Human Rights in Mexico Lecture Series: Winter 2008

Wednesday, January 23, 6:00 pm
World Beyond the Headlines
Distinguished Lecturer in Human Rights
Professor Sergio Aguayo, Colegio de Mexico
"Human Rights in Mexico: Inside the Labyrinth of Drugs, Elections and Billionaires"
International House
1414 East 59th Street
(Professor Aguayo’s address will be in English)

Sergio Aguayo is a political scientist and one of Mexico’s leading public intellectuals, author of numerous books and articles. He writes a weekly column for the Mexico City newspaper Reforma which appears in 17 other publications, including the Chicago edition of Hoy. Aguayo has taught at the Colegio de Mexico since 1977 and has been a visiting professor at the University of Chicago, the University of California-Berkeley, and the New School. Over the past three decades, he has played a leading role in the founding of important civil society organizations including the Academia Mexicana de Derechos Humanos, one of Mexico’s first human rights organizations, and the Alianza Cívica which played a critical role in securing electoral reforms in the 1990s. Aguayo most recently helped found Fundar: Centro de Análisis e Investigación which received the 2006 MacArthur Foundation award for Creative and Effective Institutions.

The following lectures will all be at 3:00 pm. in Room 140, Harper Memorial Library, on the date indicated, and in Spanish:

Wednesday, February 6
Carlos Arango (Casa Aztlan, Chicago)
“Eyewitness to 1968”

Monday, February 18
Miguel Alvarez Gandara (Serapaz, Mexico, D.F.)
“Lessons from the Chiapas Negotiations”

Monday, February 25
Alejandra Ancheita (PRODESC, Mexico, D.F.)
“Labor rights are human rights: a case from Guerrero”

Monday, March 10
Jose Oliva (Interfaith Worker Justice, Chicago)
“Organizing immigrants to defend their rights”

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