



WERKGEEMEENSCHAP LATIJNS AMERIKA EN CARAIBISCH GEBIED

NETHERLANDS ASSOCIATION OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

Latin America and the Caribbean: Beyond Neoliberalism?

University of Groningen, The Netherlands, November 18th and 19th, 2010.

International Conference organized by the Netherlands Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (NALACS), in collaboration with the Centre for Development Studies (CDS) and the Centre for Mexico Studies (CEM) of the University of Groningen, and the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA).

Schedule overview:

Location: Zernike Campus, University of Groningen

Detailed information about how to get to the Zernike campus is available on the NALACS website.

Thursday 18 November

Time	Activities			
12.00-13.00	Registration (Halls of Zernike Building)			
13.00-13:30 13:30-15.30	Welcoming Rector Magnificus Dr. Frans Zwarts Keynote Speeches Dr. John Holloway and Dr. Lucia Sá Discussant: Dr. Michiel Baud Chair: Wil Pansters Room: 5419.0015			
15.30-16.00	Break			
16.00-17.45	Panel 1 Room:5412.0035	Panel 2 Room:5419.0102	Panel 3 Room:5419.0114	Panel 4 Room: 5419.0128
18.00-20.00	Diner (not included)			
20.30-22.00	Cultural events: Documentary & discussion at <i>Forum Images</i>			



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Friday 19 November

Time	Activities			
9:00-11:00	Panel 5 Room: 5412.0025	Panel 6 Room: 5419.0008	Panel 7 Room: 5161.0222	Panel 8 Room: 5161.0293
11.00-11.30	Break			
11.30-13.00	<p>Keynote Speech for the “Day of the Mexicanists” – Centre for Mexico Studies Dr. Mariclaire Acosta Discussant: Dr. Wil Pansters Chair: Dr. Leandro Vergara-Camus</p> <p>5433.0005 (extension of Duisenberg – ex-WSN)</p>			
13.00-14.00	Lunch (included)			
14.00-15.45	Panel 9 Room: 5419.0102	Panel 10 Room: 5419.0114	Panel 11 Room: 5419.0113	Panel 12 Room: 5419.0119
15.45-16.00	Break			
16.00-17.45	Panel 13 Room: 5419.0102	Panel 14 Room: 5419.0114	Panel 15 Room: 5419.0113	---
18.00-20.00	<p>Reception Closing Remarks: Prof. Dr. Kees de Bot, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Arts Dr. Joost Herman, Director of the Globalization Studies Groningen</p>			

Note: Zernike Building (5419); Duisenberg (ex-WSN) Building (5412); Bernoulliborg Building (5161).



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Panel overview:

1. Dia del Mexicanista I: Policing, Human Rights and the Rule of Law
2. Transforming Education in Latin America I: Potentials and Obstacles
3. Agricultural Transformation and Rural Development
4. Cultural Transformations and Innovations in Neoliberal LA (English and Spanish)
5. Responses to Privatization from Below and from Above (English and Spanish)
6. Neoliberal Democracy and the New Politics of the Left (English and Spanish)
7. Indigenous Activism and Politics under Neoliberalism
8. Dutch International Cooperation, Civil Society and Development in LA
9. Dia del Mexicanista II: Popular Organizing and Resistance
10. Transforming Education in Latin America II: The Role of Social Movements
11. The New Politics of Resource Extraction I: Local, National and International Transformations
12. The politics of (and within) Social Movements
13. Neoliberalism and Institutions: Legitimacy, Participation, and Empowerment
14. The New Politics of Resource Extraction II: Transformations of State-Society Relationships
15. Agrobusiness, Populations, Food and Nutrition





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Panel 1

Room: 5412.0035

Title: Dia del Mexicanista I: Policing, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in Neoliberal Mexico

Organizer and Chair: Prof. Wil Pansters (University of Groningen, Centre for Mexico Studies, and Utrecht University)

1. Mexico's Unrule of Law: Human Rights and Police Reform Under Democratization (**Dr. Niels Uildriks**, University of Leiden, COT)
2. Police Reform in Mexico. Critical Reflections from Central American Experiences (**Dr. Marie-Louise Glebbeek**, Utrecht University, Department of Cultural Anthropology,)
3. Policing, Human Rights and Gender (**Prof. Mariclaire Acosta**, UNESCO Chair 2010, Utrecht University and Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica, Mexico City)
4. Policing and Human Rights Abuse: Internal Affairs and Police Officers in Guadalajara (**Maurico López Alvarado**, PhD candidate, Utrecht University and Universidad de Guadalajara)

