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# Breaking the Silence:

Testimony from Mexican Human Rights Defenders



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7:00 – 9:00 pm

Carleton University

608 Robertson Hall (Senate Room)

1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

The ongoing severe human rights crisis in Mexico, now compounded by two serious earthquakes, presents a compelling challenge. It is essential to hear the voices of civil society leaders in Mexico who are on the front lines of the human rights crisis, often at great risk to their security. Five HRs defenders will share their testimony on disappearances, labour rights, women's rights, threats to human rights defenders and journalists, indigenous and land rights and send a strong message for action.

## Guest speakers: \*



**María Martín**, Program Coordinator at JASS Mesoamérica, a feminist social justice organization



**Gustavo Lozano**, Lawyer and representative for the Mexican Network of Mining Affected People (REMA)



**Julia Quiñonez**, Coordinator of the Border Committee of Women Workers (Comité Fronterizo de Obreras)



**Araceli Tecolapa Alejo**, José Morelos y Pavón Human Rights Centre in Guerrero



**Roberto Abel Jiménez García**, teacher leader from Section 22 (Oaxaca) of the National Education Workers Union (SNTE) and former political prisoner



## Moderator:

**Laura Macdonald**, Professor in the Department of Political Science and Institute of Political Economy at Carleton University, as well CERLAC representative on the Americas Policy Group

\*Interpretation service will be available for presentations in Spanish.

