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David A. Shirk, Ph.D., joined the University of San Diego in 2003 and has served as graduate director for master's in international relations since 2015. His books include Mexico's New Politics: The PAN and Democratic Change (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2005), [edited with Wayne Cornelius] Reforming the Administration of Justice in Mexico (Notre Dame, 2007), [edited with Andrew Selee and Eric Olson] Shared Responsibility: U.S.-Mexico Policy Options For Confronting Organized Crime, and [with Emily Edmonds-Poli] Contemporary Mexican Politics (Rowman and Littlefield, 2014).

**Areas of Expertise:** Mexico; U.S.-Mexico Relations; U.S.-Mexico Border Politics

**Areas of Interest**

Shirk's teaching and research covers a wide range of topics in comparative politics and international relations, including Latin American politics, U.S. foreign policy, trans-national crime & terrorism, international political economy, immigration politics & policy, disaster and crisis management, and U.S.-Latin American relations, especially in Mexico and U.S.-Mexican border politics. Dr. Shirk is the principal investigator for the Justice in Mexico Project ([www.justiceinmexico.org](http://www.justiceinmexico.org)), which addresses rule of law and security issues in Mexico. From 2003-2013, Dr. Shirk directed the Trans-Border Institute, which works to promote greater analysis and understanding of Mexico, U.S.-Mexico relations, and the U.S.-Mexico border region.