Panel 2

Room: 5419.0102

Title: Transforming Education in Latin America I: Potentials and Obstacles

Organizer: Mieke T.A. Lopes Cardozo (University of Amsterdam)

Chair: Dr. Jacques Zeelen (University of Groningen, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences)

1. Decolonising the Education System in Bolivia – Ideology versus Reality (**Mieke T.A. Lopes Cardozo**, University of Amsterdam, AISSR, International Development Studies)
2. Nicaragua's "Participative Education Revolution": Post-neoliberal Decentralisation and Development (**Dr. Thomas Muhr**, University of Bristol, UK)
3. Bolivarian Missions and other Experimental Mechanism in the Transformation of Venezuelan Education (**Andrés Felipe Otálvaro**, PhD candidate, University of Cologne, Institute for Iberian and Latin American History)
4. Strengths and Weaknesses of the *One Laptop per Child* Program in Peru (**Dr. Raúl Choque Larrauri**, University of Groningen, Postdoctoral Fellow)



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Panel 3

Room:5419.0114

Title: Agricultural Transformations and Rural Development

Chair: Dr. Leandro Vergara-Camus (University of Groningen, International Relations and International Organizations and Centre for Development Studies)

1. Beyond the Agricultural Sector: Territorial Approaches for Rural Development in Chile (**Dr. Elena Pisani**, University of Padova, Dep. of Land and Agro-forestry Systems)
2. The Role of Local Social Factors in Livelihood Responses to Neoliberal Policy Reforms: The Case of Maize Producing Smallholders in the Sierra de Santa Marta, Mexico (**Dr. Systke Groenewald**, Wageningen University)
3. Sustainability Analysis of Agave Production in Mexico (**Maria-Jose Ibarrola Rivas**, PhD candidate, University of Groningen, Centre of Energy and Environmental Science (IVEM),)
4. Strengthening Governance Processes for Ecological Agriculture and Fair Trade Activities in Western Mexico (**Dr. Peter Gerritsen**, Universidad de Guadalajara)

Panel 4

Room: 5419.0128

Title: Cultural Transformations and Innovation in neoliberal Latin America (English-Spanish)

Chair: Dr. Annelies van Noortwijk (University of Groningen, Culture and Media)

1. Against the Neoliberal Grain: The Resurgence of Tango and the Reaffirmation of Identity in 1990s Argentina (**Alberto Munarriz**, Phd candidate, York University, Toronto)
2. Homage to 34 Dreams for a Monument (**Julio Pastor**, Dutch Art Institute)
3. Roberto Bolaño: Nazis, Writers and the Post-political (**Joey Whitfield**, PhD candidate, University of Cambridge)
4. Neoliberalismo: ¿Qué de nuevo para el teatro mexicano? (**Dr. Catherine Raffi-Bérout**, University of Groningen)



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Panel 5

Room: 5412.0025

Title: Responses to Privatization from Below and from Above (English & Spanish)

Organizer: Dr. Daniel Chavez and Dr. Susan Spronk

Chair: Edwin Koopman, Independent journalist

1. Neoliberalism, Privatization, and Corruption in Latin America (**Dr. Nubia Nieto**, Independent Researcher, London)
2. La construcción de una empresa de telecomunicaciones socialista: el caso de la Cantv, Venezuela (**Ing. Julio Yanez**, Cantv, Venezuela)
3. What about Public Sector Workers? Labour's Role in Latin America's "New Left" (**Dr. Susan Spronk**, University of Ottawa)
4. Alternatives to the Commercialization of Electricity in Latin America (**Dr. Daniel Chavez**, Fellow at the Transnational Institute (TNI) of Amsterdam, and Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam)
5. Reformas neoliberales, consecuencias en los trabajadores estatales y resistencia sindical en Argentina, 1989-1995, (**Santiago Duhalde**, Área de Relaciones del Trabajo del CONICET / Universidad de Buenos Aires)

Panel 6

Room: 5419.0008

Title: Neoliberal Democracy and the New Politics of the Left (English-Spanish)

Chair: Dr. Imke Harbers (CEDLA, University of Amsterdam and NALACS)

