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## Research Context

CEDLA research is dynamic and covers a wide range of topics and locations. Most of CEDLA's collaborative and individual research projects fit under one of three overarching themes: Urban and Global Cultures in Latin America; Environmental Governance and Justice in Latin America; and The Commons in Latin America. In addition, some other projects and initiatives explore topics beyond these themes. CEDLA research activities are developed through projects, seminars, and publications by its researchers, often in collaboration with PhD and MA students and external partners. Below we first present collaborative projects that are supported with special (external) project funding, followed by an overview of individual activities of research staff and PhD candidates.

CEDLA's research is part of the Amsterdam School for Regional, Transnational and European Studies (ARTES), a research school combining the humanities and social science-based approaches to the study of various world regions. In addition to bringing in regional expertise on Latin America, CEDLA researchers participate in ARTES' five interdisciplinary clusters: Social Justice and Contestation; Power and Governance; Digital Networks, Communications and Technologies; Belonging and Identity; and Sustainability and Disruption. ARTES pertains to the Amsterdam Institute of Humanities Research (AIHR) of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam.

## Collaborative Projects

### **Contesting Urban Borderscapes in Latin America: Investigating Governance Through B/Ordering Processes in Self-Help Neighbourhoods (2023-2027)**

Migration between Latin American countries is increasing. Migrants leave their motherlands to escape violence, poverty and ecological disasters. When they reach cities, they often go to self-built settlements which function as tiny villages according to specific, unspoken rules. This research centralises migrants' experiences of acceptance and exclusion when trying to settle in these places. In this way, the study will map out the alternative modes of governance in these neighbourhoods in Latin America, by investigating how social borders are put in place, and how they are being protected and challenged. Data will be collected in two Latin American metropolises that receive large numbers of migrants and refugees: Medellín, Colombia and San José, Costa Rica. The two selected areas where newcomers arrive are self-help settlements that function as semi-independent entities from the cities they are located in. Nicaraguan migrants in La Carpio (San José) seem to integrate easily into the social fabric of the neighbourhood through political engagement. In Moravia (Medellín), Venezuelan migrants were first welcomed as a *pueblo hermano* but with recent crises putting pressure on the already precarious social and economic circumstances in the neighbourhood, tensions between new-comers and long-time inhabitants are rising. This NWO-Open Competition-M project started on 1 September 2023. Advisory Board members are Prof. Paolo Boccagni

(University of Trento), Dr. Nikolai Alvarado (University of Illinois), Ir. Albert Kreisel, Ir. Max Becker and Cielo Holguín MA (all from Fundación Oasis Urbano).

*Participants:* Christien Klaufus (project leader) and Isa Mollinger (PhD candidate).

### **A Planetary Food Commons for Healthy and Sustainable Diets (2023-2024)**

This one-year seed grant project studies the potential of food as a commons approach to deliver healthy and sustainable food for all. This approach proposes a managed transition from a globalised capitalist food system to a diverse network of regional foodsheds responding to local cultural and nutritional needs. In considering how this transition can be managed in the interests of all, we draw on the team's ongoing research in Europe, West Africa and Latin America. Based on an interdisciplinary perspective, we examine and evaluate food as a commons approach from three main disciplinary angles: an anthropological angle brings sensitivity to place and process; a historical angle adds time and depth to our analysis; and a public health angle allows for the assessment of nutritional health. We focus our analysis on the City of Amsterdam, complemented by food commoning initiatives in other parts of the Netherlands. The project is funded by 'Healthy Future' – one of the four themes of the UvA Theme-based Collaboration Programme.

*Participants:* Fabio de Castro and Peter van Dam (FGw), Branwyn Poleykett and Rebeca Ibáñez Martín (AISSR), and Mary Nicolaou and Wilma Waterlander (UMC).

### **LINKAGES: Local and Indigenous Knowledge for an Amazonian-Grounded (Bio)Economy (2022-2027)**

The LINKAGES project analyses how socio-biodiversity value chains led by local producers can support inclusive and sustainable bio-economies in the Brazilian Amazon. Grounded on local knowledge and cooperation, these value chains provide income and employment for vast rural and urban populations while promoting alternative ways of relating to nature. Nevertheless, they suffer from multiple challenges such as limited value-aggregation and market access. The first year of the project has been marked by the implementation of the transdisciplinary method of co-creation and co-production seminars. Based on this transdisciplinary approach of co-production with local producers and grassroots organisations, six case studies have been co-created between the consortium team and several local partners. These are value chains of products from forests, agroforestry and aquatic systems that represent a set of socio-biodiversity production systems and diverse socio-environmental contexts. Through a critical analytical lens, the project aims at strengthening these existing place-based pathways of regional transformation toward sustainability.

*Participants:* Fabio de Castro, Gabriela Russo Lopes, Vincenzo Carbone, Marjo de Theije (VU), and several partners in Brazil.



### **Mining for Energy Transition (2022-2023)**

Energy transition requires large amounts of raw materials, and this intensifies social and environmental tensions in regions of extraction. Lithium is one of the raw materials that play a key role in energy transition, and the Salar de Atacama in the north of Chile is a special site of extraction. It possesses around half of the world's lithium reserves, but the extraction of lithium-rich brine in this extremely dry region with a very delicate ecosystem leads to ecological concerns and social tensions. In this pilot project with an interdisciplinary team from earth sciences, social sciences and humanities, we studied local socio-ecological tensions in the context of global energy transition. The project was funded by the UvA research priority area 'Energy Transition through the Lens of Sustainable Developments Goals' (ENLENS) that encourages research collaboration across faculties on the environmental, technological, social and political dimensions of global energy transition in relation to Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs).

*Participants:* Barbara Hogenboom and Mirko van Pampus, with Carina Hoorn and Harry Seijmonsbergen (Faculty of Science-UvA) and six MA students of the programme of International Development Studies and Earth Sciences.

### **Repurposed Infrastructures in the Unequal City:**

#### **Occupation, Repair, and Alternative Futures in Brazil and South Africa (2022-2023)**

Informal occupations of land and buildings are a challenge as well as an opportunity for cities of the global South and North. For many cities, difficulties in providing adequate housing and infrastructure in the context of extreme poverty and inequality continue to shape citizen's

living conditions and opportunities in profound ways. Increased criminalisation and policing render occupations still more precarious. Our research explores practices of infrastructural repurposing through engagements with building and land occupations in Africa and Latin America. We address the practices and possibilities of urban occupations, not merely as expressions of housing injustice but rather as integral features of urban landscapes, which indicate reparative possibilities for reimagining and repurposing existing infrastructures in more democratic ways. We focus on the repair of existing urban landscapes, which includes the collective modification of existing infrastructures, the self-building and provisioning of homes, the construction and sharing of communal spaces, the unsettling of property regimes, and forms of creative and conflictual practices in unequal cities. On 27 and 28 February 2023, we organized a two-day hybrid workshop at the University of Cape Town, South Africa and online.

*Participants:* Christien Klaufus, Suraya Scheba (University of Cape Town), Nate Millington (University of Manchester), João Tonucci (Federal University of Minas Gerais), and Gediminas Lesutis (University of Amsterdam).

### **River Commons: Co-Governance of Rivers through Transdisciplinary Co-Creation of Knowledge and Riverhood (2021-2026) & Riverhood: Living Rivers and New Water Justice Movements (2020-2026)**

Together with an alliance of scientific, policy, activist and grassroots organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America, the River Commons project works on environmental justice and co-governance of river systems. The programme that started in the summer of 2021 is about

understanding innovative river co-governance initiatives; the programme's PhD researchers will investigate cases of multi-scale 'river commoning' on the four continents. The project's aim is to learn from their experiences in situ and translocally and build new conceptual and methodological tools for research, education, and stakeholder interaction. The project's framework encompasses four dimensions of river systems: River-as-Ecosociety, River-as-Territory, River-as-Subject, and River-as-Movement, see <https://movingrivers.org/network/>. The INREF/WUR/partner-funded project (€1.8 million) includes 11 PhDs and 2 part-time postdocs, and 40 short master's thesis fellowships, and involves various CEDLA staff members. The River Commons project is connected to Boelens' ERC project 'Riverhood. Living Rivers and New Water Justice Movements: From Dominating Waterscapes to the Rights of Nature' (2021-2026). The RIVERHOOD project studies and supports evolving new water justice movements (NWJMs) fighting to revitalise rivers. The project's partners, including CEDLA, investigate eight case studies in Europe and South America to develop a new analytical framework to study NWJMs and 'riverhoods' and foster knowledge co-creation and democratisation from the bottom up. The ERC-funded project (€2 million) includes 4 PhDs and 3 part-time postdocs.

