

# Mapping Police Conferences 1920-1947

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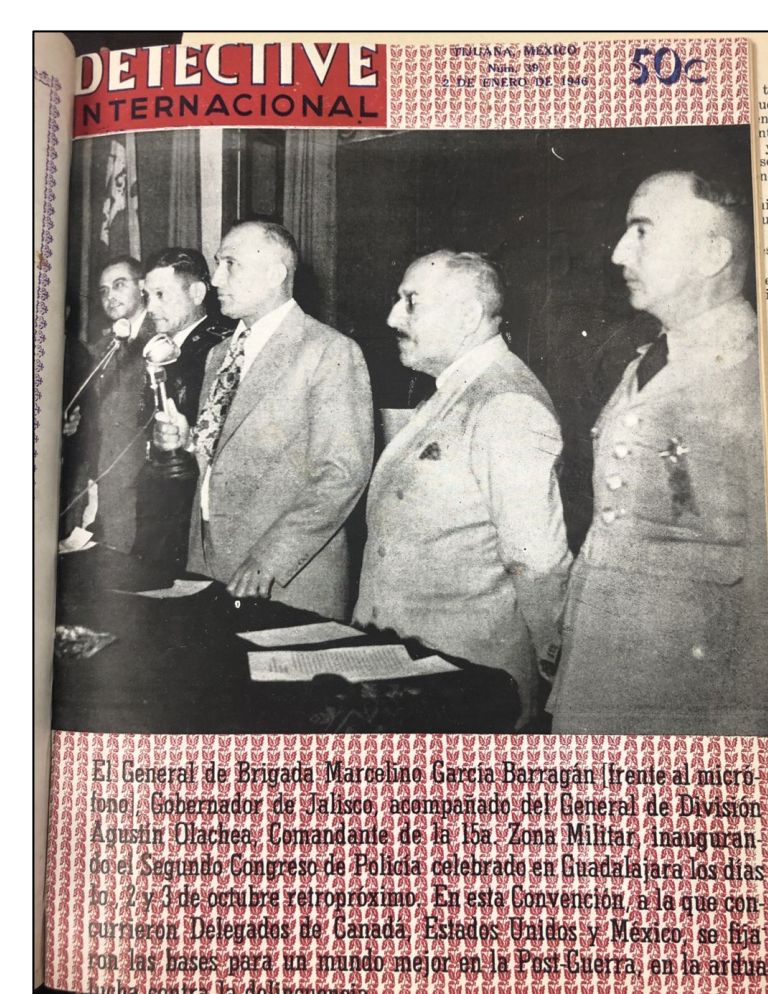
## Abstract

Between 1880 and 1950, international law enforcement networks took shape in response to elite anxieties around the transnationalization of crime. In North America, the rise of European fascism gave rise to initiatives among police in the United States, Canada, and Mexico to improve cooperation and professional relations through annual professional conferences and international organizations. This project seeks both to map these junctures of police internationalization during the Interwar Period and to establish a website that documents who attended, where they travelled, topics they debated, publicity they received, and eventually to map the professional networks of the police officials involved. The website will provide a central repository for historians of policing.

## Data Sets

The project relies primarily on organizational publications and newspapers including:

- *Pacific Coast International 1937-1945* (USA)
- *The Oregonian* (USA)
- *Detective Internacional 1934-1945* (MX)



## Methods

- Data from the primary sources was manually extracted and compiled into spreadsheets.
- Only the conference data currently exists on the website.
- In the future, social network data that maps recruiting for the Pacific Coast International will be introduced to both the database and the map.
- Each of these spreadsheets, saved as CSV, is fed into the Drupal content management system and turned into content.
- The content is then mapped and made available as both downloadable CSVs and searchable web content on the site.

