

## ***desiguALdades.net* International Conference 2016**

### **Rethinking Equality: Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America**

#### **Subject of the Conference**

The International Research Network on Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America *desiguALdades.net* has highlighted the relevance of global interdependencies for shaping social inequalities in Latin America in their multiple dimensions. Yet, its research has also shown how the actual impact of global factors on patterns of (in-) equality is still highly dependent upon national, regional or local political, economic and social contexts. The discrepancies between the global configuration of inequalities and the national, regional or local embeddedness of the arenas in which struggles for more equality take place were at the center of the network's research agenda in recent years. The objective was to understand how global interdependencies that shape (in-) equalities in Latin America are mediated by and interplay with both specific institutional arrangements on the national and subnational levels as well as the different bargaining strategies of the actors involved. Four thematic areas were of key relevance for analyzing the current dynamics of (in-) equalities in Latin America. They constitute the four panels of the conference.

#### ***Panel I: (Re-) Structuration of Inequalities: Actors and Dynamics***

Following a substantial reduction of poverty, class structures have recently been significantly modified in Latin America. This panel discusses economic, political and symbolic movements in the structure of Latin American societies focusing on the following questions: How do transnational, national, regional and local interdependencies shape discourses about the new middle class in Latin America? What strategies of distinction do the "emergent groups" apply? Which role do ethnicity, race, region, religion, and gender play in the reconfiguration of social structure in the region?

#### ***Panel II: Law, Rights and Equality***

Transnational migration and indigenous rights challenge structures of inequalities from two different and complementary perspectives. While transnational migrants search for improving

their position in global social and power hierarchies trespassing national borders, indigenous, Afro-descendants and other groups, legally classified as “traditional”, mobilize the language of (multi)cultural rights in their struggles for equality within nations. This panel discusses the impacts of laws on migration and indigeneity for shaping inequalities in Latin America.

### ***Panel III: Doing (Re-) Distribution?***

In spite of increasing global interdependencies, the state continues to play a central (re-) distributive role. It mediates between global processes and national, regional or local patterns of (in-) equalities through the implementation of selective policies. The outcomes of these policies can be ambiguous and often entail both positive and negative effects. This panel focusses on state interventions through (re)distributional policies and explores more closely how (re-) distribution is limited due to global entanglements (i.e. world market dependencies), lacking capacity of the state and national as well as local power politics.

### ***Panel IV: Global Valuation of Nature and the Politics of Social Inequality***

Since more than a decade, Latin America faces a commodity boom, triggered by extractivist economic policies aiming at the exploitation and export of raw materials and agricultural products. The panel wants to discuss how the increasing global valuation of natural resources in Latin America has reconfigured and restructured social inequalities at the national, subnational and local levels. It addresses thereby the specificities of the environmental dimension of social inequalities, taking into account commodification processes of nature, global value chains and the role and agency of the state.

In addition to the four panels and keynote speeches, **the conference will also feature a roundtable** on Thursday, March 3, 2016, to discuss the contributions of area studies to the internationalization of the humanities and social sciences in Germany. Area studies have been recently ‘rediscovered’ by both research funding organizations and other academic disciplines as a substantial motor for academic internationalization. Moreover, via the establishment of research centers and international research networks, scholars of area studies acted as important drivers for epistemic innovation within the cultural and social sciences. However, this new development is based largely on temporary support programs and ad hoc initiatives. Structurally (in terms of established professorships, the presence of area studies in instances of academic decision making, etc.), area studies still hold a relatively marginal position within academic knowledge production in Germany. The panel will discuss the current state and future

of area studies in Germany from an international perspective. Particularly, it is intended to discuss measures that will be necessary to make recent achievements sustainable. Experts from funding agencies and researchers from different disciplines and area studies will be discussing these issues.

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### Program

The conference languages are Spanish and English.

#### Thursday, March 3, 2016

9:00 - 9:30	<p><i>Welcome Address</i>  <b>Brigitta Schütt</b>, Vice President, Freie Universität Berlin  <b>Hermann Parzinger</b>, President, Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin  <b>Detlef Nolte</b>, Vice President, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg  <b>Imme Scholz</b>, Deputy Director, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE/GDI), Bonn</p> <p><i>Introduction</i>          Marianne Braig (Freie Universität Berlin)</p>
9:30 - 10:30	<p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <p><i>Conceptualizing Dynamics of Inclusion in Latin America</i>          Lena Lavinás (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Barbara Fritz (Freie Universität Berlin)</p>
10:30 - 10:45	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>

