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“…The US-Mexican border, like most borders, was established by violence – and its architecture is the architecture of violence. The US basically invaded Mexico in a pretty brutal war back in the 1840s. The war was described by President-General Ulysses S. Grant, as ‘the most wicked war in history’…”

-N. Chomsky (2013)
BORDER AFTER ANNEXATION OF TEXAS

1845-1848
1853: Gadsden Purchase

1857: Violation of the guarantees of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

1861: The Bandits—Tiburcio Vásquez, Joaquín Murieta

1890: Increasingly, Mexican Americans work for the railroads.

1900: Copper mining in New Mexico

1900: The corrido (ballad) of the border

1904: The first border patrol

1911: Francisco Madero comes to power

1916: General John J. Pershing leads 10,000 American soldiers into Mexico

1917: Immigration Act for literacy, a.k.a. the Asiatic Barred Zone Act

1921: The Immigration Act of 1921, President Harding

1924: Immigration Act of 1924 by President Coolidge

1924: More than 89,000 Mexicans come into the United States

1931: Lemon Grove, California anti-segregation of Mexicans in schools

1934: La Liga Pro-Defensa Escolar (The School Improvement League)

1951: The Bracero program is revived

1942: Bracero program

1945: Josephina Niggli, Mexican Village

1947: Brown vs. Board of Education

1953: Operation Wetback: The U.S. Immigration Service deports more than 3.8 million people of Mexican heritage.

1954: The film Salt of the Earth released in US

1962: César Chávez organizes the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) in Delano, California.

1964: Border Industrialization Program; Maquiladoras

1965: The Immigration and Naturalization Act

1974: The Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA)

1982: Mexican Debt Crisis

1985: Maquiladoras become Mexico's biggest source of foreign exchange

1986: Mexico hosts the FIFA World Cup for the second time


1996: Under Clinton, Border Patrols are bolstered, sensors are installed and 40 miles of 14-foot fence is built

1997: The film Salt of the Earth released in US

2006: The Secure Fence Act

1848-1855: California Gold Rush

1849: Chinese Exclusion Act signed by President Chester A. Arthur

1851: London Great Exhibition

1853: Crimean War breaks out

1854: Convention of Kanagawa, after US warships lay siege to Edo, Japan opens to trade with US

1869: Suez Canal opens to shipping

1876 - 1910: The Porfiriato

1882: Chinese Exclusion Act signed by President Chester A. Arthur

1889: Foundation of International Water and Boundary Commission (IWBC). Ratified by President Benjamin Harrison and Matias Romero

1896: First Calculation of the Dow Jones Index, average dropped from 14 to 12

1893: Chicago World Fair

1917: Zimmerman Telegram

1917: United States enters World War I

1917: San Diego World Fair

1935: John Steinbeck, Tortilla Flat

1966: Final chapter of the Dollars trilogy by Sergio Leone

1970: Mexico hosts the FIFA World Cup

1982: Mexican Debt Crisis

1984: Siete en la Mira

1985: Tiempo de Lobos

1986: Mexico hosts the FIFA World Cup


2006: Valentín Elizalde is gunned down

2009: Sin Nombre

2010: Border Wars

2013: Border Wars

2015: Bordertown (animation)
Most important for the border:

1983 - La Paza Agreement
1994 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
1994 - Militarisation of the border

**2001 - 9/11**
2005 - Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act
2006 - Secure Fence Act
2006 - Mexican Drugs Wars
2008 - world wide financial crisis
USED TO BE A BORDER WITH BOUNDARY MARKERS
RESULTS IN BIG FENCE RUNNING IN THE OCEAN
‘I’ll build a wall and Mexico is going to pay for it...’
REALITY IS MORE COMPLEX
RESULT OF SHIFTING BORDER

MEXICAN-ORIGIN POPULATION BY COUNTY IN %

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU
DIVIDES LANDSCAPES
BUT ALSO ATTRACTS TRADE
BUT ALSO ATTRACTION TRADE

$550 BILLION OF TWO-WAY TRADE EVERY YEAR
MEXICO IS USA’S SECOND LARGEST EXPORT COUNTRY
USA IS GOOD FOR 80% OF MEXICO’S EXPORT
CROSS BORDER EDUCATION
Accelerated through the fear from the attacks of 9/11 and all what followed, the so called "Western Society" is constructing the greatest wall ever build on this planet. On different building sites on all five inhabitable continents, walls, fences and high-tech border surveillance are under construction in order to secure the citizens and their high quality of life within this system.

