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The Government-Press relations in the State of Mexico and its influence on journalistic culture.

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2 PM, Deutz Room, Copley Building,
Institute of the Americas Complex, UC San Diego

The seminar will be in Spanish.

Why is the press the way it is? This has been a recurring question in academic research about pioneer media. Hallin and Mancini (2004) analyze the relationship between the national political system and a country’s media system. My study of the press in the state of Mexico is an empirical extrapolation of the conceptual framework of the authors on a smaller scale, within a country. Mexico state is the federal entity that is home to the political class that is best positioned nationally, the Atlacomulco Group, which has governed the state for the past 85 years. This group regained political power for the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) in the Mexican presidency in the 2012 national elections. The seminar will explore the following questions: How does the press function in a political environment that lacks alternation in the Executive branch of government? How is the government-press relationship expressed? What is the impact of the press on the notions and perceptions of journalism?

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