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Dr. Viridiana Ríos graduated from Harvard University with a Ph.D. in government and is a research fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. She is an expert in regional economics and rule of law in México. Her most current research analyzes labor markets, productivity, and development indicators in México, and disentangles how violence, institutional quality, and corruption have affected them.

Before joining the Wilson Center, Ríos was the director of México ¿Cómo Vamos?, a start-up think tank specialized in translating research to the language of media and government officials. As a public official, she has served as advisor to México's Minister of Finance and the Mexican President's Spokesman. As a researcher, she has worked with the Guggenheim Foundation of New York City, the United Nations, USAID, The World Bank, the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at the University of California San Diego, the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego, and México's ministries of social development (SEDESOL), education (SEP), and security (SNSP).

Dr. Ríos has been published in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. In 2014, she was honored with the Leonard D. White Award from the American Political Science Association which recognizes the best doctoral dissertation written in the last two years. She also received Harvard's Merit Fellowship for Outstanding Research in 2011, was selected as one of the top 12 young experts by the National Bureau of Economic Research for their Working Group on the Economics of Crime in 2012, and was profiled by the Harvard Gazette as one of 15 stellar graduates from Harvard in 2013.

In media, Ríos is a Sunday OpEd columnist for *Excelsior* and a radio commentator for México's 103.3 FM on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm.



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