

Tucson
Committee on Foreign Relations
(An Independent Committee)

MEETING NOTICE

A TCFR event is scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Doubletree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson

Social Hour: 5:30; Dinner: 6:15; Speaker and Discussion: 7:00

Michael Shifter

will address the question:

**Central America's Child Migrants:
Causes, Consequences and Challenges**

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The recent surge in unaccompanied child migrants from Central America, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, stunned U. S. government officials, shocked the public and reanimated the immigration debate as a political issue. Moreover, it created a costly migration crisis at a time of fiscal stringency. Immigration authorities reported over 40,000 individuals were detained through July. Fortunately the surge has abated somewhat more recently, but the problem remains and the consequences are likely to be with us for some time.

Our government has established a multi-agency task force headed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to deal with the immediate issues. The President has requested \$1.4 billion to fund this program and met with the Presidents of these three countries to design actions to stem this tide, but there do not appear to be any quick fixes.

There is broad agreement that the root causes lie in the general dysfunction of the CA governments and the extraordinary levels of violence in these societies. We have asked Michael Shifter, President of Inter-American Dialogue, to help us understand the origins, dimensions and consequences of this crisis, and what actions might be taken to resolve it. Mr. Shifter has extensive experience in Latin American affairs. Before joining I-AD, he worked with the National Endowment for Democracy, the Ford Foundation, the Inter-American Foundation and is also an adjunct professor of Latin American politics at Georgetown University's School of the Foreign Service. He writes and comments widely on hemispheric relations and affairs and is frequently called to testify before Congress. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and contributing editor of Current History, Mr. Shifter is a graduate of Oberlin College and has an MA degree in sociology from Harvard.

Reservation and Dinner Arrangements

Reservations must be confirmed and paid for by October 17; we can make NO exceptions. Payment CANNOT be made at the door the evening of the event.

You may make your reservation by either of the two methods described below:

- Visit <http://TCFR.org> or <http://tcf.weebly.com>. Click on "Events/October 21" and then click on "Click Here to Register (lower right corner)"

– You can make payment by PayPal, credit card or check.

– If paying by check, make it to TCFR and mail to our Secretary, Jack Binns, 4240 N. Larrea lane, Tucson, AZ 85750.

Remember, payment must be received at least 72 hours before the event date. In this case the preceding weekend means your check must be received by October 17 in the amount of \$40 per person. Note your meal choices on line or, if paying by check, on the green reservation or a note and send as indicated above.

MEAL CHOICES (@ \$40/PERSON)

**Chicken Picatta
Roast Pork Loin
Vegetarian Strudel**

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