



First Mexico-UK Interdisciplinary Congress: 200 Years of Collaboration for Academic Excellence

PROGRAMME

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DAY 1

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TIME	
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Opening
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Advancing Gender Equality and Human Rights Through Innovative Solutions
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Innovative Approaches in Disease Prevention, Diagnostics, and Treatment
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Climate Resilience, Ecosystem Management, and Community-Based Approaches to Climate Change
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Educational Innovation and International Collaboration
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Keynote - Dr. César López-Camacho
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Pioneering Solutions for Global Challenges
5:00 PM- 6:00 PM	Cultural Narratives and Community Engagement Through the Arts

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Edna García
Moderator

Advancing Gender Equality and Human Rights Through Innovative Solutions

Iván Zedillo Arias
National Autonomous University of México (UNAM) & Oxford Brookes University

Magdaly Santillanez
LSE

Laura Veronica Morin Quintal
UNAM, University of the West of England, University of Wolverhampton

Carl Winston Jones
Royal College of Art (RCA)

Sergio Jesús Ascencio Bonfil
University of Essex, Department of Government.

This session will explore innovative strategies for promoting gender equality and human rights in various societal contexts. Panelists will discuss the intersections of economic policy, representation in leadership, and public perception of social movements, emphasizing how these factors can influence progress toward social justice. The conversation will highlight the importance of addressing systemic barriers and developing inclusive solutions to empower marginalized communities.

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Elena González
Dávila Boy
Moderator

Innovative Approaches in Disease Prevention, Diagnostics, and Treatment



Dr. J Rogel-Salazar
RogueLoop; The Ortus Group; Imperial College London; University of Hertfordshire



Dr. Victor Martin Bolanos-Garcia
Oxford Brookes University



Alejandro Diaz Hernandez
University of Oxford



María José Sánchez Alva
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, LSHTM



Fernando Ariel Garcia Terron
AHF Global Public Health Institute



Isabela Pedroza-Pacheco
University of Oxford

This session will explore the critical role of research and technology in transforming disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. From leveraging AI and biotech innovation to improving healthcare infrastructures, the panel will address how these advancements can redefine care, reduce risk, and manage health crises effectively, especially in underserved populations.



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Climate Resilience, Ecosystem Management, and Community-Based Approaches to Climate Change



Diego Ismael Rodríguez Hernández
University of Bristol



Dra. Zinnia Gonzalez-Carranza
University of Nottingham



Jazmín Amada Díaz Vázquez
Yucatán Peninsula Regional University Center, Chapingo Autonomous University.



Dr. Jose Luis Hernandez-Ramirez
University College London (UCL)



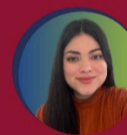
Gerardo A. Torres Contreras
King's College London



Luis Fernando Amador Castro
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey University of Leeds



Betsabe De La Barreda Bautista
University of Nottingham



Alejandra Zazueta Lopez
University of Leeds

This session will address climate adaptation through ecosystem resilience, sustainable resource management, and community engagement. Researchers will discuss how local communities, ecosystems, and water resources are integral to climate resilience, and how interdisciplinary and international cooperation can strengthen adaptive capacity and socio-environmental sustainability.



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Victor
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Moderator

Educational Innovation and International Collaboration



Jennifer Hegewisch Taylor
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine - Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública/Escuela de Salud Pública de México



Carlos Carrillo
HULT



Paulina Carmona Rodríguez
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México



Karina Guadalupe Díaz Pedroza
Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas



Lourdes Estefhany Orozco
Anglia Ruskin University

This session will explore advancements in educational strategies and the role of international collaboration in developing impactful academic programs. Covering topics like digital literacy, leadership training, and bilateral projects, the discussion will focus on how partnerships and shared resources between Mexico and the UK foster innovative, future-ready educational environments. The session will highlight how these collaborations contribute to the growth of knowledge, skill development, and robust educational systems through shared initiatives and programs.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. César
López-Camacho**
The Jenner Institute