The fall of the Berlin Wall was described as the historical moment that marks the demolition of world's last barrier between nation states. Yet it took the European Union only six years to create with the Schengen Agreement in 1995 a new division only 80km offset to the east of Berlin. Together with the wall in Israel, the US- Mexican border, the Australian Coast Defence and the DMZ in Korea, it makes part of a worldwide system that contains an exclusive society (14% of world's population) with an average income of € 2.500,-/month versus the ones in front of the wall with an average income of only € 150,-/month.

The United States–Mexico barrier consists out of several separation barriers designed to prevent illegal immigration into the United States. The 3,140 km border between the United States and Mexico traverses a variety of terrains, including urban areas and deserts. The barrier is located mainly in the urban sections of the border which include San Diego, California and El Paso, Texas. Between 1998 and 2004, 1,954 persons are officially reported to have died along the US-Mexico border. On May 17, 2006 the U.S. Senate approved a possible extension what could be 600 km of triple layered-fencing and a vehicle fence.

Greenland and the Faroe Islands are integrated in the Schengen Zone with the exception of the Free Movement of Persons aquis.

The Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom did not sign the Schengen Agreement but take part in the Schengen co-operation and use the Schengen Information System for law enforcement purposes.

The Demilitarized Zone (or DMZ) in Korea is a strip of land running across the Korean Peninsula that serves as a buffer zone between North and South Korea. The DMZ was created in the ceasefire of July 27th 1953 and cuts the Korean Peninsula roughly in half. It is 248 km long and approximately 4 km wide.

The West Bank barrier is a physical barrier being constructed by Israel consisting of a network of fences with vehicle-barrier trenches surrounded by an on average 60 meters wide exclusion area and up to 8 meters high concrete walls. As of January 2006 the length of the barrier as approved by the Israeli government is 670 kilometers. Approximately 36% has been constructed, 25% is under construction, 20% has been approved but construction has not yet begun, and the remaining 19% awaits final approval.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) conducts surveillance and response operations in Australia's northern approaches. Since September 2001 it doubled the number of days Customs vessels are at sea and increased flying hours for surveillance aircraft by 20 per cent. Under a proposed legislation from June 2006 all new boat arrivals would be transferred offshore to have their asylum claims processed.

The Ceuta border fence is a separation barrier between Morocco and the Autonomous City of Ceuta, in Spain. Construction of the €30-million razor wire barrier was financed by the European Union. It consists of parallel 3-metre fences topped with barbed wire.

The Melilla border fence is a separation barrier between Morocco and the Spanish city of Melilla. The razor wire barrier cost Spain €33 million to construct. It consists of 11 km of parallel 3 m high fences topped with barbed wire. Its height is currently being doubled to 6 m.

Meditations on Razor Wire, Lieven De Cauter & Michiel Dehaene
PARADOX:

THE BORDER ATTRACTS AND DIVIDES
CROSS BORDER ECOREGIONS
TRIP
VAST LANDSCAPES WITH NEVER ENDING ROADS
CONCLUDED IN AN ATLAS

