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## **STRUCTURE, BEHAVIOR, AND INFLUENCE**

# OF SALVADORIAN GANGS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN THE UNITED STATES AND EL SALVADOR

This series is funded through the Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute (BTI) grant by the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate. The Institute conducts research and provides education materials to enhance the nation's ability to secure our borders, facilitate, legitimate trade and travel, and ensure the integrity of immigration policies. Through a multi-disciplinary team of national and international experts, the Center delivers transformational technology-driven solutions, data-informed policies, workforce development opportunities for todays' Homeland Security Enterprise, and trans-disciplinary education for the next generation of homeland security experts.



The Center for Law & Human Behavior at the University of Texas at El Paso cordially invites our local homeland security enterprise stakeholders to attend our Homeland Security Symposium entitled: "Structure, Behavior, and Influence of Salvadorian Gangs and Their Implications for the Rule of Law in the United States and El Salvador."

#### ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The presentation will review the scope and nature of the gang problem in El Salvador and the United States, and assess their capacity to respond to these problems. This presentation relies on findings produced through three related but separate studies. The first was a U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsored research project that sought to further understand the organizational structure and sophistication of transnational criminal gangs and their capacity to facilitate mobility and migration through Mexico into the U.S., and further understanding the dynamic social networks of transnational criminal gangs and their capacity to facilitate mobility and migration through Mexico into the U.S. The second and third were funded through USAID sponsored projects that sought to examine the risk and protective factors associated with gang joining and violence among Salvadorian school youth and the effectiveness of the Salvadorian gang truce. The policy and practice implications of the findings will be discussed.



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### **RSVP INFORMATION**

DEADLINE TO RSVP: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 WHEN: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM WHERE: The University of Texas at El Paso, Blumberg Auditorium (UTEP Library)

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