In this keynote, Dr. César López-Camacho will delve into the innovative work being conducted at the Jenner Institute, where he leads the development of a pioneering mRNA vaccine platform. He will discuss the use of novel Lipid Nanoparticles (LNPs) for efficient mRNA encapsulation, an approach aimed at creating the next generation of mRNA-based vaccines with improved efficacy and stability. Funded by a JFF grant and NIHR Capital Fund, this research promises to contribute significantly to the future of vaccine technology, offering insights into the latest advancements and challenges in mRNA vaccine development.



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Andreea Lekare
Moderator

Digital Innovation and Artificial Intelligence: Pioneering Solutions for Global Challenges



**Diana Sarai Hernandez
Manzo**
Robert Gordon University



**Brian Kostadinov
Shalon Isaac Medina**
Durham University



Miguel Xochicale
*University College
London*



**Nelly Victoria
Alexandra Garcia
Sihuay**
*Queen Mary University
of London and
Fundación Politécnico.*



**Dr. María
Clementina
Ramirez Marengo**
*The Alan Turing
Institute*



**Professor Manuel
Davila Delgado**
*Birmingham City
University*

This session will delve into the transformative potential of digital innovation and artificial intelligence in addressing critical global issues. The presentations will showcase diverse applications, from immersive VR for sustainable fashion to AI-driven healthcare solutions, and explore challenges like interdisciplinary AI adoption, security advancements, and fintech innovations. These insights collectively highlight how digital and AI innovations are reshaping sectors and impacting social and economic landscapes.



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Cultural Narratives and Community Engagement Through the Arts



Alvaro Javier Ibarra
Sosa
*Guildhall School of
Music and Drama, and
Universidad
Internacional de la Rioja*



Sharon Adair
Benítez
*University of
Roehampton*



Fernando Tapia
*UNAM - Facultad de
Arquitectura*



Joaquín Jesús Cruz
Lamas
*King's College
London*



Marely Romero
*National School of
Ballet and
Contemporary Dance*

This session will delve into the transformative role of arts and culture in fostering community engagement and preserving identity. By exploring various forms of artistic expression—from folkloric dance to architectural practices—panelists will discuss how these cultural narratives can inspire inclusion, provoke dialogue, and influence societal change. The conversation will highlight the significance of historical memory and contemporary practices in shaping cultural landscapes in both Mexico and the UK.



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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Techological Solutions and Urban Methodologies for Social Justice
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Understanding Health Complexity: Chronic Conditions, Mental Health, and Socioeconomic Determinants
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Pathways for Growth and Global Integration
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Break
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Research Synergies and Knowledge Transfer in Science and Technology
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Keynote - Dr. Caroline Dodds Pennock
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Art as a Medium for Social Change and Identity Configurations
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Urban Resilience and Climate Innovation: Strategies for Sustainable City Development



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Technological Solutions and Urban Methodologies for Social Justice



Sayonara Soto Vargas
Tecnológico de Monterrey

Alejandra Benoso Mogollan
University of York

Fernanda Robledo Camara
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Michelle Barraza
FLACSO Argentina (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences)

This session will focus on the role of technology and urban methodologies in addressing social justice issues, particularly related to gender equality and violence. Panelists will discuss the development and impact of the RUTAS app, explore feminist urbanism in architecture, and analyze the implications of housing policies on marginalized populations. The discussion aims to inspire actionable insights and collaborative efforts to create safer, more equitable urban environments



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Understanding Health Complexity: Chronic Conditions, Mental Health, and Socioeconomic Determinants



Mary Josephine Barnett
Norwich University of the Arts, UK.