<p>10:45 - 12:45</p>	<p><b><i>Panel I: (Re-)structuration of Inequalities: Actors and Dynamics</i></b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Rodrigo Rodrigues-Silveira (Universidad de Salamanca)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Elizabeth Jelin (Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (IDES), Buenos Aires)</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p><i>Latin America in the First Phase of the Middle Class Century</i> Göran Therborn (University of Cambridge)</p> <p><i>Transnationalization, Income Concentration and Elite Shifts in Central America</i> Benedicte Bull (Universitetet i Oslo)</p> <p><i>Precarization as a Homologous Transnational Process? Entangled Inequalities in the Field of Work and Labor Markets</i> Martina Sproll (Freie Universität Berlin)</p> <p><i>La revolución de la sociabilidad en Lima: poderes sociales y jeraquías culturales</i> Danilo Martuccelli (Université Paris Descartes)</p>
<p>12:45 - 14:30</p>	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
<p>14:30 - 16:30</p>	<p><b><i>Panel II: Law, Rights and Equality</i></b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Bert Hoffmann (GIGA German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg/ Freie Universität Berlin)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Hans-Jürgen Puhle (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main)</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p><i>Caminos para la integración política formal de los inmigrantes en Latinoamérica</i> Luicy Pedroza (GIGA German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg)</p> <p><i>Legal Pluralities and Fragmented Sovereignties: Reflections on Law, Illegality and the State in Latin America</i> Rachel Sieder (Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) México D.F.)</p>

	<p><i>Global Constitutionalism meets Local Asymmetries: Minority Rights in Latin America</i>          Sérgio Costa (Freie Universität Berlin)</p> <p><i>Judicial Anthropological Categories and Re-Identification Processes: The Impact of ILO Convention 169 in the Production of Differences and Inequalities in Colombia</i>          Manuel Góngora-Mera (Freie Universität Berlin)</p>
16:30 - 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 - 18:45	<p><b>Roundtable</b></p> <p><b><i>Area Studies and the Internationalization of Humanities and Social Sciences</i></b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Barbara Göbel (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI) Berlin)</p> <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <p>Herbert Grieshop, Freie Universität Berlin, Center for International Cooperation</p> <p>Elisio Macamo, Universität Basel, Zentrum für Afrikastudien</p> <p>Christian Müller, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)</p> <p>Elisa Reis, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais</p> <p>Stefan Rother, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, South East Asian Studies at Freiburg</p>

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

<p>10:00 - 12:00</p>	<p><b><i>Panel III: Doing (Re-) Distribution?</i></b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Bettina Schorr (Freie Universität Berlin)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Juan Pablo Pérez Sáinz (FLACSO Costa Rica, San José)</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p><i>Re-distribution via Taxation - Did Latin America (Finally) Learn to Tax?</i> Constantin Groll (Freie Universität Berlin) Maria Fernanda Valdés (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Bogotá)</p> <p><i>Estado, territorio y desigualdades</i> Rodrigo Rodrigues-Silveira (Universidad de Salamanca)</p> <p><i>Inequality, Concentration and Taxation on High Income</i> Juan Pablo Jiménez (Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL), Santiago de Chile)</p> <p><i>Inequality and Taxes: An Analysis of the Chilean Elite</i> Jorge Atria (Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile)</p>
<p>12:00 - 14:00</p>	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
<p>14:00 - 16:00</p>	<p><b><i>Panel IV: Global Valuation of Nature and the Politics of Social Inequality</i></b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Marianne Braig (Freie Universität Berlin)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Hebe Vessuri (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México - Campus Morelia)</p> <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p><i>Socio-Ecological Inequalities: Outcomes and Challenges of an Emergent Field of Research</i> Barbara Göbel (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI), Berlin) Imme Scholz (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE/GDI), Bonn)</p>

	<p><i>Extractivism and Gender Relations: Mining Policies, the State, and Social Inequalities in Colombia</i>          Astrid Ulloa (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá)</p> <p><i>Global Carbon Markets, Deforestation and the Livelihoods of Smallholders in the Peruvian Amazon</i>          Alejandro Guarín (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE/GDI), Bonn)</p> <p><i>The Materiality of Nature in Valuation Processes and the Reconfiguration of Social Inequalities</i>          Miriam Boyer (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI), Berlin)          Kristina Dietz (Freie Universität Berlin)</p>
16:00 - 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:15 - 17:15	<p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <p><i>Contributions of Latin American Political Ecology to the Analysis of Social Inequalities</i>          Enrique Leff (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico City)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Imme Scholz (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE/GDI), Bonn)</p>
17:15 - 17:45	<p><i>Closing Address</i>          Sérgio Costa (Freie Universität Berlin)</p>
18:00	<i>Reception</i>