

México Podcast Chatter – 23 de septiembre de 2026 de 2026

Our recommendations of the week are *Tercer Grado* and *Botepronto*, which analyze Morena's first selections for the 2027 gubernatorial races. *Tercer Grado* examines the first ten profiles chosen and the influence of governors, local political groups and former PRD networks in the process, while also questioning the lack of transparency surrounding the polls used to select candidates and the potential for internal divisions. *Botepronto* focuses on Guerrero and Michoacán, arguing that these selections mark only the beginning of a complex effort to preserve party unity while negotiating candidacies and local positions with the PT and the Green Party, in a scenario where opposition forces and security concerns could make the Michoacán race more competitive.

In business and economics, *MexMoves*, *Peras y Manzanas*, *Dimes y Billetes*, *Chisme Corporativo*, *Whitepaper 10* and *La Estrategia del Día* reflect a week shaped by fiscal pressures, the need to boost productivity and the challenge of sustaining investment. *Peras y Manzanas* examines the 2027 Economic Package and warns that the growing weight of pensions and debt-servicing costs is narrowing the government's room for new public policies, while *MexMoves* looks at Mexico's opportunities amid a new wave of industrial automation, electrification and AI-related infrastructure. *Dimes y Billetes* connects rising energy prices with inflation, geopolitical tensions and fuel theft in Mexico, while *Chisme Corporativo* uses the case of The Green Corner to illustrate the financing challenges facing small businesses. *Whitepaper 10* adds Vuori's expansion into Mexico to the picture, while *La Estrategia del Día* tracks fiscal concerns, monetary policy decisions and the week's main corporate developments.

In domestic politics, *Broojula* examines the difficulties of implementing the industrial-policy ideas behind Plan México in a context of limited fiscal resources and institutional capacity, while *Política y Otros Datos* speaks with Anabel Hernández about Narcocracia and her investigations into alleged historical ties between organized crime and political power, drawing on testimonies and allegations that in several cases remain contested.

Finally, in history and culture, *Mexico: The Podcast* traces more than a century of UNAM's history and its role in Mexico's political, scientific and cultural life, from university autonomy and the construction of Ciudad Universitaria to student movements and its influence on generations of academics, public officials and prominent figures. *Sal con Amigos* speaks with cartoonist Trino Camacho about the evolution of humor and satire in Mexico, the shrinking space available to political cartoonists, and the effects of polarization, self-censorship and artificial intelligence on creativity and freedom of expression.

Mexico Business, Economics & Finance Business

The Green Corner highlights the financing challenges facing small businesses in Mexico – Chisme Corporativo

Chisme Corporativo examines the financial challenges facing small and medium-sized businesses in Mexico through the story of The Green Corner and its founder, Benzi Levy. Maca Carriedo and Rosalaura López explain how tax problems, bank debt, and the collapse in sales during the pandemic led to the closure of six stores despite having a viable business model. The episode explores Mexican SMEs' limited access to credit and how high financing costs and administrative requirements can hinder their growth and survival. It also examines The Green Corner's recovery after downsizing to a single profitable store and the role that fintech companies and new financial tools are playing in expanding access to financing and simplifying financial management for small businesses.

17/09/2026, Maca Carriedo and Rosalaura López with Benzi Levy, [Chisme Corporativo](#)

Rising energy prices connect inflationary pressures, geopolitical conflicts, and fuel smuggling in Mexico – Dimes y Billetes

Dimes y Billetes analyzes how rising energy prices are generating economic repercussions ranging from inflation and interest rates to fuel smuggling. Moris Dieck examines inflationary pressures in the United States and explains how higher gasoline prices can influence monetary policy and financial markets. The episode also discusses the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its potential impact on global energy markets. In Mexico, Dieck examines the growth of fuel theft and fuel tax fraud, highlighting their consequences for Pemex, tax revenues, and security. Overall, the episode identifies hydrocarbons as the common thread connecting these different economic and geopolitical risks.

21/09/2026, Moris Dieck, [Dimes y Billetes](#)

Mexico's 2027 Economic Package seeks to strengthen revenues while fiscal pressures continue to limit room for maneuver – Peras y Manzanas

Peras y Manzanas analyzes Mexico's 2027 Economic Package with public finance expert Alejandra Macías. In conversation with Valeria Moy, Macías examines the government's growth assumptions, spending priorities, and plans to increase revenues through changes to corporate deductions, fuel taxes, and government fees. The episode highlights higher spending on healthcare, education, and investment, while noting that pensions and debt-servicing costs continue to absorb a significant share of public resources. It also discusses the projected fiscal deficit and additional borrowing, arguing that Mexico's limited fiscal space will make it increasingly difficult to finance new policies without broader changes to the tax system, pensions, and public spending.