*Participants:* Rutgerd Boelens (coordinator), Barbara Hogenboom, Fabio De Castro, Bibiana Duarte Abadía, Julienne Weegels, Sebastian Reyes, and grassroots, research and policy partners in Asia, Africa, Netherlands, Colombia, Spain and Ecuador.

### **The Principle of Inequality: Between Criminal Justice and City District (Het Ongelijkheidsbeginsel: Tussen Strafrecht en Stadsdeel) (2021-2023)**

This research explores the ways in which different kinds of inequality are expressed in and accumulate over the life courses and social domains of young, justice-involved citizens of Amsterdam. It seeks to grasp how inequality in one domain (security) reinforces structural inequalities in other domains (work, education, housing) and vice versa. With the objective of understanding and combating (the accumulation) of inequalities, the research project delves into the relation between urban inequality and the criminal justice system in Amsterdam. It focuses particularly on urban, institutional, and racial inequalities. The project was awarded funding (€85,000) by the interuniversity and municipality of Amsterdam-funded research centre on inequality (Kenniscentrum Ongelijkheid). More information and the full project report can be found here: <https://www.kenniscentrumongelijkheid.nl/kennisproduct/het-ongelijkheidsbeginsel/>

*Participants:* Julienne Weegels (coordinator and PI), Thijs Jeursen (Utrecht University) and societal partner Restorative Justice Netherlands. CEDLA alumna Elise Fellingner, now a youth worker, was the project's research assistant.

## Michiel Baud

As a consequence of the publication of the collection of his articles on the Dominican Republic (*Modernidad y luchas sociales en la sociedad dominicana, siglos XIX y XX*) in 2020, Michiel Baud was invited to write a contribution to *The Cambridge History of the Caribbean*. Together with Haitian historian Marvin Chochotte, he prepared this contribution in the first half of the year. He also cooperated in an NWO project on the Cultural Heritage of the Dutch Caribbean. The article that he wrote with Rosemarijn Höfte (KITLV and UvA) was published in October and officially presented in a seminar on 17 November in Leiden. Baud is now returning to his interest in intellectual developments in Latin America around the turn of the 20th century.

## Rutgerd Boelens

Rutgerd Boelens's activities in 2023 have concentrated on implementing and coordinating two large intercontinental projects: Riverhood (ERC, awarded end-2020), which engages 4 PhD candidates and 20 partner organisations (research, grassroots, policy, activist) in Europe and Latin America; and River Commons with WUR, CEDLA and partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe which involves the projects of 14 PhD and 40 Master's students, and 3 postdocs. Socio-ecological river systems, the commons, and environmental justice movements are subjects that connect the two 5-year projects. Other key activities included PhD supervision (with Barbara Hogenboom, Fabio De Castro and Julienne Weegels) of CEDLA PhD candidates Carolina Valladares, Tatiana Roa, Hannah Porada, Sebastian Reyes and WUR-CEDLA PhD candidates Carolina Cuevas, Laura Giraldo and Juliana Forigua. In addition to organising a network for scientific co-publication and audiovisual production, Boelens coordinated several international seminars and webinar sessions on the political ecology of rivers and transdisciplinary action-research.





*Participants arrived from all corners and provinces of the country to participate in the forum and workshops.*



In June and July, Boelens and his team organized the international seminar on Political Cartography of Rivers (Riobamba) and the Water Forum in Quito, attended by 1000 peasant and Indigenous grassroots leaders, researchers and policymakers. He also organized the Colombia-Ecuador initiative ‘Traveling Rivers’ (including a film) in which the grassroots communities of six rivers have ‘counter-mapped’ their rivers’ past, present and future.

## URBAN INDIGENITIES



Being Indigenous in the 21st Century

Edited by **DANA BRABLEC** and **ANDREW CANESSA**

### Dana Brablec

In early 2023, Dana Brablec conducted fieldwork in various cities across Chile, focusing on gathering data about urban multi-ethnic conviviality and conflictive practices and relations in urban areas. This research aimed to lay the groundwork for a grant application project to be submitted the following year. Additionally, 2023 marked the publication of *Urban Indigenities: Being Indigenous in the Twenty-First Century*, a co-edited volume exploring global urban indigenisation, with Brablec serving as the principal co-editor. She co-authored the introduction and a chapter titled ‘From Nanas to Presidentas: Leadership Trajectories of Mapuche WOMEN within Indigenous associations in Santiago de Chile’. This work offers an analysis of urban Indigenous leadership practices through a feminist and decolonial lens. This publication has also led to the organisation of several activities scheduled for 2024.

## Fabio de Castro

In 2023, Fabio de Castro focused his research activities on the implementation of the LINKAGES project, which included the recruitment of three master's students, four PhD candidates and two postdoctoral researchers. He also organised regular projects with the research team and the co-production of four seminars with local partners. In addition to three fieldwork trips in the Amazon, de Castro also participated in two conferences (Earth System Governance in the Netherlands and EcoEco in Brazil) where he presented two papers and organised one transdisciplinary panel with farmers on themes related to the value chain of socio-biodiversity products.



Highlights of this year were the transdisciplinary seminars where local producers from four different research sites co-elaborated a case study for research together with the LINKAGES team. This perspective of co-production for research has proven to be an inspiring collaborative experience whereby farming and academic knowledge was used to illuminate contextual problems and further elaborate the research focus from the producers' point of view.

## Barbara Hogenboom

In 2023, as part of the Mining for the Energy Transition project, Barbara Hogenboom's research focussed on lithium extraction politics in Chile. The interdisciplinary collaboration and joint fieldwork in Chile (March 2023) resulted in the co-authored article 'Uncertainties in the Debate on the Environmental Impact of Lithium Brine Extraction in the Salar de Atacama, Chile' (Evolving Earth, 2023). It addresses the unbalanced and incomplete field of knowledge production on the regional effects of lithium extraction: while local communities and environmental NGOs are in need of data and expertise to assess changes in the vulnerable ecosystem, the state takes a passive position, which leaves the companies in a dominant position with their access to research equipment, technological knowhow and data. Hogenboom and Mirko van Pampus supervised the master's theses research of the project's four IDS students who studied interesting recent developments: how European/German climate policy is represented in Chilean lithium governance; the social and environmental investments of the Chilean lithium company SQM; the profit-sharing agreement of the US-based lithium company Albemarle with local communities; and the impact of lithium mining on gender relations in the region.



Doing joint fieldwork with such a multidisciplinary team in the Salar de Atacama was an inspiring and enriching experience. While bearing resemblance to the successful joint fieldwork we did in 2018 with a team of CEDLA researchers in Xela, Guatemala, in this case the participation of experienced biologists and geologists and the presence of eager master's students added other dimensions of learning together. In addition to individual activities, we accompanied each other on field visits and during interviews and made

an excursion to a lithium facility (Albemarle). Afterwards, we discussed research findings and enigmas during interesting meetings at various universities (Universidad de Santiago de Chile, Universidad Católica del Norte, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad de O'Higgins), and at the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Dutch Embassy.



## Christien Klaufus

Apart from the two externally funded projects described in the section above, Klaufus continued her decade-long research project *Deathscapes in Latin American Metropolises* with a research visit to Cuenca, Ecuador in March, where she conducted fieldwork on the social and cultural complexities of the repatriation of deceased migrants. The region around Ecuador's third city Cuenca has historically been defined by decades of intensive illegal migration to the U.S. A new mass exodus of migrants from this region, mostly from poor families and all heading northwards, started during the Covid-19 pandemic and continued afterwards. Many migrants never arrived in the U.S. while others died in their new place of residence. Ecuadorian families struggle emotionally, financially, and practically to arrange identification and repatriation of the bodily remains of their loved ones. Most of them do not have access to the legally established forms of government support. They solicit community solidarity by sharing the most horrific details of their tragedies on social media. Embedded in the transnational landscapes of death and the dead, this reverse migration flow of different categories of dead migrants' bodies in combination with the mediated stories of next-of-kin's tragedies illuminate intense cultural paradoxes and severe social inequalities. In Cuenca, Klaufus delved into the nature of these paradoxes and inequalities. She was assisted by Elisa Sarmiento and Viviana Lucero (photo below).



