3rd Latin American Transitions Conference
Disruptions of Latin American Democracies:
Roots and dynamics of contemporary conflicts

17-19th June 2021

With the turn of the century, Latin American democracies seem to have entered a new phase of intense fluctuation. Precipitous crises and countermovement have disrupted political, economic, and cultural developments. Argentina’s political and economic collapse in 2001 and its contested process of restoration, the rise and violent fall of Evo Morales in Bolivia, the peace agreement in Colombia, and the subsequent violence against various actors, Chile’s recent protests against its economic inequality and state violence are only a few examples.

In cooperation with the GSGAS and the ReCentGlobe, the CEL-LE invites researchers to explore the roots and dynamics of recent disruptions in Latin America from a transregional perspective. As disruptions, we understand moments of disordering, whose outcomes and meaning are yet unforeseeable. Disruptions might be temporary disarrayments but also anticipate structural change and advancement towards new political and economic orders. Based on this understanding, we aim to explore and relate both potentially destructive and productive impulses emanating from fluctuations, turmoils, and hindrances faced by the subcontinent since the 2000s.

Participation is free of charge. We invite all those interested to send us an email to obtain access to the talks via zoom.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

JUNE 17TH

Welcome
14:30-14:45 CEST

Panel 1 (part 1): Crisis, dependency and social struggles in Latin America in, through and beyond neoliberal capitalism

Chair: Henrike Neuhaus (London)
Time: 15:00 - 17:00 CEST

New Precarities, New Resistances: Visibilising the Protagonists of the #FeministStrike
Annette Maguire (Newcastle)

Resisting Peripheral Financialisation: Housing Movements against Debt Systems in the South.
Fernando Toro (London) and Gabriela Sánchez (Santiago)

Financialized Deservingness and Entitlement: An Anthropological Exploration of Social Impact Investing in the Colombian Context
Natalia Gómez Muñoz (Bologna)

Progressive discourse, conservative policies, and the left
Mariano Féliz (La Plata)

Brazil and the Mythologies of Developmentalism
Ana Ribeiro (Leipzig)

Panel 1 (part 2): Crisis, dependency and social struggles in Latin America in, through and beyond neoliberal capitalism

Chair: Mariano Féliz (La Plata)
Time: 18:00 - 20:00 CEST

The Economic Policy of the Bolsonaro Administration: between Austerity and Populist Continuity
Ian Merkel (Leipzig, New York, São Paulo)

Conflictos políticos sociales y teoría de la dependencia
Ayelén Branca (Córdoba)

Conflictive Extractivism: Mining, institutions and social conflict in Peru and Colombia
Quincy Stemmler (Lima)
Spatial disputes, a struggle for life. Reflections from Mexico
Inés Durán Matute (Puebla)

JUNE 18TH

Panel 2: Disruptions of Latin American democracies

Chair: Daniel León (Greifswald, Leipzig)
Time: 14:00 - 16:00 CEST

On the Origins of Polarization in Venezuela
Alejandro Velasco (New York)

"Alguns vão morrer": necropolítica e capitalismo neoliberal no Brasil contemporâneo
Rafael Freitas (Leipzig)

Live too long - or die too soon. Problems of presidential accountability and mandates in Latin America
Leiv Marsteintredet (Bergen)

When violent repression of peaceful protest backfires: The management of political costs in Nicaragua 2018-2020
Désirée Reder (Hamburg)

Central American Narratives and Images of Pandillas since the 1990s
Thomas Ploetze (Leipzig)

Panel 3: Digital media, affects and moments of disruptions in Latin America and Europe – a comparison

Chair: Karen Silva Torres (Leipzig)
Time: 16:15 - 18:15 CEST

Central American migrant caravans as affective publics – the doing of migration discourse on networked media spaces
Antonio Romero (México D.F., Berlin)

Journalism and the Networked Affective Dynamics of #Chemnitz
Ana Makhashvili, Dr. Débora Medeiros (Berlin)

Indigenous Protests, Journalism, and affectivity in Ecuador
Karen Silva Torres (Leipzig)

*Google and the 2020 Brazilian sub-national elections*
Max Stabile (Brasilia)

**Panel 4: The Colombian Peace Process and Social Inequality**

Chair: Stefan Peters (Giessen)
Discussant: Solveig Richter (Leipzig)
Time: 16:15 - 18:15 CEST

*Peace for Whom? Security Policy in the Context of Violence against Social Leaders in Colombia*
Rosario Figari Layús (Giessen)

*Beyond victimization: agency of former female FARC-EP combatants in Colombia*
Laura Camila Barrios Sabogal (Bogotá)

*Gender and Colombia’s Fraught Peace*
Anika Oettler (Marburg)

*Rehabilitating the Right to Truth among Indigenous Women in Colombia through the Truth Commission*
Juliana González Villamizar (Bogotá) and Justus Liebig (Giessen)

*Justicia y Paz: Collective Participation and Inequality in the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia*
Juliette Vargas (Bogotá, Göttingen)

**Roundtable: Disrupciones de las culturas policiales**

Moderation: Agustina Carrizo de Reinmann (Leipzig)
Time: 18:30 - 20:00 CEST

*Policía, epidemia y cuarentena: indagaciones históricas*
Diego Galeano (Rio de Janeiro)

*La policía que te cuida, la policía que te mata. Fuerzas de seguridad argentinas en pandemia y aislamiento*
Mariana Sirimaco (Buenos Aires)

*Reforma Policial y Autocratización en la Venezuela Bolivariana*
Stiven Tremaria (Osnabrück)
Panel 5: Violence in Latin America in the context of social movements

Chair: Marisol Palma Behnke (Santiago)
Time: 14:00 - 15:30 CEST

Polizeireform in Chile im Lichte einer neuen Verfassung
Svenja Bonnecke (Santiago)

Narrativizing Elitist Transitions: Student countermovements and challenged democracies in Bosnia and Chile
Igor Stipic (Regensburg)

Art in Protest: Alternative Memories in Artistic Positions – Resistance, Social Movements and Feminisms in the Cono Sur
Hannah Katalin Grimmer (Wien)

Closing Remarks

Time: 15:45 - 16:45 CEST

Democracias violentas en tiempos de pandemia: algunas reflexiones sobre el caso colombiano
Carolina Galindo H. (Bogotá)