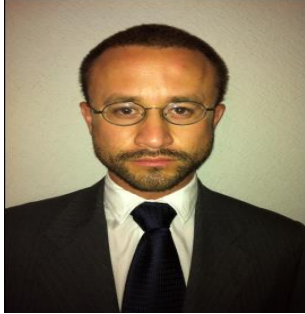


**Nik Steinberg, Researcher, Americas Division ,
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Nik Steinberg is the Mexico and Cuba researcher in Human Rights Watch's Americas Division. He is the author of the report *Neither Rights Nor Security*, which documented killings, torture, and "disappearances" by soldiers and police in Mexico's "war on drugs."

His writing on Latin America has been published in the New York Review of Books, the Washington Post, and the Nation, among other publications.

He is a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and Dartmouth College. He is fluent in Spanish.



Santiago Aguirre, Tlachinollan Human Rights Center:

Santiago Aguirre, an attorney with almost ten years of experience in the human rights field, works as a lawyer for Tlachinollan Human Rights Center. Since 1993, Tlachinollan defends and promotes human rights in la Montaña, an indigenous region comprised of Mexico's poorest communities. Serving as a multi-lingual and diverse space, Tlachinollan works with indigenous victims of police and military abuses, among others, advocating at the local, national and Inter-American level.



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Maureen Meyer directs WOLA's Mexico program with a special focus on U.S.-Mexico security policies and their relation to organized crime-related violence, corruption, and human rights violations in Mexico. She also carries out advocacy work regarding U.S. security assistance to Mexico and the Merida Initiative.

She is a member of the Mexican-based Collective for Analysis of Security with Democracy and has submitted two amicus curiae briefs to the Inter-American Court on Human Rights in support of victims of human rights violations in Mexico.