## Kees Koonings

In 2023, Kees Koonings focused on the issue of military involvement in Brazilian politics in the wake of the failed coup attempt by ex-President Bolsonaro and his followers. He presented papers on this issue at a panel of the ISA World Sociological Congress in Melbourne in June 2023 and, in collaboration with Dirk Kruijt, at the Associação de Brazilianistas na Europa (ABRE) conference in Porto in September 2023. The latter paper focused on a comparison of the self-coups in the U.S. (Trump in January 2021) and Brazil (Bolsonaro in January 2023). A version in Spanish is in press as a chapter contribution to an edited volume; an English version will be submitted to a journal (after including recent updates on the Brazilian case). Lastly, Koonings co-published, with Kruijt, an article on criminal governance in *Latin America in Social Sciences and Humanities Open* (8/23).



During a brief visit to Rio de Janeiro in October/November 2023, Koonings was guest lecturer on the theme of criminal governance at the Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF) in Niteroi.

## Arij Ouweneel

In his last year of university employment, Arij Ouweneel was finishing his book on public history comics. What began as a work on Frida Kahlo developed into a study of Frida's Heroes, including Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, and Leonora Carrington. There is also a discussion of the truthfulness (truth-claim) of public history comics, of which there is now a considerable bibliography. It is also argued that Frida and her husband Diego Rivera – who had been actively involved in developing the characteristics of *mexicanidad* in the 'new' society after the Mexican Revolution – fell back on a discussion that was fiercely conducted at the time.

## Julienne Weegels

Aside from completing the Amsterdam-based research project on the vicious cycle between urban inequalities and criminal justice action, Weegels was finally able to return to Central America for a research stay. In August 2023, she visited San Salvador (El Salvador), and El Progreso, San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa (Honduras) to visit her PhD candidates Mario Araya Pérez and Antonia McGrath and collect data for her research project on carceral expansion and contestations in the region. Though they are led by politically diverse leaders, both countries have witnessed the expansion of imprisonment as a punishment and security measure, as well as the implementation of exception regimes. In preparation for her ERC grant application, Weegels is digging deeper into the moral and political economies underpinning this carceral expansion, and the justice-seeking initiatives that seek to contest or counteract it.



In October 2023, Julienne Weegels co-organised an international colloquium on prisons and urban inequalities with the financial support of a Centre for Urban Studies seed grant. It was a very productive session, with 18 presenters and 2 keynote speakers from across the world seeking to unsettle the diverse manifestations of inequality that operate through and within criminal justice systems. Prof. Dr. Andrea Leverentz, author of *Intersecting Lives*, opened the event, while Dr. Rashad Shabazz, author of *Spatializing Blackness*, ended the day with a public lecture at SPUI25.

*Open doors to the neighbourhood.  
San Salvador, El Salvador*

## Lorena del Castillo



*Gentrification and Displacement Conference – Boston University.*

Lorena del Castillo is actively advancing her PhD. research, exploring gentrification and urban transformations within inner-city neighbourhoods in Lima. Her investigation focuses on understanding how governance structures influence the pathways of gentrification and the corresponding resistances that emerge to counteract it. In March, she showcased her research during a seminar hosted by the Centre for Research on Architecture and the City at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. The seminar featured her case study on 'Fragmented Urban Governance and the Privatization of Public Beaches in Lima', in collaboration with her partner from the same university, Kelly Gómez. Additionally, she successfully completed her fieldwork in Lima. Later in October, del Castillo actively participated in the conference 'Gentrification and

Displacement: What Can We Do About It? An International Dialogue' held at Boston University. This global symposium on gentrification studies served as a follow-up to the initial event in 2002 in Glasgow. Organized by the Department of Sociology Cities Initiative, the conference brought together renowned academics, presenting the latest research on gentrification, alongside activities and initiatives exploring potential interventions. Notably, del Castillo secured a finishing fellowship from the Amsterdam Institute for Humanities Research (AIHR), an annual award supporting PhD projects lacking structural funding, further enhancing the progress of her research.

## Vincenzo Carbone

Vincenzo Carbone started his PhD in the framework of the LINKAGES project, exploring the autonomy and resourcefulness of rural communities involved in producing and selling fine and organic cocoa along the Transamazon Highway in the Brazilian Amazon. His research focuses on peasant social networks and exchanges of information and resources that may enable greater autonomy from global commodity markets. Since April, Carbone has joined the CERES Research School and taken a methodology-intensive course on development studies, building his academic network with other PhD researchers from universities in Belgium and the Netherlands. Between October and November, he conducted exploratory research in the Brazilian Amazon and came into contact with organic and fine cocoa cooperatives. During this preparatory fieldwork, he



participated in the I Seminar on Market and Local Value Aggregation, organised within the framework of the LINKAGES project with many local actors and in partnership with Indiana University and the University of Campinas. In December, Carbone defended his pilot study, obtaining a 'go-ahead' decision without corrections. He is currently working on the interview and data collection guide, and preparing his extended fieldwork that will take place between March and September 2024.

## Luisa González Valencia



*Luisa and Victor Gonzalez Urrutia in Villapaz during her fieldwork.*

In 2023, Luisa published the article 'Making a Case for Piratas: Understanding the Complexity of Piracy in Colombia from the Vendor's Standpoint' in *Senses of Cinema* and co-authored with Professor Juana Suárez, NYU. The book *Small(er) Cinemas of the Andes*, published by Palgrave Macmillan, and edited by Diana Coryat, Christian León and Noa Zweigt was published and includes one chapter written by González Valencia. 'Colombian Popular Cinemas: Expressions from and about Violence' is a chapter that has as a starting point her MA thesis at the Media Department of the UvA. A Spanish version of this chapter will be published by the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (Ecuador). This year González Valencia wrote a chapter of her dissertation which is about violence representations in the films she researches, but with new inputs and findings. Her article 'Radios y Cacerolas: Feminist Approaches to

Online Activism during the 2021 Colombian National Strike' is in the process of being published by the journal *Feminist Media Histories* of the University of California. This article is the product of the research project P(r)otestas with Assistant Professor Julienne Weegels and Yatun Sastramidjaja from the Anthropology Department (funded by the UvA Research Priority Area Global Digital Cultures, 2021-2022).

At the end of the year, she finished the last fieldwork for her PhD research focused on creating archival processes with the filmmakers she has worked with. She organised an archival workshop at Universidad del Cauca with Professor Juana Suárez in which some films that were in optical supports were transcoded and saved on hard drives.

During this fieldwork, she gathered new data concerning the use popular class filmmakers in Colombia make of social media platforms. Visiting Victor González Urrutia in Villapaz, she obtained important input for one of her dissertation's empirical chapters about folk tales being updated through cinema.



In the first semester of 2023, she created four sessions for the course Visual Culture in Latin America, taught together with Professor Arij Ouweneel. Together with Laura Triana, she co-created the OLA PhD Forum in October.

## Barbara Haenen

In 2023 Barbara Haenen focused on finalising her PhD dissertation. Her dissertation analyses the ways in which Catholic religious orders developed their presence in border regions in the Amazon around the turn of the twentieth century and is based on historical research carried out in archives in Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Spain and Vatican City. In March 2023, she presented some of the findings of her research at the Young Researchers' Conference organised by ADLAF, an interdisciplinary research association hosted by the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. At this conference, Haenen participated in a panel on 'Violence, Conflict and Peace Building Processes', and presented her analysis of the involvement of Catholic religious orders in territorial disputes in the Amazon. She also attended several seminars, which included the seminar 'Fever, Dust, and Proxies: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Archive' on archival research, hosted by ARTES at the University of Amsterdam, and the 'Circular Latin American PhD Forum', hosted by the OLA research network at CEDLA. She hopes to present more final conclusions of her dissertation at conferences in 2024.

## Geraldine Lamadrid Guerrero

During 2023, Lamadrid Guerrero concentrated on the creative processes of her artistic practice-based research. From January to May, the main project to develop was Adiós Macondo in collaboration with Lleca Teatro, which premiered at the 9th International Community Arts Festival (ICAF) held in Rotterdam. Through her participation in this project as an actress and researcher, Lamadrid Guerrero could confirm how the core argument for the dissertation can be experienced in the context of exile by Nicaraguan migrants in the Netherlands. It is about a group of people who are seeking political asylum as well as actively contributing to create social spaces for artistic freedom of speech and therefore finding in theatre practice a way to relate their homeland experiences and memories to their present living circumstances of geographical and political relocation. During the summer, she expanded collaborative relations in political theatre with Astaro Teatro and The Freedom Theatre project. The resulting play premiered in November under the title 'In its Own Right'. She also did fieldwork and attended the commemoration activities of the 8th anniversary of the multi-homicide in Colonia Narvarte, Mexico City, thus concluding her fieldwork activities in Mexico related to the context of political violence. In November, Lamadrid Guerrero facilitated two tailor-made workshops: a political theatre workshop focused on the revalorisation of collective memory within the Nicaraguan migrant community in the Netherlands; and a workshop within the programme of the Circular Latin American

PhD Forum: Research Challenges, Innovational Methods, and Theory (De) Construction organised by the OLA PhD Forum on Latin America, under the title of ‘Activity for Body Awareness and Creativity’, highlighting the possibilities of using theatre methodologies to produce integrative knowledge through group experiences in the context of academia.

## Antonia McGrath



*Speaking at an International Relations conference at the Catholic University of Honduras*

In January and February 2023, Antonia McGrath conducted two months of preparatory fieldwork in Honduras, laying the groundwork for a longer period of subsequent fieldwork that she embarked on in July after completing her 9-month paper at the end of May. McGrath’s research focuses on youth navigations between (criminal) violence and violence prevention initiatives in Honduras, and the role that youth-focused civil society organisations like NGOs (can) play in violence prevention. Based in El Progreso, she is conducting ethnographic research using participatory methods of ‘research-working’ together with different local organisations. McGrath also joined the DOCAX network for PhD candidates conducting research in/on Central America, and, as part of this, attended the group’s first in-person event at the University of Costa Rica (UCR) in November. She has also prepared a contribution for SLAS in July 2024 and an article based on her master’s research in Honduras, which will hopefully be published in the coming year.

## Isabelle Mollinger

In 2023, Isa Mollinger, together with Principal Investigator (PI) Christien Klaufus, was granted an NWO scholarship for the project ‘Contesting Urban Borderscapes in Latin America’, which will fund her PhD for the coming years. The research focuses on (in)visible borders and boundaries within two auto-constructed neighbourhoods in Latin America: Moravia in Medellín, Colombia and La Carpio in San José, Costa Rica. Both neighbourhoods have received large numbers of migrants over the last years, in Moravia mostly from Venezuela, and in La Carpio mostly from Nicaragua. This project seeks to understand the formation and contestation of social and spatial borders and boundaries within cities through the eyes of new-comer migrants in these neighbourhoods. This year, Mollinger has been preparing her first period of fieldwork that starts in Medellín in January 2024. She also prepared contributions to both the LASA conference in Bogotá and the SLAS conference in Amsterdam for

summer 2024. She finalised an article for a special issue of *Children's Geographies* that is based on her MA thesis from 2019 and research executed with the Prince Bernhard scholarship in 2021, which will hopefully be published in 2024. In the second block of the first semester, she co-taught a BA course, 'The Identity of the City in Latin America' with Christien Klaufus.

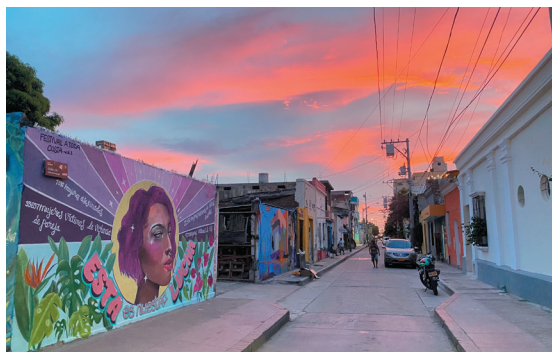
## Hannah Porrada



Hannah Porada continued her PhD research and writing on the extractive transformations and conflicts in the Netherlands (gas extraction) and Guatemala (mining of construction materials). She published an open-access article on the Groninger gas extraction, co-authored by Rutgerd Boelens and Jeroen Vos. In the first months of the year, she completed two secondments with Groninger organisations, one with the Knowledge Platform Kennisplatform Leefbaar en Kansrijk Groningen which resulted in a Dutch-language essay on her research in Groningen, and another one with the social movement Groninger Bodem Beweging. Porada also participated in a panel debate convened by the UvA research group Environment & Society on the Groninger gas extraction. Furthermore, she organised a translocal learning and exchange event, hosting Guatemalan researchers and activists in the Netherlands. As part of this effort, she convened a Dialogue with Civil Society event at CEDLA that focused on energy transition, nickel extraction and territorial injustices in Guatemala. Porada also presented her research in Guatemala as part of a guest lecture in a master's course of the

UvA Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies. Being part of the EU-funded network NEWAVE focusing on water governance, Porada attended the UN water conference in New York. She also participated in a working group writing a collaborative paper on water governance paradigms and in a working group that developed an interactive water governance atlas. As part of the network activities, she also joined a writing retreat and a synthesis workshop engaging different water governance actors and institutions in Brussels.

## Lieke Prins



*Mural 'Esta es nuestra lucha' about gender-based violence in Colombia by the Pirañas Crew in Santa Marta, Colombia (photo by Lieke Prins, 2023).*

local authorities, policymakers, and stakeholders concerning their strategies to control, beautify, and intervene in public spaces, as well as how street art fits into urban policy-making and political agendas. Lastly, she continued her work as a street artist of the feminist collective Pirañas Crew.

## Sebastian Reyes-Bejarano

During 2023, Sebastian Reyes-Bejarano travelled to Colombia to advance the fieldwork of his research titled 'Defining the Course of Rivers Amid Crisis and Conflict: Agrarian Movements, Water Justice, and the Commons in the Sumapaz River Basin, Colombia'. He conducted interviews, led walking research tours around the Sumapaz River, and coordinated the development of a counter-mapping initiative in the Sumapaz River Basin. This initiative involved co-elaborating a map with social leaders and environmental defenders after visiting various areas and collective initiatives around the basin. Furthermore, Reyes-Bejarano served as a lecturer for the course 'Lectura Guiada', offered by CEDLA to Bachelor's students at the University of Amsterdam. The course

*Sebastian with social leaders and environmental defenders of the Sumapaz Region, sharing the results of the counter-mapping initiative*



focused on ‘The Environmental Crisis, the Commons, and Social Movements in Rural Latin America’. He also participated as a speaker in seminars organised by peasant organisations and NGOs in Colombia, addressing environmental conflicts, and he was a guest lecturer in a methodology course for master’s students at the Universidad del Rosario in Colombia.

## Tatiana Roa Avendaño

In 2023 Tatiana Roa Avendaño finished the manuscript of her dissertation ‘Voces campesinas: Historias de resistencias y construcción de propuestas de vida en Colombia’. This dissertation examines three local experiences of resistance against the territorial transformations generated by extractivism that are led by peasant communities, fishermen, Indigenous people, Afro-descendants and urban inhabitants in Colombia. The central question that guides this research is the following: how do these resistances evolve and become proposals for life? In December, the national government of Colombia announced that Tatiana Roa Avendaño would be appointed as the new Vice Minister of Environmental Planning of the Territory in early 2024.

## Laura Triana Gallego



During the first semester of 2023, Laura Triana Gallego finished the chapter of one of her study cases regarding the Alliance of Indigenous Women of Bogotá and presented her work at two conferences: The PILAS conference in Ireland and the HERMES conference in Canary Island, Spain. For the latter, Gallego successfully submitted and won the Madeleine Julie Vervoort Fonds Travel Grant award from the University of Amsterdam. Subsequently, she was invited as a guest lecturer to the University Ramon Llull in Barcelona to give a lecture on her research for their Cultural Studies Master’s Programme. Lastly, Gallego carried out her last part of fieldwork in Colombia with the two Indigenous communities included in her study.