1. The Neoliberal Oligarchic Consolidation in El Salvador: Origins, Impacts and Challenges for the FMLN (**Carlos Velasquez Carillo**, PhD candidate, York University, Toronto)
2. What's Left in Latin America: The State and Social Movements (**Dr. Henry Veltmeyer**, Saint Mary's University)
3. Post-Neoliberal Alternatives: Exploring New Left Government Responses to Neoliberalism in Latin America (**Kristin Ciupa**, MA candidate, York University, Toronto)
4. Prácticas político-sindicales con potencialidad contra-hegemónica ante la ofensiva de las políticas neoliberales en Argentina (**Mauricio Torne**, PhD candidate, and **Angélica Jordan**, MA candidate, Universidad de Buenos Aires)
5. Latin American and New Global Solidarities (**Dr. Peter Waterman**, Reinventinglabour.wordpress.com)



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Panel 7

Room: 5161.0222

Title: Indigenous Activism and Politics under Neoliberalism

Chair: Dr. Elisabet Rasch, Utrecht University

1. Climate Governance and Indigenous Politics (**Joanna Cabello**, Researcher Carbon Trade Watch)
2. The Arhuacos' intercultural project (**Laura Volpi** MPhil, University of Cambridge)
3. Activism against Economic Neoliberalism in Post-War Guatemala (**Dr. Eva Kalny**, Leibniz University Hanover)
4. The Unfinished or the Ungoing Revolution. Class, Gender and Ethnicity in the Bolivian Constituent Process (**Irma, Beusink**, Director of FortCap)

Panel 8

Room: 5161.0293

Title: Dutch International Cooperation, Civil Society and Development in Latin America

Organizer: Dr. Jeanette Kloosterman (Oxfam-Novib)

Chair: Dr. Joost Herman (University of Groningen, Director of the Network On Humanitarian Action and Globalization Studies Groningen)

1. Civil Society and Development in Latin American and the Caribbean under Neoliberal Politics (**Dr. Jeanette Kloosterman**, Oxfam-Novib)
2. Latin America and the New Global Solidarities (**Gina Vargas**, Flora Tristan-Peru & *Articulaci3n Feminista Mercasur*)
3. Providing Space for Latin American Social Movements: New Challenges for Northern NGOs (**Dr. Kees Biekart**, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam)
4. Budget Support and Development: an Uneasy Relationship: the Case of Nicaragua (**Dr. Geske Dijkstra**, Public Administration, Erasmus University Rotterdam).



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Panel 9

Room: 5419.0102

Title: Dia del Mexicanista II: Popular Organizing and Resistance in Neoliberal Mexico

Chair: Prof. Hub Hermans (University of Groningen, Centre for Mexico Studies)

1. The “Asamblea Popular de los Pueblos de Oaxaca” (APPO). An Example of Anti-Neoliberal Protest? (**Berenice Ortega Bayon**, PhD candidate, University of Essex)
2. Social Movements in Mexico and the Making of Rights (**Dr. Lars Leer**, Oslo University College)
3. NGO and Community Organization Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Mexico during Neoliberal Era (**Brandon Hunter**, PhD candidate, University of Texas).

Panel 10

Room: 5419.0114

Title: Transforming Education in Latin America II: The Role of Social Movements

Organizer and Chair: Mieke T.A. Lopes Cardozo (University of Amsterdam, AISSR)

1. Higher Education Neoliberal Reforms and Institutional Crisis in Latin America: a Case Study of Two Peruvian Public Universities (**Lenin Arturo Valencia Arroyo**, MA candidate, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University of Rotterdam)
2. Social Movements and Education Politics in Latin America: Beyond Education for All? (**Dr. Antoni Verger**, University of Amsterdam, AISSR)
3. Transforming Education in Latin America and the Strategic Dilemma of Teachers Trade Unions (**Wouter van der Schaaf**, Algemene Onderwijs Bond-Dutch Teachers' Union)
4. From the Neoliberal to the Progressive: Multiple Forms of Participation in Education Governance in El Salvador (**Brent Edwards**, PhD candidate, University of Maryland-College Park)



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Panel 11

Room: 5419.0113

Title: The New Politics of Resource Extraction in Latin America I: Local, National and International Transformations

Organizer: Dr. Barbara Hogenboom (CEDLA)

Chair: Dr. Peter Drujven (University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences)

1. Extraction for Development with Equity and Sustainability? Repolitisation of Hydrocarbons and Minerals in Latin America (**Dr. Barbara Hogenboom**, CEDLA)
2. Constrained Choices, (De)Politicised Governance: The Political Economy of Resource Extraction in Brazil and Chile (**Jojo Nem Singh**, PhD candidate, University of Sheffield)
3. Transformations in Citizenship. Indigenous Legal Activism, Municipal Authorities and the Governance of Natural Resources in Huehuetenango, Guatemala (**Dr. Elisabet Rasch**, Utrecht University)