16/09/2026, Valeria Moy with Alejandra Macías, [Peras y Manzanas](#)

Siemens sees Mexico as a key hub for the next wave of industrial automation, electrification, and AI infrastructure – MexMoves

MexMoves examines Mexico's evolving industrial landscape through an interview with Alejandro Preinfalk, President and CEO of Siemens Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Preinfalk highlights Mexico's growing role in Siemens' North American manufacturing network, supported by

integrated supply chains, engineering talent, and rising demand for data-center and AI infrastructure. The conversation also explores the expansion of automation and artificial intelligence in Mexican manufacturing, where adoption remains significantly lower among SMEs, as well as the need for greater investment in electricity infrastructure and workforce development. Preinfalk argues that closer collaboration between government, industry, and academia will be critical for Mexico to improve productivity and remain competitive amid trade and geopolitical uncertainty.

17/09/2026, Damian Fraser and Eduardo García with Alejandro Preinfalk, [MexMoves](#)

Vuori bets on Mexico as part of its global expansion after building a brand around product, profitability, and community – Whitepaper 10

Whitepaper 10 examines Vuori's expansion into Mexico in conversation with founder Joe Kudla following the opening of its first store in the country in partnership with Grupo Axo. Karla Berman discusses how the company grew in a highly competitive market through a strategy centered on product quality, community building, and strict financial discipline. Kudla explains how Vuori reached profitability after raising just USD 2.5 million in initial capital, using supplier relationships and wholesale sales to finance its growth before bringing in institutional investors. The episode also explores Mexico's importance to the brand's international expansion, driven by the growth of activewear, wellness trends, and the country's dynamic retail market.

21/09/2026, Karla Berman with Joe Kudla, [Whitepaper 10](#)

Weekly Summary – La Estrategia del Día

La Estrategia del Día examines the main economic, financial, and corporate developments shaping Mexico and international markets. The week's episodes discuss Traxión's share buyback proposal, concerns over Mexico's fiscal outlook raised by Fitch, and uncertainty surrounding fuel smuggling and diesel policy. The podcast also follows monetary policy decisions in the United States and Japan and their implications for markets, while covering renewed U.S. imports of Mexican cattle. On the corporate front, the week includes Revolut's expansion plans, Essentia's gas pipeline business, Paramount, LVMH, and Donatella Versace's partnership with Revolve, alongside the performance of AI-related stocks and Warren Buffett's latest investments.

15/09/26–21/09/26, Jimena Tolama, [La Estrategia del Día](#)

Mexican Political Affairs

Mariana Mazzucato's ideas are influencing Plan México, but implementation faces significant fiscal and institutional constraints – Broojula

Broojula analyzes the influence of economist Mariana Mazzucato on Claudia Sheinbaum's economic strategy, particularly Plan México. In conversation with Carlos Ramírez, Ana Paula Ordorica examines proposals for greater state involvement, development banking, public investment, and industrial policy

to strengthen domestic supply chains and move Mexico toward higher-value industries. Ramírez argues that several of Mazzucato's recommendations address challenges that have long been identified, while warning that implementation faces obstacles stemming from weakened institutional capacity and limited public resources. The episode argues that without greater fiscal revenues, it will be difficult for the government to combine expanding social spending with increased investment in infrastructure, healthcare, education, and innovation.

21/09/2026, Ana Paula Ordorica with Carlos Ramírez, [Broojula](#)

The risks of artificial intelligence extend beyond technology to power, surveillance, and democracy – Hablemos

Hablemos speaks with philosopher Carissa Véliz about the risks associated with the rapid development of artificial intelligence and the growing power of major technology companies. Véliz questions warnings about AI posing an existential threat and argues that greater attention should instead be paid to the people and companies designing and controlling these systems. The conversation explores the concentration of power, surveillance, privacy, and the effects of these technologies on democracy and cognitive abilities, while also questioning the reliability of predictions about AI's future. The episode argues for greater oversight and the development of technologies that are more compatible with democratic values and individual autonomy.

17/09/2026, Denise Maerker with Carissa Véliz, [Hablemos](#)

Morena moves forward with its gubernatorial selections as debate grows over the risks of artificial intelligence – Tercer Grado

Tercer Grado analyzes Morena's first ten selections for the 2027 gubernatorial races, examining the influence of governors, local political groups, and former PRD networks within the process. René Delgado, Leo Zuckerman, Raymundo Riva Palacio, Enrique Acevedo, Denise Maerker, and Viridiana Ríos also discuss the lack of transparency surrounding the polls used to select candidates and the potential for internal divisions and shifting alliances. In a second segment, the panel examines the global debate over artificial intelligence, including warnings from within the industry and concerns that technological competition between the United States and China could make regulation more difficult. The discussion also highlights the need for independent oversight and Mexico's limited progress in developing a regulatory framework for AI.

