



Short Biography of Roberto Sánchez

Roberto Sánchez completed his PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Dortmund, Germany. He has taught urban and environmental studies at several universities in Mexico, France, and the United States. He also worked at the North American Commission for Environmental Studies, created under NAFTA, on trade and environmental issues. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Environmental Science at the University of California, Riverside, and Director of The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UCMEXUS). His research has focused on the transboundary management of water resources, binational environmental policies for the U.S.-Mexico border region, the environmental and social consequences of rapid industrialization in Mexico's Northern border, urban growth in Mexico's Northern border region, and the relationship between trade and the environment. His current research interests are in the inter-linkages between environment and development and the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change, where he focuses on the vulnerability of urban areas in poor countries to climate variability and climate change. He recently (June 2002) was the scientific leader of the Third International Human Dimensions Workshop: Human Dimensions of Urbanization and the Transition to Sustainability. The workshop was sponsored by the International Human Dimensions Program (IHDP) and the Global Change System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) for 35 scholars from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. Dr. Sanchez is Vice Chair of the International Scientific Committee of the International Human Dimensions Program of Global Environmental Change. He has published numerous articles in scientific journals and books.