Panel 12

Room: 5419.0119

Title: The Politics of (and within) Social Movements

Chair: Paula Hevia-Pacheco (University of Groningen, International Relations and International Organizations)

1. The Quest for a Full Employment Society: the Piqueteros Movement Pattern of Re-incorporation in Argentina, 1996-2008 (**Federico M. Rossi**, PhD candidate, European University Institute, Italy)
2. 'They Teach you that Certain Rights are Yours, but Not the Right to Have an Opinion': Internal Democracy and the 'Leaders' of Brazil's Landless Workers' Movement (MST) (**Alex Flynn**, PhD candidate, University of Manchester)
3. Intersecting Discriminations: Violence against Women in the context of Globalisation in Latin America (**Dr. Patricia Muñoz-Cabrera** and **Katherine Ronderos**, Central American Women's Network --CAWN)



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Panel 13

Room: 5419. 0102

Title: Neoliberalism and Institutions: Legitimacy, Participation and Empowerment

Chair: Dr. Pieter Boele van Hensbroek (University of Groningen, Center for Development Studies)

1. Trade Union Empowerment: Labour Rights in US-Latin American Free Trade Agreements versus the Chiquita International Framework Agreement (**Dr. H.H. Voogsgeerd** and **Dr. Gerda van Roozendaal**, University of Groningen Department of International Relations and International Organizations)
2. Private Sector Lobbying in the Process of the Trade Promotion Agreement in Peru (**Bart-Jaap Verbeek**, CEDLA)
3. Confronting Neoliberalism through Invited Spaces: Local Determinants of Success (**Dr. Eduardo Canel**, Director of the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean, York University, Toronto)

Panel 14

Room: 5419.0114

Title: The New Politics of Resource Extraction in Latin America II: Transformations of State-Society Relationships

Organizers: Dr. Murat Arsel and Dr. Lorenzo Pellegrini (ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Chair: Dr. Barbara Hogenboom (CEDLA)

1. State Power, Nature and Development under 'Socialism of the 21st Century' in Ecuador: From Tragedy to Farce? (**Dr. Murat Arsel**, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) Erasmus University Rotterdam)
2. Resistance against Mining in Northern Ecuador: From Neoliberal to Socialist Extraction (**Duygu Avci**, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) Erasmus University Rotterdam)
3. Indigenous Movements and Extraction in Bolivia: from Resistance to Marginalization to Self-Restraint (**Dr. Lorenzo Pellegrini**, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam)
4. Between Rivalry and Complicity: Interactions between Political Elites and the Private Mass Media in a Bolivia of Political Change (**Carmen Laura Gimenez Solar**, MA candidate CEDLA)



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Panel 15

Room: 5419.0113

Title: Agrobusiness, Populations, Food and Nutrition

Organizer: Dr. Hinke Haisma, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen

Chair: Dr. Sanderine Nonhebel (University of Groningen, Centre of Energy and Environmental Science (IVEM))

1. Neoliberalism and Nutritional Transition in Brazil (**Dr. Hinke Haisma**, University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences)
2. Diet and Agro-biodiversity in Ecuadorian Andean Highlands after Land Reform (**Antonio Chamorro Cristobal**, MA candidate, Wageningen University)
3. Displaced by Soybeans. Soybean Specialization and Dispossession of Indigenous Peoples in Chaco, Argentina (**Mercedes Donato Biocca**, PhD candidate, University of Bergen)

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Cultural Evening: Documentary Screening and Discussion
Thursday Nov. 18th at 20.00

Location: *Forum Images* - Hereplein 73, Groningen, <http://www.forumimages.nl/>

Organizer Dr. Annelies van Noortwijk (University of Groningen, Culture and Media Studies)

Title: *EL OLVIDO* (THE OBLIVAN), 2008, 93 min - Documentary, original version in Spanish with English subtitles, directed and written by Heddy Honigmann in collaboration with Judith Vreriks and Sonia Goldenberg

Trailer: <http://www.heddy-honigmann.nl/hhonigmann/films/elolvido/index.php#>

Art Display: *Homage to 34 Dreams for a Monument*

Artist: Julio Pastor, Dutch Art Institute

Location: Zernike Building

For more info about the artist:

www.juliopastor.com

www.livingartroom.com/julio_pastor/



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