

Mexican Immigration and Security Expert Gustavo Mohar Joins the Americas Program as a Non-Resident Senior Associate

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WASHINGTON, January 27, 2017—The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is pleased to announce that Mexican migration expert and former senior government official Gustavo Mohar has joined CSIS's Americas Program as a non-resident senior associate with the U.S.-Mexico Futures Initiative.

“On behalf of the US-Mexico Futures Initiative, we are happy to welcome Gustavo Mohar. Mr. Mohar brings together a combination of expertise on immigration and security issues that will be invaluable as we expand our Mexico research and programming,” said Kimberly Breier the program director.

Mr. Mohar is the founder and director general of Grupo Atalaya, a private consultancy that specializes in nontechnical risk and strategic intelligence.

Prior to founding Grupo Atalaya, Mr. Mohar served as undersecretary for migration, population, and religious affairs at the Interior Ministry (Ministry of Government) in Mexico until December 2012. He also served as director for international affairs at the Center for Investigation and National Security (CISEN) and later became the secretary general of CISEN.

Mr. Mohar served as Mexico's chief negotiator for migration affairs during the Fox-Bush administrations, leading the Mexican team responsible for reaching an agreement for safer, orderly, and legal migration flows between both countries.

At the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, he served as representative of the Ministry of Government, responsible for the migratory agenda, border security, and bilateral cooperation on drug trafficking. He also oversaw Mexico-U.S. political affairs and relations with the U.S. Congress. Previously, he was a representative for Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) in Europe and Mexico's observer to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Since 2001, Mr. Mohar has been involved in Mexico-U.S. efforts to prevent international terrorism and enhance security at the common border.

Mr. Mohar was for 10 years, until 2013, the representative in Mexico for migratory issues before the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

He has lectured extensively in Mexico and abroad. Currently, he is a board member at the Migration Policy Institute, a think tank based in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mohar holds a law degree from the Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico).