

232



2011 IPG Independent Publisher of the Year and Academic & Professional Publisher of the Year

[Home](#) [Politics](#) [Latin American Politics](#) [Rule of Law In Central America](#)

The Rule of Law In Central America

Citizens' Reactions to Crime and Punishment

by [Mary Fran T. Malone](#)

An analysis of how respect of the rule of law varies across countries that share a common historical heritage and similar socio-economic challenges.

View image

The Rule of Law in
Central America



Imprint: Continuum

Pub. date: 22 Dec 2011

ISBN: 9781441104113

176 Pages, hardcover

World rights

Translation Rights Available

\$120.00

[Add to my Catalogue](#)

[Add to my basket](#)

Description

The book is a thorough study that focuses on the impact of the current crime wave on citizens' respect for the law in countries such as Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.

The work opens with a brief review of the literature on the rule of law and legal socialization, followed by an historical overview of the democratization and justice reform in Central America from the 1990s to the present. Set as a comparative, micro-level study, the work then looks at an array of measures from citizens' toleration of government abuses of power to vigilante justice and the reporting of crime to police. Lastly, an empirical model is developed to predict citizens' attitudes, combining both these micro-level individual attributes with macro-level measures of institutional performance.

A unique look at the process of democratization from a comparative perspective, *Citizens' Support for the Rule of Law in Central America* it will appeal to faculty, researchers, and students interested in Latin American politics, comparative politics, and democratic transition.

Table of Contents

1. The Rule of Law and the Challenge of the Crime Crisis
 2. National Trends in Crime and Justice
 3. Public Perceptions of Crime and Justice
 4. Support for Extra Legal Justice
 5. Reacting to Victimization
 6. Privatizing Security
 7. Conclusion
- Appendix: Latin American Homicide Data Sources and Years
References

Author(s)

[Mary Fran T. Malone](#), Dr. Malone is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of New Hampshire where she teaches classes on democratization, comparative politics, and Latin American politics. Her research focuses on a crucial component of democratization: establishing the rule of law.

© 2009 The Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd
Registered Number: 3833148 England
The Tower Building, 11 York Road, London SE1 7NX
80 Maiden Lane Suite 704 New York, NY 10038