

Academic Profile

Adrian Guillermo Aguilar

He is an urban-regional geographer with an undergraduate degree on geography (UNAM, 1976), a Master degree on Geography (UNAM, 1982), and a PhD on Urban Geography (University College London, 1986). He has worked for the Institute of Geography UNAM since 1974 where he became full professor in 2002.

He has conducted research on issues related to urban, regional and environmental development of Mexico; he has open new research lines and done pioneering work within the Mexican Geography. His work has been particularly relevant on issues such as: urban system and urban decentralization; metropolitan expansion and peri-urbanization; economic and territorial restructuring; urbanization and environmental impact; residential segregation and urban poverty; and informal settlements. His publications on urban processes at regional and national level have been a necessary reference for colleagues and students.

He has received important financial grants from national and international sources. He has established agreements with public sector for developing applied research in relevant urban topics; this has happened mainly with the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) on territorial planning and urban development plans; The Ministry of Environment (SEMARNAP) on ecological planning, urban development planning and environmental impact, human settlements vulnerability; the Government of Mexico City on urban expansion on the preservation zone, and the Rio Magdalena basin; and The Ministry of Rural, Urban and Territorial Development (SEDATU) on poverty zones within urban municipalities.

He was director of the Institute of Geography (2004-2008), and more recently was director of the Centre for Mexican Studies of the UNAM-UK venue in London (2018-2019). He has also collaborated in the public sector as a Director of the General Directorate of Science and Technology of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation in the Mexico City Government (2015-2016).

He has developed important academic collaborations at national and international level. Highlights of these activities are: being *Tinker Visiting Professor* at the University of Texas at Austin in 2000-2001; his participation as *full member* and vice-president of the Urban Geography Commission from the International Geographical Union (IGU); his membership as regular member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences; collaborations with colleagues of the Department of Geography, University College London; participation in the research network of Metropolitan areas of Europe and Latin America (RIDEAL); in Mexico regularly collaborates with various colleagues of El Colegio de Mexico and El Colegio Mexiquense for joint projects and publications, and has participated in numerous assessment commissions in the national Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), and also has obtained various research grants from this latter body.

He has a vast academic production in different type of products; 58 national and international articles in prestigious journals; 15 books; and 90 national and international chapters in books. All these products have earned him more than 800 quotes (excluding quotes to his own work) from the national and international literature, most of them in English.

He has had a continuous teaching activity since 1978; firstly he taught at bachelor level in Geography, and later he started his participation at graduate level for master and PhD students. At present he teaches for Graduate studies on Geography and Urbanism two main subjects related to his research interests, *Globalization and Metropolitan Development*, and *Urbanization of Poverty*. In the arena of thesis supervision he has 23 thesis at bachelor level; 19 master thesis; and 18 doctoral dissertations. Several of his students are now independent researchers in different universities of the country.