



CÁMARA DE
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LXIV LEGISLATURA



GRUPO PARLAMENTARIO DEL
**PARTIDO DEL
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**PARTIDO DEL TRABAJO PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
AND
TESTIMONIO SOCIAL DE ÉTICA REVOLUCIONARIA TESERAC, A.C.**

I N V I T E

Teachers; academics; researchers; students; members of women's movements and social organizations interested in gender issues; professionals and officials of the local, federal and international levels of justice; legislators and other sectors linked to the various issues involved; members and officials of government institutions linked to the public management of gender issues; representatives of civil associations; international, national, public and private educational and research institutions; as well as any person interested in participating as a speaker or attendee to the:

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
PATRIARCHY, PROSTITUTION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:
MALE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE INCREASE OF TRAFFICKING OF
PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN MEXICO**

which will take place on 5-6 March 2020, in the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress of the Union, based on the following:

Objective:

- Open a space for public debate on the role of men in the reproduction and perpetuation of violence against women, particularly women in prostitution, in order to design concrete initiatives to end sexual exploitation and prostitution in Mexico.

1. General Context

Within the discussion on prostitution, there is a strong dichotomy between those who consider it as a sex work that must be regulated and others who condemn prostitution for representing a “vigorous mode of sexual exploitation of prostituted persons, and one of the forms more entrenched in which gender violence is manifested, exercised and perpetuated”, closely related to capitalist patriarchy.

On one extreme, it seeks to legitimize prostitution and on the other, abolish it since it represents one of the most rooted forms of violence and gender

inequality, where a large number of men receive social, moral and legal permission to “buy,” “use” or “discard” women's bodies.

In both cases, it represents a debate largely excluded from the political and constitutional agenda in Mexico. Consequently, this First International Congress seeks to offer a comprehensive debate on trafficking and prostitution, but from the analysis of the intersection of capitalism and patriarchy, which creates and sustains sexual access, the mandate of rape and the logic of annihilation of women.



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Thus, it is stated that the violence against women is the backbone in the phenomenon of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation: a practically indivisible bond.

Prostitution represents an immense business linked to sex entrepreneurs and the criminal economy, important sectors of the neoliberal economy.

Sex becomes a merchandise and prostitution represents a powerful global industry that justifies its existence in the neoliberal ideology, where there is freedom to buy and sell anything, regardless of the structural conditions of departure, or the structuring positions of male oppression and domination, that precedes the prostitution system.

This culture seeks to make invisible and normalize the serious damage caused by prostitution to society as a whole, but especially to women. Paying for sex is not an innocent act, but it is an action that contributes to the proliferation of the criminal architecture that undermines the dignity and rights of women.

Therefore, this First Congress intends to open a window for inquiring about the configuration of legislation and public policies for the eradication of violence against women. Under these precepts, the **First International**

Congress “Patriarchy, Prostitution and Violence against Women: Male Responsibility in the Increase of Trafficking in Humans for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation in Mexico”, will be organized in six topics that will be discussed in four Work Tables:

Work Table 1

- Capitalism and Patriarchy: an evil bond that shapes prostitution.
- Prostitution and the male clients of the prostitutes.

Work Table 2

- The pimp system: actors and characteristics.

Work Table 3

- Prevention models focused on men.
- The Nordic Model Approach to Prostitution: analysis and discussion.

Work Table 4

- Effects of the prostitution system on women.

Preliminary Program

Congress sessions are geared toward participants with different levels of interests, experience and expertise. You may attend the sessions of your choice. The information below can help you select the most appropriate sessions for your needs and interests.



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Thursday March 5th

- 11:00 hrs. Registration.
- 12:00 hrs. Opening Keynote Speaker. Solemn Ceremony in Commemoration of Violence and Femicide Victims led by the deputies of the Labor Party Parliamentary Group.
- 12:15 hrs. Introduction of guests: Laura Angélica Rojas Hernández, President of the Chamber of Deputies Directive Board; Richard Poulin, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ottawa, Canada; Agnete Strøm, Member of the International Board of Women's Front of Norway; Grégoire Théry, Executive Director of the Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution; Reginaldo Sandoval Flores, Coordinator of the Labor Party Parliamentary Group; Luis Armando González Placencia Principal of the Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala; Oscar Montiel Torres, Professor of the Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala, and Angélica María Rivadeneyra Villarreal, President of Testimonio Social de Ética Revolucionaria TESERAC, A.C.
- 12:25 hrs. Opening Ceremony by Dip. Laura Angélica Rojas Hernández and keynote speeches.
- 12:50 hrs. **Keynote Conference "Dimensions of the globalization of the sex industries and their gender-related effects"** by Richard Poulin.
- 13:50 hrs. **Plenary Session No. 1 "The Nordic Model and the Fight Against the Prostitutional System: Analysis and Discussion. Prevention Models Focused on Men"**. Agnete Strøm, Grégoire Théry, María Antonia Chávez Gutiérrez, Luis Armando González Placencia, Oscar Montiel Torres and Gerardo Fernández Noroña. Moderator: Angélica María Rivadeneyra Villarreal. Venue at "Aurora Jimenez" Auditorium.
- 15:20 hrs. Questions and answers session.
- 15:30 hrs. Work Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 installation.
- 15:35 hrs. Lunch.
- 16:35 hrs. Concurrent sessions: Work Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- 18:35 hrs. Preliminary Conclusions.
- 19:00 hrs. Closure.

