

Mr. Héctor Felipe FIX FIERRO*

(Nominated by the Government of Mexico)

I. Personal Information

Born August 15, 1961, in Mexico City, Mexico.

Languages:

Spanish as 1st language

Fluent in English and German

II. Education and Academic Career

A. Education and academic degrees

- 1980-1985 Licentiate in Law, Faculty of Law National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).
Professional exam on August 13, 1987, tudes tio mention. Thesis: "Information Science and Legal Documentation".
- 1988-1990 Studies at the Faculty of Law of the Erlangen-Nuremberg University, Germany.
- 1993-1994 Master of Laws on Sociology of Law, International Institute of Juridical Sociology of Oñati, Basque Country, Spain.
Graduated "*eximia cum laude approbatur*".
- July 1998 Doctor of Law, University of Bremen, Germany. Thesis: "Courts and Efficiency. A General Investigation with Evidence from Three Continents". Graduated "*magna cum laude*".

B. Academic Experience

a) Academic Career

- 1982-1983 Scholar of the Program of Formation and Advancement of the Academic Personnel of UNAM, Library of the Institute of Legal Research.
- 1983-1988 Full-time Academic Technician at the Center of Documentation of Legislation and Jurisprudence of the same Institute.
- August 1991- Full-time Researcher at the same Institute
- 1995-1998 Candidate for the degree of National Researcher
- 1995-1999 Member of the Academic Committee of the Federal Judicature Institute, by designation of the Council of the Federal Judicature.
- January 1999- Coordinator of the area of research in Sociology of Law of the Institute of Legal Research.
- March 1999- Member of the Board of Trustees of the International Institute of Juridical Sociology of Oñati, Basque Country, Spain.
- July 1999- National Researcher. Level II since July 2002.

* Original Curriculum Vitae also available in Spanish from the Secretariat

1999-2003	Coordinator of the seat of the Doctorate in Law of UNAM at the Institute of Legal Research.
2000-2003	Secretary of the Research Committee on Sociology of Law of the International Sociology Association (ISA).
2001-2003	Head of the Empirical Investigation Unit of the Institute of Legal Research of UNAM.
2003-2006	Visiting Researcher of the Center of Collaborative Research 597 “Transformations of the State” of the University of Bremen, Germany.
2006-	Head of the Institute of Legal Research, UNAM.

b) Academic Events

- Dr. Fix Fierro has participated in more than 70 national and international academic events, including seminars, round tables, and conferences on law and human rights. The following academic events may be highlighted:
 1. Upper Educational System “Human Rights in Mexico” on May 31, 1991, National Human Rights Commission, Mexico City, Mexico. Exposition: “Human Rights in Legal Culture”.
 2. Round Table “Present and Future Legal Protection of Human Rights” September 9, 1991. National Autonomous University of Tlaxcala and National Human Rights Commission, Tlaxcala, Mexico. Exposition “Sociological Aspects of Human Rights”.
 3. Member of the organizational committee and participant in the International Congress of Sociology of Law “Law in Contemporary Society and International Integration”, June 29 to July 3rd 1992, Institute of Legal Research UNAM, Mexico City. Exposition “Human Rights and International Integration; a General Consideration”.
 4. Participation in the Seminar “Internal and International Norms and Institutions on Human Rights. Their necessary harmonization and complementary character”, May 12, 1993. Institute of Legal Research of UNAM, and National Human Rights Commission, Mexico City, Mexico.
 5. Round Table within the cycle of conferences “The Construction of Mexican Democracy”, July 24, 1997. Nation’s General Archive, Mexico City. Exposition: “Political Rights in Recent Electoral Reforms”.
 6. Participant in the IX Iberoamerican Congress of Constitutional Law and VII Brazilian Congress of Constitutional Law. Curitiba, Brazil, Brazilian Academy of Constitutional Law, November 10-15, 2006. Exposition: “Political Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Elections through Usages and Customs in Mexico”.

III. Teaching Experience

1. Assigned Professor of the course “Individual and Social Constitutional Rights” in the Bachelor of Law Degree Program of the Faculty of Law of UNAM (1991-1993).
2. Professor of the course “Juridical Information Science” in the Bachelor of Law Degree Program of the Panamerican University (1991-1993) and in the preparatory course of the Postgraduate Program of the Faculty of Law of UNAM (1992-1993).
3. Visiting Professor of the Law School of the University of Georgia, in Athens, to impart the brief course “An Introduction to the Mexican Legal System”, Fall Semester, October 1994.
4. Professor of the course “Contemporary Legal Systems” in the preparatory course of the Postgraduate Program of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University of San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Morelia October 1994 to March 1995, and at the Master of Law Program of the Iberoamerican University at Puebla, August 1996.