In the first part, she organised meetings with the Alliance of Indigenous Women of Bogotá, aiming to present her chapter and receive feedback from the group. In the second part, she travelled to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta to collect the last visual productions for her research analysis. During the second semester, Gallego started writing her fourth chapter related to the case Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Lastly, other research activities include publishing an article in a special issue related to her research theme (see publications), and supporting the supervision of the student Kim Nieuwenhuizen from the CEDLA minor programme with Arij Ouweneel. She was also a lecturer for the Global Identity Experience course from Amsterdam University College.



## Carolina Valladares Pasquel

During 2023, Carolina Valladares Pasquel focused on the last adjustments for finishing her manuscript and presenting a final version. Meanwhile, in May, she participated as a guest lecturer in the course International Sustainable Development in AUC with the topic 'Nature Conservation Transition: From Green Grabbing to Rights of Nature'. In September, she gave a presentation on 'Social Mobilization to Leave Fossil Fuels Underground. South and North Perspectives' as part of the workshop Insurgent Ecologies – Extremism and Climate Breakdown in Europe organised by the UvA. At the end of the year, Valladares Pasquel participated in an exchange of experiences around extractivism in Ecuador, Guatemala and the Netherlands, which took place in Groningen and included a representative of the Kennisplatform and the director of the Mining Observatory of Guatemala.



*Photo by Iara Gómez*

## Gabriela Russo Lopes



After four and a half years of research with local communities of the Brazilian Amazon, Gabriela Russo Lopes defended her dissertation at the Agnietenkapel on 30 November 2023. Her research analyses two forest restoration initiatives that have been flourishing over the past decades in a deforestation-intensive region called the Arc of Deforestation which includes the Xingu Seed Network in Mato Grosso and the RECA Agroforestry Project on the border between Rondônia and Acre. Her dissertation sought to understand how these place-based initiatives have been transforming their realities towards sustainability. The results show that, even in the face of high deforestation pressures, these initiatives are challenging the dominant commodity system by actively restoring forests in agrarian frontiers through multidimensional transformations in values, practices and politics. Recognising these initiatives as crucial agents of change toward sustainable futures is a key step in counteracting the enduring patterns of deforestation in the tropics. The dissertation is available at: <https://hdl.handle.net/11245.1/699a1500-4330-4777-b83a-25ea86f721aa>

## Visiting Fellows and PhD candidates

### Felix Malte Dorn

Centred in political ecology, Dr. Felix Dorn's research focuses on (green) extractivisms in the context of (corporate) energy transition, and possibilities for more profound and far-reaching social-ecological transformations. During his stay as a fellow at CEDLA in the summer of 2022 he could mine CEDLA's library, engage and connect with local researchers and advance different publication projects. Furthermore, Dorn worked on a paper submission to the European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies with the title 'Green Colonialism in Latin America? Towards a New Research Agenda on the Global Energy Transition' (published in ERLACS, issue 114). During his time at CEDLA, he continued working as a researcher and lecturer at Innsbruck University, Austria. His time as visiting fellow at CEDLA was a bit shorter than planned because in October 2022, Dorn started as post-doc at the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna. In April 2023, however, he visited Amsterdam again in order to give a lecture in the CEDLA series, and to open his photo exhibition 'Gold Rush in the 'Lithium Triangle'.



## Clara Presman

As a doctoral researcher affiliated with the National University of Cordoba (Argentina) and co-supervised by the Pablo de Olavide University of Seville (Spain), Clara Presman engaged in a three-month research residency at CEDLA, supported by a grant aimed at enhancing academic excellence provided by Banco Santander. Throughout her residency, she made significant progress in advancing her dissertation, focusing on the intersection of public policies, gender perspectives, and sustainability. Moreover, she actively participated in various activities organized by OLA. Furthermore, she contributed as a guest lecturer in the MA course ‘Latin American Studies: Deepening the Debates’, where she delved into the intricate relationship between the state, feminism, and domestic and care work.

## Carolina Trivelli

Carolina Trivelli is a PhD candidate in Education at the University of Verona, Italy. Thanks to support from Dr. Julienne Weegels, she joined CEDLA from September to December 2023 for a research stay as a visiting PhD candidate during which she participated in institutional activities, joined OLA and gave a guest lecture with colleague Isabelle Mollinger titled: ‘Using Photovoice with Children and Youth’ for the course Interdisciplinary Methods & Research Design for the CEDLA master’s programme. The stay also allowed Trivelli to join activities in other UvA departments such as the Amsterdam Research Centre on Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS) PhD Club, and a guest lecture for the course ‘Feminist Engagements with Development Policies, Practice and Research’ led by Dr. Esther Miedema. The stay also allowed her to progress with her PhD research, finalising the article ‘Researching Youth Voices on Comprehensive Sexuality Education: A Literature Review of Qualitative Studies’ (in press). With a background in sociology and a MA in Education Policy for Global Development, Trivelli is currently researching school-based comprehensive sexuality education programmes from young people’s perspectives through comparative case studies in Chile and Italy.

## Catalina García

Catalina García is a PhD candidate at the Department of Human Geography, Planning, and International Development of the University of Amsterdam. In 2023, she joined CEDLA as a PhD fellow. During this time, she wrote the paper ‘The Sea Unites Us, but It Is Governed to Keep Us Apart: Restoring the Creole Afro-Indigenous Sea Mobilities in the Southwestern Caribbean’, to be published in *Island Studies Journal*, 2024. García also participated in OLA seminars and worked on finalising her dissertation.

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# Teaching and Training

## Minor Global Justice

In the academic year of 2023-2024, CEDLA introduced the minor programme Global Justice. This minor programme of 30 ECTS starts with an introductory course on social justice, making it suitable for Bachelor's students from various academic backgrounds. This programme offers a truly multi-disciplinary approach to its students by offering courses that are based on theories of sustainability, intersectionality, decoloniality, and innovative justice approaches. In the second semester, students engage in two out of four elective courses, making it possible for them to focus on the issues that matter most to them. The new programme attracted a large number of enthusiastic students, of which 30 have been accepted.

The minor consisted of the following courses:

- Social Justice (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)
- Crime, Justice and Conflict Otherwise (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)
- Race, Place, and the Politics of Indigeneity (coordinated by Dr. D. Brablec)
- Environmental and Climate Justice (coordinated by Dr. F. de Castro)
- Gender and Social Inequality in Latin America (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)
- Democracy, Populism and Resistance (coordinated by Dr. D. Brablec)
- Spatial Justice across Cities (coordinated by Dr. C. Klaufus)

## Minor Latin American Studies

CEDLA also continued with its longstanding minor programme in Latin American Studies. The Latin American Studies minor is 30 ECTS and focuses on the dynamics of the region, encompassing diverse societal, cultural, and political facets. It examines the coexistence of far-reaching economic reforms with traditional peasant societies, alongside the complexities arising from globalisation, Indigenous resurgence, and political dichotomies between democratic and authoritarian tendencies. It adopts a multidisciplinary approach in discussing how important processes reshape Latin America, including questions related to globalisation and local responses. Themes are approached from different disciplinary angles, bridging the Humanities and Social Sciences, including theories and methodologies from cultural anthropology, human geography, political science and history. We started the year 2023-2024 with a group of 30 Bachelor's students in this minor programme, just as with the minor in Global Justice.

The minor consisted of the following courses:

- Politics and Protest: The Latin American State and Social Movements (coordinated by Prof. Dr. B. Hogenboom)
- The Identity of the City in Latin America (coordinated by Dr. C. Klaufus)



- Race, Place, and the Politics of Indigeneity (coordinated by Dr. D. Brablec)
- Research in Latin America (coordinated by Dr. D. Brablec)
- Brazil: Democracy, Citizenship and Culture (coordinated by Dr. F. de Castro)
- Gender and Social Inequality in Latin America (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)

Apart from the minor programmes, the CEDLA staff also offered a general introduction course on Latin American Studies to the students of the Bachelor's programme Spanish and Latin American Studies of the University of Amsterdam. The course 'Encountering the Americas: Latin America in the 21st Century' was coordinated by Dr. D. Brablec.

