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Led by José Miguel Cruz, Ph.D., Florida International University

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Dr. Cruz is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Florida International University. Formerly, he was the director of the University Institute of Public Opinion (IUDOP) at the University of Central America (UCA) in San Salvador from 1994 to 2006. During the 1990s, he was an assistant professor of social psychology at the School of Medicine, Universidad de El Salvador. He has also lectured at the Universidad Centroamericana in San Salvador; Universidad Nacional Autónoma, Honduras, and Lund University, Sweden. He has worked as a consultant for the World Bank, the Pan-American Health Organization, the UNDP and several NGOs on the topic of Central American violence, gangs, and governance. As director of IUDOP he supervised more than fifty national public opinion polls in Central America and conducted several survey-based research projects on political behavior, criminal violence, and human rights in the region. He has been researching Central American gangs since 1996, and has published several articles about violence in the region. He holds a doctorate in political science from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in Latin American public policy from Oxford University, England.