BORDER
THE ARCHITECTURE OF VIOLENCE
THE TRANSBORDER REGION

BORDER VISA / FREE MOVER ZONE

BORDER FREE TRADE ZONE

BORDER STATE ZONE

BORDER STATE

EXISTING BORDER

PACIFIC CORRIDOR

CENTRAL WESTERN CORRIDOR

CENTRAL EASTERN CORRIDOR

ATLANTIC CORRIDOR

INTERSTATE 10

HIGH SPEED RAILWAY

Los Angeles

Tijuana

San Diego

Calexico

Mexicali

Juma

Phoenix

Tucson

Nogales

Nogales

El Paso

Juarez

Del Rio

Acuna

McAllen

Reynosa

Population: 6,5 million

Population: 1,25 million

Population: 1,21 million

Population: 4,3 million

Population: 2,7 million

Population: 0,27 million

Population: 1,5 million

RESEARCH CONCLUSION
MOBILITY

GOLDEN RUSH FAST TRACK
GOLDEN RUSH STANDARD TRACK
2050 PLANNED FAST TRACK
2050 PLANNED TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY
(Private project, www.texascentral.com)
2050 PLANNED CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAILWAY
Currently under construction, www.hsr.ca.gov
2050 PLANNED SLOW TRACK
2050 PLANNED HIGH VOLUME FREIGHT

GOLDEN RUSH FAST FREIGHT TRACK
GOLDEN RUSH STANDARD FREIGHT TRACK

MAIN COMMERCIAL SEAPORT
MAIN LANDPORT
COMMERCIAL AIRPORT, PLANNED EXPANSION
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ENERGY STRATEGY

Extended Wind Park
New Nuclear Power Zone
New Large Scale Solar Plants
HVDC transmission line
Fossil Energy
Nuclear Energy
Solar Energy
Wind Energy
Hydro Energy
Required Total Area: 6,728,922 ha
Total Agriculture Area: 6,851,000 ha
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AGRICULTURE  RESOURCES  ECONOMICS  CULTURE  INFRASTRUCTURE  EDUCATION  HEALTH
THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE PARADOX

2010:

El Paso
‘safest city of the US’

Ciudad Juárez
‘Murder capital of the world’
Juárez Death Toll Surpasses 10,000

Earlier this week, the drug war claimed the city's 10,000th victim.

May 9, 2012 | by Emily Alyardo | 0 Comments

On Sunday, the death of Jesús Nava Nava marked the 10,000th homicide in Juárez as part of the drug violence that began in 2008—the year Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán’s Sinaloa cartel moved into the city—according to data collected by El Diario.
After years of violence and death, 'life is back' in Juarez

By Nick Valencia, CNN

An ice rink in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is crowded with skaters as a zip liner passes overhead.

Story highlights

Cartel violence helped make Juarez the murder capital of the world five years ago

(CNN) — Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was once known as the murder capital of the world. Back in 2010, at the height of cartel violence, the city averaged 8.5 killings per day.
GROWTH FROM 2.7 TO 3.7 MILLION INHABITANTS

Paso del Norte

in 20 years
+1,000,000

Juarez

El Paso
EMPTY LAND AS LONG AS CENTRAL PARK
+ 1,000,000 PEOPLE = MASTERPLAN
BINATIONAL COURTHOUSE
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President Obama called the influx of Central Americans trying to cross the border into Texas “an urgent humanitarian situation.” Eric Gay/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama urged Congress on Tuesday to quickly provide almost $4 billion to confront a surge of young migrants from Central America crossing the border into Texas, calling it “an urgent
The president said he needed the money to set up new detention facilities, conduct more aerial surveillance and hire immigration judges and Border Patrol agents to respond to the flood of 52,000 children.

President Obama called the influx of Central Americans trying to cross the border into Texas “an urgent humanitarian situation.” Eric Gay/Associated Press

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El Chapo, Most-Wanted Drug Lord, Is Captured in Mexico

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD and GINGER THOMPSON

Joaquín Guzmán Loera, known as El Chapo, was escorted to a helicopter in handcuffs in Mexico City on Saturday.