17/09/2026, René Delgado, Leo Zuckerman, Raymundo Riva Palacio, Enrique Acevedo, Denise Maerker and Viridiana Ríos, [Tercer Grado](#)

Anabel Hernández examines how decades of alleged ties between organized crime and political power have shaped Mexico – Política y otros datos

Política y otros datos examines the evolution of organized crime's relationship with political power in Mexico through an interview with journalist Anabel Hernández about her book *Narcocracia*. Hernández

discusses her reporting and conversations with former Sinaloa Cartel member Sergio Villarreal Barragán, “El Grande,” arguing that criminal organizations gradually developed increasingly deep ties with political and security institutions across successive administrations. She also addresses the role of the United States, the impact of the fentanyl crisis on bilateral pressure, and allegations involving Mexican political figures, while emphasizing that many of these claims remain contested. The episode concludes by discussing possible responses, including stronger independent prosecutors, financial investigations and asset seizures, and rebuilding institutions capable of confronting corruption and organized crime.

17/09/2026, Mariel Ibarra with Anabel Hernández, [Política y Otros Datos](#)

Morena’s first candidate selections test the party’s ability to contain internal disputes ahead of 2027 – Botepronto

Botepronto analyzes Morena’s first selections for the 2027 gubernatorial races, focusing on Guerrero and Michoacán. Carlos Puig, María Scherer, Carlos Heredia, and Salvador Camarena discuss tensions among unsuccessful contenders, negotiations with the PT and Green Party, and the influence of the national leadership over the process. The episode argues that these selections mark only the beginning of a complex effort to preserve party unity while negotiating candidacies and local positions. The conversation also examines the particular dynamics of Michoacán, where opposition forces and security concerns could further complicate the electoral landscape.

15/09/2026, Carlos Puig, María Scherer, Carlos Heredia and Salvador Camarena, [Botepronto](#)

Weekly Summary – El Noti

El Noti reviews the week’s main political, economic, and security developments, focusing on Morena’s first selections for the gubernatorial races in Guerrero and Michoacán and the internal tensions surrounding the 2027 contests. The episodes also examine investigations into alleged fuel tax fraud and companies linked to Pemex, alongside growing perceptions of corruption within the Armed Forces. The podcast discusses Claudia Sheinbaum’s messages during Mexico’s Independence celebrations, proposed tax changes affecting businesses, and an investigation into potential monopolistic practices in Mexican football. Other topics include restrictions on cellphones in classrooms, diesel subsidies, and several public health and security developments.

15/09/26–21/09/26, [El Noti](#)

Mexican Culture & Society

UNAM reflects more than a century of Mexico’s political, cultural, and academic history – Mexico: The Podcast

Mexico: The Podcast explores the history of UNAM and examines why the institution has played such a central role in Mexico’s political, cultural, and academic life. The episode traces its foundation in 1910, the achievement of autonomy in 1929, and the construction of Ciudad Universitaria as an expression of

post-revolutionary Mexico's cultural and educational ambitions. It also highlights the university's influence through generations of alumni in politics, the arts, science, and public service, alongside its tradition of research and critical thought. Finally, the episode examines some of the tensions that have shaped UNAM, from strikes and student movements to uneven educational quality across faculties and professors, while emphasizing its continued importance in Mexican society.

16/09/2026, Gustavo Ferreira and Alex González-Ormerod, [Mexico: The Podcast](#)

Trino Camacho reflects on humor, freedom of expression, and the transformation of cartooning in Mexico – Sal con Amigos

Sal con Amigos speaks with cartoonist Trino Camacho about his career and the evolution of humor in Mexico. In conversation with Salvador Camarena, he recalls the influence of his Jesuit education at ITESO and his years working in print media, discussing how cartoons and satire helped push the boundaries of freedom of expression. Camacho reflects on the shrinking space for cartoonists, the effects of political polarization and self-censorship on humor, and his transition toward social media, radio, and other formats. The conversation also explores the potential impact of artificial intelligence on illustration and creativity, as well as the importance of preserving independent humor capable of questioning power and social conventions.

18/09/2026, Salvador Camarena with Trino Camacho, [Sal con amigos](#)

Enrique Serna explores how Mexico's pre-Hispanic past continues to shape its understanding of power and history – Ciberdiálogos

Ciberdiálogos speaks with writer Enrique Serna about his novel *El Dios Hambriento* and his reconstruction of the Mexica world before the Spanish conquest. In conversation with León Krauze, Serna discusses the rivalry between Tlacaelel and Nezahualcōyotl, the challenges of combining historical rigor with fiction, and the importance of looking beyond the conquest to understand pre-Hispanic Mexico. The episode also explores how history is used to interpret the present, with Serna reflecting on recurring structures of power, inequality, and political culture across different periods of Mexican history. He argues that understanding the country's past can help identify and overcome patterns that continue to influence contemporary Mexico.

22/09/2026, León Krauze with Enrique Serna, [Ciberdiálogos](#)