5. Professor of the course “Legal Contemporary Theory I”, at the Department of Postgraduate Studies of the UNAM Faculty of Law during the 1997-1 and 2002-1 semesters.
6. Imparted numerous courses, seminars and diploma programs at the Institute of Legal Research of UNAM, at the Iberamerican University in Mexico City, Puebla and León, among others.
7. Professor of “Constitutional Law” in the Judicial Specialization Course at the Federal Judicature Institute (1998-2000), where he has taught other brief courses for the formation of District Judges (2000-2003).
8. Professor of “Sociology of Law” at the Bachelor of Law Degree Program of the Technological Autonomous Institute of Mexico (1998), at the Postgraduate program on Public Law of the University of Veracruz (October 2001 and June 2002); at the Master of Law Program on Civil Law of the Faculty of Law of UNAM and the Superior Tribunal of Justice of the Federal District (January-May 2002).
9. Coordinator of the Research Seminar for Doctorate Studies at the Institute of Legal Research of UNAM (2001).
10. Visiting Professor of the University of Houston’s Law Center, to give the course on “Comparative Law” and a Seminar, (Spring 2001).
11. Professor of the course “Contemporary Legal Problems” and “Constitutional Law I” at the Center for Investigation and Economic Teaching since January 2002.
12. Professor of the Master Program on Juridical Sociology at the International Institute of Juridical Sociology of Oñati. Course: “Courts: A Socio-Legal Perspective” (October-November 2003 and October 2004).

IV. Publications

- Dr. Fix Fierro has written over 80 pieces on Human Rights Law, Constitutional and Judicial Reform, Juridical Sociology and the Rule of Law for both national and international publications, including books, working papers, articles for law reviews and magazines, and commentaries to legislation and jurisprudence. The following works stand out:
 1. *The Efficiency of Justice. An Approximation and Proposal*. Mexico, UNAM, 1995, 99 pp.
 2. *Courts, Justice and Efficiency: A Socio-Legal Study of Economic Rationality in Adjudication*. Oxford-Portland, Hart Publishing, 2003, xi-268 pp.
 3. *The political rights of Mexicans. An Essay of Systemic Approach*. Mexico, Electoral Tribunal of the Federation’s Judicial Power, 2005, 110 pp.
 4. “Legal Information Science and Rule of Law” in *Mexican Review of Compared Law*, Mexico, vol XXIII, number 68, May-August 1990.
 5. “Human Rights in Legal Culture” in *Work on Human Rights in Mexico*, National Human Rights Commission 1991.
 6. “Science, Technology and the Limits of Environmental Law”, in Kaplan, Marcos (ed), *Technological Revolution, State and Law*, Mexico, UNAM-Pemex 1993.
 7. “Human Rights Between Moral Necessity and Social Contingency. An Essay on Juridical Sociology” in *Mexican Review of Compared Law*, Mexico, vol. XXVIII, September-December 1995.
 8. “Political Rights in Mexican Law” *Review of the Faculty of Law of Mexico* 1995.
 9. “The Impact of Globalization in the State Reform and Law in Latin America” (co-authorship with Sergio López Ayllón), in *The Role of International Law in America. National Sovereignty in the Era of Regional Integration*, Mexico, UNAM-ASIL, 1997.

10. "So Close, So Far! Rule of Law and Legal Change in Mexico (1970-1999)" (co-authorship with Sergio López Ayllón), *Mexican Review of Compared Law*, Mexico, 2000.
11. "Legitimacy Against Legality. The Dilemmas of Legal Transition and the Rule of Law in Mexico" (co-authorship with Sergio López Ayllón) in *Politics and Government*, Mexico, 2001.
12. "Judicial Reform in Mexico: What Next?" in Jensen, Erik G. and Thomas C. Heller (eds.) *Beyond Common Knowledge. Empirical Approaches to the Rule of Law*, Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2003.
13. "Rule of Law: Pending Reforms and Challenges", to be published by *El Colegio de México* in 2007.

V. Membership to Scientific Associations

1. Member of the Mexican-German Association of Jurists (since 1994).
2. Member of the International Committee of Investigation in Juridical Sociology (RCSL), of the International Sociological Association (since 1992). Member and Secretary General of the Board of Directors of such Committee (2000-2003).
3. Member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences (since September 2006).
4. Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL-AIDC, for the 2007-2010 term).

VI. Awards

1. Biannual Award to the best thesis on Constitutional Law "Octavio A. Hernández" in the Doctorate Degree category, 1999.
2. Award "Ignacio M. Altamirano" to the Research Project "Local Constitutional Justice. Comparative Study of Mexico, Germany and Austria" 2003.