## Master's Programme Latin American Studies

We take this opportunity to proudly acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our graduating class of MLAS 2022-2023. The graduating students, who conducted research on migration, racism, beauty standards, water management and much more, have demonstrated dedication and intellectual curiosity. They all successfully completed the master's programme. You will find the titles of their thesis projects below.

As the graduating class bid farewell, a new cohort embarked on this academic journey. We were delighted to extend a warm welcome to 21 new students representing academic backgrounds spanning from CEDLA's bachelor and pre-master's programmes in Latin American Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Political Science, to Future Planet Studies. Coming from diverse corners of the globe, including the Netherlands, Latin America, India, and beyond, we are proud to foster their academic and cultural diversity that defines our programme. We are looking forward to seeing what their research will bring in the coming year.

The master's programme consisted of the following courses:

- Introduction to Latin American Studies (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)
- Latin American Studies: Deepening the Debates (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)
- Approaches to Popular Culture in Latin America: Researching Heritage and Worldmaking (coordinated by Dr. C. Klaufus)
- Socio-Environmental Changes in Latin America: Power, Participation and Governance (coordinated by Dr. F. de Castro)
- Interdisciplinary Methods and Research Design (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)
- Research on Latin American Societies (coordinated by Dr. F. de Castro)
- Master's Thesis Latin American Studies (coordinated by Dr. J. Weegels)





## Thesis supervision of the Master's Programme of Latin American Studies 2022-2023

Prof. dr. R. Boelens

- Carmen Mallqui Caballero – ‘La defensa del agua es la defensa del territorio’. Commoning Peasant Processes and PES Hydrosocial Territories in the Sumapaz Paramo, Colombia.

Dr. D. Brablec

- Lara Heijster – Migratory Experiences of Venezuelan Women in Medellín. A Case Study on Migration Governance and Its Impact on Venezuelan Migrant Women in Medellín, Colombia.

Dr. F. de Castro

- Juliana Duarte Ospina – Sabores enredados del páramo: memorias socioecológicas de los alimentos, entre las huertas y la cocina

Dr. C. Klaufus

- Iara Gomez – Beautiful Brazilians: The Culture of Beauty and Plastic Surgery in Rio de Janeiro.
- Emma van der Leden – Celebramos la Muerte: Afro-Descendant Death Rituals in a Context of Discrimination and Racism in Limón, Costa Rica.
- Marten Japenga – Perspectives of Elderly People Living in San Carlos, Colombia, at Their Final Stage of Life and a Good Death.

Prof. dr. K. Koonings

- Stefano Corzo – ‘Seguridad somos todos’: An Ethnographic Exploration to Community Policing and its Impact on Police Legitimacy in Peru.

Dr. A. Ouweneel

- Juan Carlos Donoso – LA VIDA DE LAS WAKAS: Transformación de su agencia desde tiempos precolombinos hasta nuestros días.
- Jasleen Kaur – Frida Kahlo’s Artworks: Exploring the Influence of South Asian Spiritual, Religious Symbols and Worldviews.

Dr. J. Weegels

- Tom King – ‘Here No One Dies’. Narratives of Violence from Northern Mexico.
- Pietro Pinzani – Queer Orixás.
- Celina Sanchez Ramirez – Amar así me permite resistir aquí. Afro-Chocoanas’ Negotiation of Belonging in Chocó and Colombia.
- Diana Trejos Herrera – Understanding Upward Social Mobility in the Context of Port Privatisation and the Covid-19 Pandemic in Puerto Limón, Costa Rica.
- Hella Verhoeven – Vivas, Libres y Unidas. The Intergenerational Dynamics between Feminist Activists in Buenos Aires that Fight for Reproductive Rights.

## MLAS Experience from our Students



### Iara Gómez in Rio de Janeiro

When picking a research area for the master’s degree fieldwork, I wanted to choose a country outside my comfort zone. Brazil had always caught my attention, and I had just read a book on the country’s obsession with beauty. Coincidentally, the research period fell together with the Carnival time in Rio de Janeiro, so my choice was made. In the months before leaving, I submerged myself in Brazilian culture, learning Portuguese from scratch. In my two months in Brazil, I became fluent, doing interviews in Portuguese and living the local life. My research on plastic surgery and the culture of beauty was welcomed with open arms, as everyone and their doorman had an opinion on the plastic surgery industry and the way that Brazilians look and take care of their bodies. I talked to patients and surgeons of plastic surgery about the reason for this beauty obsession, and why it was problematic or useful in their point of view. The topic was absolutely fascinating to me, and I am very proud of the thesis that came out of this research. More so, I am happy that the fieldwork facilitated a learning opportunity and the great times I have had in Brazil because of it.

### Stefano Corzo

At the end of 2022, Peru, my home country and the setting for my fieldwork, was swept by a nationwide wave of protests and political turmoil that resulted in a sudden regime change, amidst the deaths of dozens of protesters. This situation was particularly complicated for me on an academic and personal level. My proposed project was focused on researching the Peruvian National Police (PNP), more specifically, the community programmes that are implemented at a local level through neighbourhood police stations all over the country in a context where the role of the police was being heavily questioned in the repression; but also, because no manual or lecture prepares you for the heartbreak of seeing your own country tear itself apart when you are far away.

As I began to explore new possible scenarios for my research project and even evaluate the possibility of forgoing it entirely, I was lucky to find myself accompanied by the guidance of my supervisor, Prof. Dr. Kees Koonings, who wisely suggested that I would have to adapt to the ‘ethnographic moment’ at hand (I am also deeply thankful for the understanding of the CEDLA staff and my peers). As my methodology for ethnographic research was comprised mostly of qualitative methods, I had to adapt and readjust many of the categories, labels and expectations I had initially attached to the project in an attempt to understand how community policing is defined and performed at a local level, within a framework that involves community police officers, neighbourhood watches, municipal security agents and others. On the other hand, I also sought to identify how this framework impacted police legitimacy locally, more so, in a context of heavy societal polarisation towards the police because of the events described earlier. In the end, I was able to conduct my research in a meaningful way that respects the trajectories of the actors involved, but also contributes important appreciations and insights to a subject that is of the utmost relevance for the current sociopolitical landscape of the region.

### Interuniversity Graduate Programme LASP

The Latin American Studies Programme (LASP) is an interuniversity graduate programme dedicated to research and graduate education on Latin America in the Netherlands. The common research aim of LASP is to understand and explain the key social, political, cultural and economic transformations in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of global developments. LASP applies a comprehensive and integrated approach that combines a range of theories and methods from the social sciences and the humanities. The programme brings together senior and junior researchers including MA students and PhD candidates. In 2023, LASP organised the annual information session *How to obtain a PhD position in Latin American Studies in the Netherlands*.

## Capacity Building for the Latin American Office, MFA

With this programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Academy of International Relations aim to enhance the knowledge and analysis of Latin America and the Caribbean among its staff members. Since 2016, CEDLA offers a comprehensive capacity-building programme in which academic knowledge on the region is shared and discussed in onsite study days and online thematic lectures and seminars. Since 2020, the programme has been executed in collaboration with KITLV institute, which takes care of the yearly activities focused on the Caribbean (study days and thematic sessions). For CEDLA, the regular meetings with a range of MFA and other officials have proved to be beneficial for building contacts in The Hague and the embassies in the region and provide occasional informal thematic exchanges or discussions on current affairs.

In 2023, CEDLA organised the annual course on Current Developments in Latin America, while KITLV organised the course on Current Developments in the Caribbean. Key topics in these courses were democracy, human rights, environment and commodities. In addition, CEDLA organised three well-attended lectures on topics of great interest to MFA. Dr. Lorenzo Palestini (Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement) gave a talk about Latin American Border Disputes before the International Court of Justice (7 March 2023); Prof. Dr. Günther Maihold (Freie Universität Berlin) presented the LAC-EU Relations: Current Ties and Their Historical Context (12 September 2023); and Prof. D. Martijn Oosterbaan (Utrecht University) offered a lecture on Religious Trends and Political Implications in Latin America (20 November 2023). These online sessions with 40-50 participants based in the Netherlands and Latin America and the Caribbean also offered a space for Q&A and discussions about the implications and policy options for the Netherlands and EU and the daily work at the relevant departments and posts.





