

# CDDRL/CISAC SEMINAR

## Alejandro Poiré Romero

Director of Mexico's National Security Agency

### Mexico's Fight for Security

**When:** Friday, November 18, 2011  
12:00PM-1:30PM

**Where:** Encina Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Central Conference Room (C231)

*RSVP required. Please do not forward invitation. Lunch will be served.*

**RSVP by Monday, November 14th at 5:00p.m.:**

**<http://cisac.stanford.edu/events/AB40F0181b0771B02BTWh42BBAE4-6909>**

**About the topic:** Since 2006, more than 40,000 people in Mexico have died in drug-related homicides, and recent figures indicate that the pace and severity of drug-related violence is increasing. Experiencing a significant breakdown of its rule of law, the population of Ciudad Juárez alone suffered more than 3,000 homicides in 2010, making it the most dangerous city anywhere in the world. Dr. Poiré Romero will address the characteristics of the security situation in Mexico, the historical events and situations that made it what it is now, and the current strategy that the Federal Government is implementing to achieve security. **Dr. Poiré's talk will be completely off-the-record, and is by invitation only.**

**About the Speaker:** On September 9, 2011, **Dr. Alejandro Poiré Romero** was appointed as Director of Mexico's National Security Agency by President Felipe Calderón. Prior to that, Dr. Poiré served as Secretary of the National Security Council and Cabinet, and has held a variety of cabinet-level positions since 2007. He also worked as an adviser to the National Institute of Statistics on the creation of the first National Survey on Political Culture and Citizenship Practices. He has published several academic pieces analyzing public opinion, campaign dynamics and voting behavior in Mexico, in addition to two books on Mexico's democratic process, *Towards Mexico's Democratization: Parties, Campaigns, Elections, and Public Opinion* and *Mexico's Pivotal Democratic Election*.

Dr. Poiré holds a PhD in Political Science from Harvard University, and a Bachelor's degree in the same field from Mexico's Autonomous Technological Institute (ITAM), where he has been a professor and the Political Science Department Chair. He has also been a visiting researcher and lecturer at several institutions in the USA, including MIT, and Latin America.