



Drugs, Counterinsurgency, and the Dynamic Nature of the United States-Mexico Border, 1969-1985

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In this presentation Ms. Teague examines the externalization of the U.S. war on drugs in Mexico during the 1970s and 1980s. She argues that the Mexican government's counterinsurgency against suspected dissidents and the role that it played in the government's domestic policy agenda framed Mexico's response to U.S. drug control demands. At the center of this narrative is Mexico's Dirty War, a period from 1964 to 1982 when the country's ruling party, the *Partido Revolucionario Institucional* (PRI), sought to eliminate insurgent threats to its power. As the U.S. directed millions of dollars in resources to Mexico's antidrug campaign, the Dirty War influenced the PRI's response to U.S. drug issues and the Mexican government used U.S. antidrug policies in ways that facilitated its counterinsurgency efforts.

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