Medellín, Colombia  
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## CEDLA Latin America Lectures Series

17 March 2023

**Indigenous Peoples and the Environment in Brazil: Public Anthropology and Activist Perspectives**

[Henyo Barretto](#), University of Brasilia and [Adriana Ramos](#), Climate Observatory

31 March 2023

**The Human Costs of the War on Drugs: Attitudes towards Militarization of Security in Mexico.**

**Can social policy manipulation be avoided? Combating clientelism through policy design in Mexico**

[Juan Masullo J.](#), Leiden University

21 April 2023

**Energy Transition and Environmental Conflict in the Andes: Lithium Extraction in Argentina**

[Felix Dorn](#), University of Vienna

12 May 2023

**Book presentation: After the Decolonial. Ethnicity, Gender and Social Justice in Latin America**

[David Lehmann](#), University of Cambridge

2 June 2023

**Disturbing Heritage and Decolonial Thought: Huaco Retrato as an Anti-Museum**

[Reindert Dhondt](#), Utrecht University

27 June 2023

**Chile's new National Lithium Policy: Questions, Agreements and Disagreements among Multi-Scale Actors**

[Hugo Romero](#), Universidad de Chile

22 September 2023

**Women Community Leaders in Low-income, High-risk Urban Settings in Medellin, Colombia**

[Lirio Gutiérrez Rivera](#), Universidad Nacional de Colombia

8 December 2023

**Frustrated Journeys: The Counter-Road Movie in Latin America**

[Nadia Lie](#), KU Leuven

## Other Activities and Collaborations

5 April 2023

**Diálogos: Lideresas Afrocolombianas: sus luchas por la vida y el territorio**

Speakers: [Dr. Martha Luz Machado Caicedo](#) and [María Alejandra Rivera Maldonado](#)

Organised by NALACS & CEDLA in collaboration with Mensen met een Missie

April-June 2023

**Photo Exhibition: Gold Rush in the 'Lithium Triangle'**

[Felix Dorn](#), University of Vienna

17 May 2023

**Activity: Waste as an Anthropological Issue**

Speakers: [Cristhian Cajé](#) and [Barbara Arisi](#) (VU University Amsterdam), [Aline Souza](#) (Centcoopdf), [Maria Raquel Passos Lima](#) (Laboratory of Social Studies of Waste – ResiduaLab /UERJ), [Carmen Rial](#) (UFSC, Brazil), and [Cornelia Eckert](#) (UFRGS, Brazil)

Organised by Centcoop, ResiduaLab, Navi and CEDLA

9 October 2023

**Transregional Dialogue: Offshore Attachments: Oil and Intimacy in the Caribbean**

Speaker: [Dr. Chelsea Schields](#) (University of California, Irvine)

Discussants: [Dr. Wigbertson Julian Isenia](#) (UvA-Anthropology) and [Dr. Mikki Stelder](#) (UvA-ASCA)

In collaboration with ARTES

19 October 2023

**Lecture: Sovereignty in the Anthropocene: In a world where ecological issues transcend borders**

Speaker: [Professor Diane E. Davis](#) (Harvard University Graduate School of Design)

AISSR lecture organised in cooperation with CEDLA

20 November 2023

**Diálogos: Transition Minerals: Energy Transition, Nickel Extraction and Territorial Injustices in Guatemala**

Speaker: Guadalupe García Prado (Observatorio de Industrias Extractivas [OIE])

Discussant: Dr. Karolien van Teijlingen (Radboud University)

Organised by CEDLA and NALACS in collaboration with OIE

October – December 2023

**Latin American film series INCONVENIENT TRUTHS**

Discussants: Robert-Jan Friele, Dr. Saskia van Drunen and Dr. Annelou Ypeij

Organised by CERVANTES with the assistance of CEDLA in the OBA, Amsterdam

## ERLACS

ERLACS – European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies / Revista Europea de Estudios Latino Americanos y del Caribe is an open access, scientific journal published by CEDLA since 1965 that publishes peer-reviewed research articles and explorations as well as review essays, and book and film reviews. Editorial Board members are Prof. Barbara Hogenboom, Dr Christien Klaufus, Prof. Marjo de Theije, Dr Alana Osbourne, Dr Soledad Valdivia Rivera, Prof. Gareth Jones and Dr Chris van der Borgh. In 2023, ERLACS issue 114 (January-June) contains remarkably diverse topics (meta-participation, captured democracy, therapeutic cultures and migration) and different regions (Peru, Costa Rica, Brazil, etc.). Issue 116 (July-December) includes a topical Special Collection on Carceral Citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean, guest edited by Caroline Mary Parker and Julienne Weegels. Most readers access content through [www.erlacs.org](http://www.erlacs.org), with more than 60,000 views and 40,000 downloads (accumulated), and through JSTOR, with more than 44,000 views and 25,000 downloads annually. Since 2016, ERLACS ranks Q1 (History) and Q2 (Social Sciences) in the Scimago index, where external citations have increased. The number of our newsletter's subscribers also increased this year, surpassing 800 subscribers. Finally, ERLACS is in Google's international top 5 LAS journals.

## Library

In 2023, about 500 books were acquired for the CEDLA Library, 90% being e-books. From the collection of physical books 750 were borrowed, of which about 400 were picked up at the CEDLA Library and 350 at other locations of the University Library. This year the work related to the integration of the CEDLA Library into the University Library continued. We began to move journals to the book depot. More than half of the books in the CEDLA Library were assigned a Library of Congress Classification code during the year. This work will be completed in 2024.

## Public and Academic Exposure

Below is a selection of the various media presentations and academic and public lectures and reports by CEDLA researchers.

### Michiel Baud

- Concerning the Argentine elections on 19 November, Michiel Baud appeared in different media.
- Meeting on the future of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Strategic Foresight Process conducted by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) (19 April 2023)
- Keynote, Institute Clingendael OAS course: 'Latin America, the US and the OAS in historical perspective' (26 June 2023)

### Rutgerd Boelens

- Coordinator International Seminar 'Ríos, Territorios y Poder: Cartografía política y representaciones hidrosociales alternativas', in Riobamba, Ecuador (1-4 July 2023)
- Co-coordinator and keynote lecturer: Water Forum 'Water for All, All for the Water', in Quito (5-7 July 2023)
- Keynote Lecture: 'Riverhood and River Commoning Struggles. Onto-epistemological arenas and transdisciplinary movements for bridging water justice' with University of Osnabruck, STEERS conference, Germany (March 2023)
- Keynote lecture: 'Construyendo las bases conceptuales para el co-aprendizaje político-intercultural de territorios fluviales', at CENSAT, Bogotá (April 2023).

### Barbara Hogenboom

- Coordination of the blog 'Field research in Chile' in Folia, with students of the Mining for the Energy Transition project, closing with her piece 'A Culture Shock And Drawing Conclusions' (11 April 2023).
- Research presentations on lithium mining in the seminar Fiebre del Litio: Efectos Invisibles de la Transición Energética at Universidad de O'Higgins (27 March 2023), the seminar Gobernanza Sustentable del Litio en Chile y el Mundo: Dependencias, Geopolítica y Corresponsabilidad at the Instituto de Estudios Avanzados of Universidad de Santiago de Chile (28 March 2023), and the Future of Energy Seminar at the UvA Institute of Advanced Studies (with Harry Seijmonsbergen, 27 April 2023).

### Fabio de Castro

- Media interviews: RTL Nieuws – Reddingsplan Amazone ligt klaar, maar de tijd tikt langzaam weg (Jan 7, 2023); RTL Nieuws – Brazil riots in government buildings 8 January 2023 (Jan 9, 2023); Nu.nl - Bolsonaro speelde zeker een rol bij bestorming (Jan 9, 2023); RTL Nieuws – Narco-ontbossing: hoe Brazilië de Amazone verliest aan drugscriminelen (June 29, 2023)
- Presentation of papers at Global Earth System Conference, Oct 23-27, Nijmegen, The Netherlands and EcoEco2023 Conference, Nov 07-11, Santarem, Brazil
- Organisation of the transdisciplinary panel ‘Bioeconomia para quem e para que?’, Conference EcoEco2023, Nov 07-11, Santarem, Brazil

### Christien Klaufus

- Guest lecture in Beta-Gamma Bachelor in course De Stad, titled: De informele stad in Latijns-Amerika: Onderdak bieden aan de levenden en de doden (8 May 2023)
- Curriculum assessment for Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios sobre Desarrollo, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia (May 2023)

### Kees Koonings

- Interview in Nieuwsuur on 29 March 2023 (Dutch public television, NPO 2) on Bolsonaro’s return to Brazil and his possible future role in Brazilian politics
- An article in the Dutch magazine for geography on Brazilian politics: Koonings, K. (2023). ‘De Braziliaanse democratie voor, tijdens en na Bolsonaro’. *Geografie* 32(5), pp. 6-11.