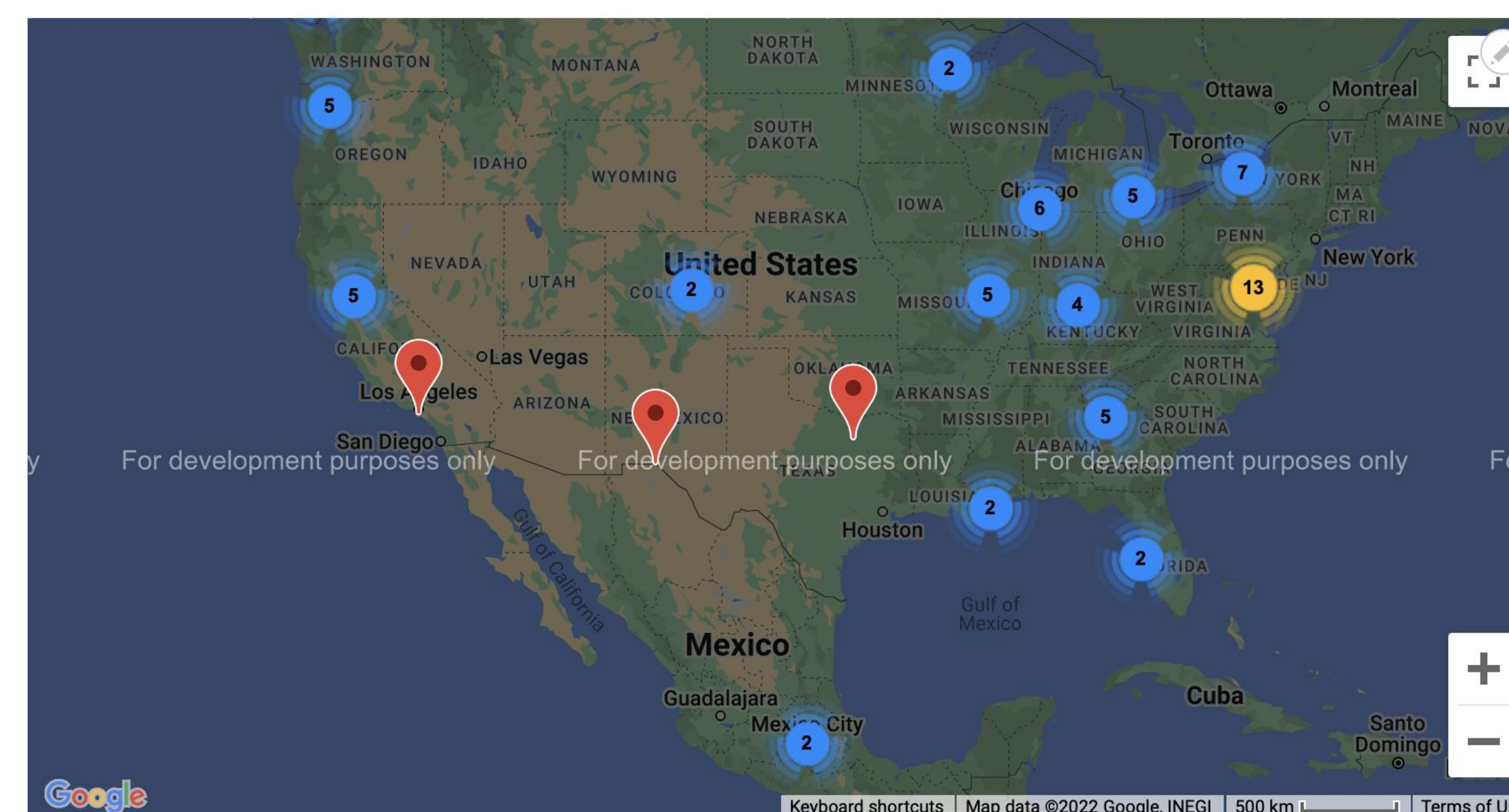
## Tools

- Data was cleaned-up using [OpenRefine](#)
- [Drupal](#) provides the content management system
  - Mapping is done through the [Geofield Map](#) module and the [Google Maps API](#)

1935	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	Atlantic City, New Jersey
1936	<a href="#">Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers Annual Conference</a>	Portland, Oregon, United States
1936	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	Kansas City, Missouri
1937	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	Baltimore, Maryland
1937	<a href="#">Anti-Communist Police Meeting</a>	Berlin
1937	<a href="#">Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers Annual Conference</a>	Oakland, California, United States
1938	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
1938	<a href="#">ICPC Meeting</a>	Bucharest, Romania
1938	<a href="#">Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers Annual Conference</a>	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
1939	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	San Francisco, California
1939	<a href="#">Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers Annual Conference</a>	Mexico City, Mexico
1940	<a href="#">PCIALEO Annual Conference 1940</a>	Reno, Nevada, United States
1940	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1941	<a href="#">PCIALEO Annual Conference 1941</a>	Portland, Oregon, United States
1941	<a href="#">International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference</a>	Buffalo, New York
1942	<a href="#">Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers Annual Conference</a>	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

An example section from the Police Conferences database rendered as a list of web content.

## Police Conferences Map



A screenshot of the conference map.

### PCIALEO Annual Conference 1940



An example of a conference web object w/ image.

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