Luis Felipe Aceves Arias
London School of Economics and Political Sciences

David G. Lugo Palacios
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

Gladys Guadalupe Diaz Armas
Imperial College London

Marianna Barcenas Simmons
The London School of Economics

This session will address the intricate web of factors influencing public health outcomes, from chronic diseases and mental health to socio-economic barriers. By examining various health complexities, the panel will highlight the importance of integrated, interdisciplinary approaches in understanding and managing public health, particularly within diverse socio-economic contexts.



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Mariana Herrera Salcedo
Moderator

Economic Development, Trade, and Innovation: Pathways for Growth and Global Integration



César Andrés Peniche Luna
Swansea University, Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law

Cynthia Vega
Nottingham University

José Luis Rivera Pacheco
Bayes Business School

Penélope Pacheco-López
University of Kent

This session will examine how trade policy, economic modeling, and infrastructure investments can drive equitable and sustainable economic development. From regulatory innovations in electronic trade to advancements in economic modeling and renewable energy investments, participants will discuss strategies to strengthen economic resilience and close regional disparities. The dialogue will aim to highlight how innovation and targeted investments can facilitate economic growth and enhance Mexico and the UK's commercial and economic dynamics in the global economy.



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Patricio Díaz Romo
Moderator

Research Synergies and Knowledge Transfer in Science and Technology



Mario Alain Gonzalez
Sanchez

University College
London



Abril Rodríguez
Vásquez

University of York



Yessenia
Jauregui-Sánchez

Queen's University
Belfast



Susannah Hopson

University of Kent



Alejandro
Maeda-Obregón

University College
London

This session will examine interdisciplinary research efforts and their contributions to scientific advancement and economic development. Through a focus on institutional support, knowledge sharing, and advanced computational technologies, panelists will discuss how research collaboration between Mexico and the UK enhances scientific innovation and technological progress. The dialogue will emphasize the importance of knowledge transfer and institutional networks in driving sustainable growth and addressing complex scientific challenges.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Caroline Dodds
Pennock

University of Sheffield

In this keynote, Dr. Dodds Pennock will delve into her groundbreaking new book *On Savage Shores: How Indigenous Americans Discovered Europe*. She'll bring to life the journeys of some of the earliest Indigenous travelers from Mexico to Spain, inviting us to rethink the early modern period from their perspective. Her talk will challenge Eurocentric narratives, uncovering a vital Indigenous-centered history of the Atlantic world and illuminating why these stories are essential for a deeper, more inclusive understanding of our past.



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Art as a Medium for Social Change and Identity Configurations



Castaña Arango

*Bartlett School of
Architecture, UCL*



Maria Florencia
Denti Hussein

RCA



Fernando Javier
Carrera Vega

*London School of
Economics*

This session will focus on the power of art to address social issues, preserve cultural identities, and promote community well-being. Panelists will examine how artistic initiatives can foster resilience among marginalized groups, particularly in the context of migration and conflict. Through innovative approaches and sustainable practices, the discussion will reveal how art can create connections, raise awareness, and empower individuals to express their experiences and cultural heritage.



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Jose Eduardo
Medina Reyes
Moderator

Urban Resilience and Climate Innovation: Strategies for Sustainable City Development



Jesus Vazquez
Chavez

*Queen Mary University of
London, School of
Engineering and Materials
Science*



Luis Arturo Reyes
Valencia

*Architectural
Association School of
Architecture in London*



Reyna Victoria Jaime
Arellano

*Edinburgh Napier
University*



César Ali Rivas
Romo

*Robert Gordon
University*



Elena Luciano
Suastegui

*Architectural
Association School of
Architecture*



Sara Estefania
Valenzuela Cruz

*Imperial College
Business School*



Daniel Flores
Ramírez

*Queen Mary University
of London*

This session will explore cutting-edge developments in urban resilience and climate innovation. From sustainable energy storage solutions and policy-driven emission reductions to rethinking urban landscapes and the fashion industry's sustainability challenges, each presentation will offer insights into building adaptable and resilient cities. Researchers will discuss both the technical and policy innovations essential to preparing cities for future climate and social challenges.



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