



# **MEXICO WEEK 2008**

## The London School of Economics

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Monday , February 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **INAUGURATION:**

17:30 Room D602

Inaugural speech by **H.E. Juan José Bremer**, Mexican Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

“Varieties of Presidentialism  
And the Quality of Democracy”

-**Laurence Whitehead**,  
President of the Institute of Mexican Studies,  
Oxford University

"Does Government  
Transparency  
Strengthen Democracy?"

- **Jacqueline Peschard**,  
Commissioner at the Federal  
Institute of Transparency and  
Access to Information (IFAI),  
Mexico City.

**Chair: Emmanuel Reynaud**, President of the LSE SU Mexican Society.

*The inaugural event of the Mexican WEEK 2008 will present an analysis of some factors that can promote or constrain the consolidation of democracy in Mexico.*

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

“Beyond Sight”

18:30 Room H102

*Screening of documentary on blind Mexican photographers*

“La situación de los pueblos indígenas en América Latina”

19:30 Room S 75

**Ing. Xóchitl Gálvez**, former National Commissioner for the Development of Indigenous Peoples.

Chair to be confirmed.

*Autonomy for indigenous communities has been fully recognized in the Constitution, but does this mean that these groups enjoy better living conditions and equality of opportunities in the Mexican society? How does this newly gained autonomy may redefine the sovereignty of the Mexican state? TALK GIVEN IN SPANISH*

Mexican food menu

The Brunch Bowl

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

“Fraude México 2006” by Luis Mandoki, a documentary on the 2006

Presidential elections

14:30 New Theatre

*Many Mexicans claim that the electoral process was biased, and that there are strong reasons to consider it a fraud. This film gathers much of the material that supporters of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador regard as evidence.*

“MEXICAN PARTY”

21: 00 till very late

61-65 Great Queen St,

WC2B B5BZ

*Club night with a Mexican touch at SWAY Bar & Restaurant*

**Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

“Lecture on the Reform of the State” (title to be confirmed)

12:00 Room D502.

**Senator Alejandro González Alcocer**, President of the Committee for Justice, Mexican Senate.

**Chair: Francisco Panizza**, LSE Department of Government

*There has been a wide debate over the past years on the best way to reform the institutional framework of the Mexican state. Will the reforms that are currently being negotiated in Congress finally solve this dilemma?*

## Mexican food menu

The Brunch Bowl

“RECEPTION”

18:00 venue to be announced

**Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

### “The New Electoral Cycle: Achievements and Challenges”

15:30, Room D402

**Dr. Mauricio Merino**, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City.

**Chair: George Philip** – LSE Department of Government

*The outcome of the 2006 elections made evident the urgent need to establish a more reliable electoral system in Mexico. Does the recent reform guarantee an acceptable level of accountability of the electoral process? The 2009 federal elections will be crucial in assessing its effectiveness.*

### “Una visión alternativa de las elecciones presidenciales de 2006”

18:30 Room D202

**Gustavo Iruegas**, Foreign Affairs Advisor for Andrés Manuel López Obrador, former presidential candidate.

Proposed Chair: Colin Lewis – LSE History (to be confirmed)

*The Minister of International Relations of the “Gobierno Legítimo” movement of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, will explain his own account of the 2006 elections, the development of Lopez Obrador’s movement throughout the past year and its perspectives for 2008. TALK GIVEN IN SPANISH.*

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