

**Workshop**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY IN LATIN AMERICA**

**Developments, Perspectives, and Challenges**

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