### Hannah Porrada

- Co-organiser of UN-water conference virtual side event ‘Overcoming Obstacles for Reflexive Research Practice in Water Governance at UN Water’, in New York (24 March 2023)
- Panellist in panel convened by UvA-Environment and Society ‘Groningen en het gas: Een maand na het rapport’, in Amsterdam (28 March 2023)
- Co-Facilitator of workshop ‘Mining, Water, and Counter-Mapping in Groningen and Guatemala’ at Knowledge Congress organised by Kennisplatform Leefbaar en Kansrijk Groningen, in Groningen (23 November 2023)
- Guest lecture on mining and territorial controversies in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala in master’s course Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, in Amsterdam (11 December 2023)



**Gabriela Russo Lopes**

- Interview. Jong geleerd Gabriela Russo Lopes onderzocht wat lokale initiatieven kunnen betekenen voor de Amazone. ‘Ze zijn zeker deel van de oplossing.’, in NRC (10 January 2024)
- Interview. UvA PhD student sees bright spots in Amazon deforestation in local initiatives / Lokale initiatieven zijn lichtpuntjes in ontbossing Amazone, ziet UvA-promovendus, in Folia (28 November 2023)
- News article about research. Artigo analisa amarras para zerar o desmatamento na Amazônia in the WWF-Brazil Website (19 May 2023)

**Laura Triana Gallego**

- Lecturer Global Identity Experience, Amsterdam University College (January 2023); guest lecture at the Cultural Studies Master’s Programme, Universidad Ramón Llull, Barcelona, Spain (May 2023).
- Presentations: ‘The women that once were silenced: Visual narratives about Indigenous women living in Bogotá’ at Postgraduates in Latin American Studies (PILAS) conference 2023, Belfast, Ireland (March 2023); ‘La historia de las mujeres que callaban: Narrativas visuales sobre mujeres indígenas que viven en Bogotá’. Congreso Internacional de Comunicación y Medios Audiovisuales HERMES Conference, Lanzarote Spain (March 2023)
- Media exposure: Launch Catalogos Razonados and participation in Cinemateca de Bogotá

**Carolina Valladares**

- Interview for Nu.nl online news feed regarding the wave of violence in Ecuador and the murder of the presidential Candidate (17 August 2023).

**Julienne Weegels**

- Guest lecture on Restorative Justice and Abolition at ISS, January 2023.
- Première of political theatre play ‘Adiós Macondo’ with Nicaraguan refugee theatre group Lleca Teatro at the International Community Arts Festival, Rotterdam (April 2023), in collaboration with CEDLA PhD candidate Geraldine Guerrero.
- Presentations at the Law and Society Conference in Puerto Rico, May 2023, and the European Association of Criminology Conference in Florence, September 2023.

## Social Media

In addition to its monthly newsletter (email) and website [www.cedla.uva.nl](http://www.cedla.uva.nl), CEDLA has an active presence on social media such as LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, where its activities are promoted, and news is shared. See below a visual impression of some of CEDLA's posts.



# Fellowship Programmes and Affiliated Organisations

## Slicher van Bath – de Jong Fellowships

The aim of the Slicher van Bath – de Jong Programme, which started in 2010, is to promote the study and research of Latin American history from the fourteenth to the early twentieth century, in particular by providing financial support for the historical research of young scientists. It grants financial support every year for research projects submitted by European and Latin American historians. In 2023, 27 projects were submitted. The Scientific Board considered them and decided to select the following projects for funding:

- ‘Cross the Atlantic and Rebuild Time: A Study on the Teaching of History for Architects in Two American Capitals (1854-1864)’ by Karolyna de Paula Koppke
- ‘Exploring the Origins of Ad Hoc Advisory Committees: A Historical Assessment of Expert Commissions in Chile, 1890-1930’ by Carla Cisternas Guasch
- ‘Whose Savagery? An Archival Investigation into the Shrunken Head Trade in Ecuadorian Amazonia’ by Christian Tym

## Prince Bernhard Scholarships

The Prince Bernhard Scholarships (PBS) support young scholars’ innovative research on Latin America or on the relations between Europe and Latin America, carried out in the fields of the social sciences and the humanities. In 2023, the Prince Bernhard Scholarships Scientific Board selected the following two projects for funding:

- ‘Painting Futures: Activism and New Opportunities in Street Art in Medellín, Colombia’ by Lieke Prins. This project tells the story of how street artists, on the one hand, employ strategies to translate social imaginaries into sociopolitical murals confronting issues of injustice, inequality, and structural violence; and, on the other hand, consider economic opportunities of legal, institutional, and commercial assignments.
- ‘The History of Lago Agrio: The Intimacy with the Jungle in a Petroleum City in the Amazon, 1969-1989’ by Pablo Campaña. This research aims to understand all the different relations between Lago Agrio’s inhabitants with the surrounding landscape during the first two decades of urbanisation.

## NALACS: Netherlands Association of LAC Studies

The Thesis Award Ceremony was held at CEDLA on 1 December attended by the NALACS board, the six nominees, their friends and family. The ceremony was opened with a lecture of Winanda van Vliet, musician and composer, who presented the book about Music in Exile by the Chilean artist Patricio Wang, followed by the presentation of each nominee. The jury was composed by Dr. Daniela Vicherat Mattar, Leiden University College, Dr. Marina Cadaval Narezo, practitioner and scholar, and Esther Milberg Muñiz, PhD candidate from Wageningen University and winner of the NALACS Thesis Award 2020-

2021. Fourteen theses were submitted for the award. The winners were: Ana Laura Camacho Puebla (first place) with the thesis 'Forensic Affects. Affective Operations of Forensic Aesthetics as Artistic Mediation of Violence' (Radboud University Nijmegen); Santiago Vargas Hernández (second place) with the thesis 'The Restless Canyon: An Ethnography about State-Making, Infrastructure, and Not-Only-Humans in Las Hermosas Canyon, Colombia' (VU University Amsterdam); and Juliana Cubides Sánchez (third place) with the thesis 'Making a Living in Uncertain Citizenship: Cocalero Peasants' Labour Agency' (International Institute of Social Studies at Erasmus University Rotterdam).

During the NALACS Annual Assembly on 18 October 2023, the NALACS Board discussed how to deal with the long-standing challenge of maintaining a lively NALACS community. While the NALACS Master's Thesis Awards and the Dialogues with Civil Society series (with CEDLA) continue to flourish, it has been increasingly difficult to organise other events, attract new audiences and find board members, especially since the pandemic. During the Assembly, the Board presented its proposal to discontinue NALACS, and the offer by the Foundation Internationaal Amerikanisten Congres 1988 to be of some support in the coming years. According to the proposal, NALACS will be discontinued, and the remaining funds will be transferred to the Foundation in order to continue the Thesis Award and the Dialogues. The proposal was well received by the members present at the Assembly. Due to the insufficient quorum for voting, another Assembly was set up for January 2024, in which the proposal was accepted. As a result, after almost four decades, NALACS ceased to exist.

## **OLA: The Dutch PhD Forum on Latin America**

This year OLA had as chairs Laura Triana and Luisa González, PhDs working at CEDLA, and funded by the Colombian Ministry of Science. They hosted several feedback sessions, and a PhD Forum or Círculo de la Palabra intended as an event to share practices and processes more than about findings. The Forum had two workshops, one by Geraldine Lamadrid Guerrero, and another by César Merlín. Professors Dana Brablec and Konstantin Mierau participated in the conversations held at the event, together with PhD candidates.



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**CEDLA** aims to promote Latin American Studies by conducting and stimulating relevant and original research on developments in that region, and by distributing the results of this research through university education and publications. The centre has a library specialised in the collection of printed and digital material on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities, and is open to all visitors.

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