Friday March 6th

- 9:00 hrs. Registration.
- 10:00 hrs. Opening Keynote Speaker.
- 10:10 hrs. Introduction of guests and keynote speeches. Teresa Ulloa Zíaurriz, Regional Director of the Regional Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean; Sonia Sánchez, Activist and Prostitution Survivor; Ixchel Yglesias González Báez, expert in social anthropology with a gender perspective; Rosío Córdova Plaza, researcher at Instituto de Investigaciones Histórico-Sociales de la Universidad Veracruzana; Vednita Carter American anti-prostitution activist, author, and Executive Director of the "Breaking Free" organization which helps women in prostitution; Hildelisa González Morales, Federal Deputy.
- 10:20 hrs. **Keynote Conference "No woman is born to become a whore"** by Sonia Sánchez and Vednita Carter.
- 11:20 hrs. Questions and answers session.
- 11:40 hrs. **Plenary Session No. 2 "Capitalism and Patriarchy: an evil bond that**



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shapes prostitution". Teresa Ulloa Ziáurriz, Ixchel Yglesias González Báez, Vednita Carter, Hildelisa González Morales and Rosío Córdova Plaza. Moderator: Oscar Montiel Torres. Venue at "Aurora Jimenez" Auditorium.

- 13:00 hrs. Questions and answers session.
13:20 hrs. Concurrent sessions: Work Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.
15:00 hrs. Lunch.
16:00 hrs. **Keynote Conference "Contributions of the global civil society for the construction of abolitionist legislation in Mexico"** by Grégoire Théry,
17:00 hrs. Questions and answers session.
17:20 hrs. Conclusions, outcome and decisions of the Congress.
17:50 hrs. Closing Ceremony.

II. Congress venue and date

The Congress will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 12:00 noon and on Friday, March 6 from 10:00 a.m., in the "Aurora Jiménez" Auditorium, located in Building E, ground floor, Legislative Palace of San Lazaro, Av. Congreso de la Unión No. 66, Col. El Parque, Alcaldía Venustiano Carranza, CP 15960, México City.

III. Registration

Presenters:

Those interested in participating must request their registration and submit all the information required as a single PDF-file by email or to the electronic page detailed in the FIFTH entry:

- Name of the applicant
- Title
- Topic and Work Table number
- Institution
- E-mail and telephone number
- Submit a summary of your proposal. Extension of the summary is a maximum of 400 words in Arial, 12 points, at a space and a half.
- Send the complete proposal (maximum 10 pages, Arial 12 points, space and a half) no later than March 2nd, to be included in Congress memories
- During concurrent sessions, presenters will have a maximum of 10 minutes

Attendees:

Send your name, institutional affiliation, email and telephone contact, as well as a brief explanation of your interest in attending the Congress (maximum one page).

IV. Conclusions, outcome and resolutions of the Congress

A moderator and a rapporteur will be elected among the Work Table attendees. Their role will be to serve and support the Coordinator and Secretary of each Work Table, in terms of facilitation of discussion and ensuring the appropriateness of content in meeting the Congress goals and objectives. They will also prepare the conclusions, outcome and resolutions of the Work Table.



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V. Registration and submission of papers

The registration of attendees and submission of proposals will be made on the website www.teserac.org or in the following email: contacto@teserac.org

At the time of registration, please indicate the topic and Work Table number in which you wish to participate.

Note: The event is free (neither speakers nor attendees should pay any registration fee) but the availability is limited.

VI. Contact sites and social networks

Website: www.teserac.org

E-mail: contacto@teserac.org

Facebook: Teserac A.C

VII. Organization Committee

- Reginaldo Sandoval Flores – Coordinator of the Partido del Trabajo Parliamentary Group.
- Angélica María Rivadeneyra Villarreal – President of Testimonio Social de Ética Revolucionaria TESERAC, A.C.
- Oscar Montiel Torres - Academic Advisor of the Congress.

