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**Scholar to Speak at Ramapo College's Mexico:  
Transborder Crime and Governance Lecture**

(MAHWAH, NJ)- Keynote speaker, Pablo Piccato, professor of History at Columbia University, will speak at Ramapo College's Mexico: Transborder Crime and Governance Lecture alongside a panel on Thursday, November 8 from 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. in B-224. Piccato will begin the lecture with an initial address on the topic following an opportunity for panelist members, Associate Professor of International Studies Erick Castellanos and Assistant Professor of Sociology Paul Reck from Ramapo College, to respond and follow up with questions. An interactive Q & A session will take place following the panel discussion. This lecture is part of the larger Global Challenges Lecture Series sponsored by the Roukema Center for International Education.

Piccato has performed research on the political and cultural history of Mexico and on the history of crime. In addition, he has authored the book "The Tyranny of Opinion: Honor in the Construction of the Mexican Public Sphere." Piccato is currently working on an overview of crime in Mexico during the twentieth century.

Castellanos has conducted research about international migration, culture and international relations among other issues. Reck primarily conducts research and teaches issues connected to race and the criminal justice system.

There are briefing books and a DVD set that supports this lecture and is available in the George T. Potter Library for those who would like to further their knowledge on this topic.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers six graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and

Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University  
College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of  
Podiatric Medicine.