Eduardo Verdugo/Associated Press
Mexican Drug Kingpin, El Chapo, Escapes Prison Through Tunnel

By AZAM AHMED and RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD  JULY 12, 2015

Federal police searched a drainage pipe Sunday outside the maximum security Altiplano prison in Almoloya de Juárez, Mexico. Marco Ugarte/Associated Press
El Chapo, in US custody

Mexico president hails capture of drug lord Servando 'La Tuta' Gomez

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"La Tuta" was one of Mexico's most powerful drug lords
Reputed boss of Zetas drug cartel captured in Mexico

By Mariano Castillo, Catherine E. Shoichet and Fidel Gutierrez, CNN

Updated 0505 GMT (1305 HKT) March 5, 2015

The alleged leader of the Zetas drug cartel, Omar Trevino Morales, aka ‘Z-42’ is taken under custody at the Attorney General Office’s hangar at the airport in Mexico City.
Seven U.S. court districts bring indictments against Mexican drug lord Guzmán

Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán, the most influential drug kingpin in the world, was arrested by Mexican and U.S. authorities. Here’s a look at the cartel he built, and the legacy of violence he leaves behind.

By Sari Horwitz and Joshua Partlow  February 24, 2014
... Justice Department officials said it is an open question whether Guzmán, who was the world’s most-wanted drug lord, will ever be prosecuted in a U.S. courtroom.
SOLUTION

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LEVELS OF INTERVENTION

NEIGHBOURHOOD SCALE: LANDMARK FOR JUSTICE MARKING THE BORDER
LEVELS OF INTERVENTION

CITY SCALE: LOCAL IMMIGRATION COURT
LEVELS OF INTERVENTION

REGIONAL SCALE: SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED TRANSBORDER FEDERATION
PROPOSED PROGRAM

GFA TOTAL 26 000 m²

- Judiciary 1 500 m² (6%)
- Office of the Prosecutor 2 900 m² (11%)
- Registry 8 800 m² (33%)
- Entrance & Public area 6 760 m² (22%)
- Courtrooms & Holdings 3 840 m² (15%)
- Warehouse 720 m² (5%)
- Immigration shelter 2 000 m² (8%)

Entrance & Public area
- Entrance 280 m²
- Public area 2 448 m²
- Catering 720 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 2 304 m²

Courtrooms & Holdings
- Civil Courtrooms 1 008 m²
- Criminal Courtrooms 1 008 m²
- Holding cells 288 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 1 536 m²

Warehouse
- Warehouse 720 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 480 m²

Immigration shelter
- Immigration shelter 2 000 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 800 m²

Registry
- Office 3 344 m²
- Meeting 1 44 m²
- Service 362 m²
- Archive 440 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 1 180 m²

Office of the Prosecutor
- Office 1 305 m²
- Meeting 203 m²
- Service 60 m²
- Archive 180 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 1 360 m²

Judiciary
- Office 646 m²
- Meeting 120 m²
- Service 60 m²
- Archive 70 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 660 m²

Staff
- Office 5 234 m²
- Meeting 1 467 m²
- Service 472 m²
- Archive 707 m²

Immigration shelter
- Immigration shelter 2 000 m²
- Circ. etc. (67%) 800 m²

Circulation etc.
- Circulation etc. 10 400 m²
- Toilets, Storage, Printer, Cleaning, Kitchenette 1 045 m²
- Technical equipment 1 800 m²
- Circulation areas 4 415 m²
- Construction areas 3 120 m²

NET TOTAL 15 600 m²
Site area 11.5 Ha
(114,016 m²)
EMPTY AND FLAT CHAMIZAL
OFFICE CREATES THE HEIGHT
OTHER FUNCTIONS ARE SHIFTED AND MORE EXPRESSIVE
HOLDING CELLS
SHIFTING VOLUMES
3 TYPES OF USERS

THE JUDGE

THE CRIMINAL

THE IMMIGRANT
THE JUDGE
CRIMINAL COURT - FACADE REFERENCE

Translucent stone panels
THE CRIMINAL
HOLDING CELLS
THE IMMIGRANT
CONSTRUCTION - BIG TRUSSES
CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPLE - REFERENCE