3rd International Conference Research Network on Latin America Cologne, Bielefeld, Bonn, Hannover, Münster

The 3rd International Conference of the Research Network on Latin America is an integral part of the Summer School. It takes place on July 2nd & 3rd 2012 at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) in Bielefeld.

It includes the following panels:

- 1992-2012: Balancing two Decades of Indigenous Movements
- Debating the Future of Ethno-Development
- Ethnicity in Postmodern Mediaspaces
- Ethnicity and Political Communication in Processes of State Formation in 19th Century Latin America
- Inter-Ethnic Perceptions of Nature Conservation Issues
- Global Ethnicities
- Gender and Ethnicity in Indigenous Movements
- Commodifing Ethnicity: The Strategic Use of Culture in Post-Fordist Economies

Among our guest speakers are:

José Bengoa (UN Working Group on Indigenous Rights), Pedro Cayuqueo (Azkintuwe), Freya Schiwy (Los Angeles), Sarah Corona Berkin (Guadalajara), Gonzalo Portocarrero (Lima)

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- An inspiring 10 day Summer School with international scholars, social movement activists, experts from development agencies and artists
- A Workshop on Media Praxis (radio feature)
- A wide variety of thematic workshops
- 10 ECTS credits
- Additional social and cultural events

Thematic Focus and Objectives:

Within the context of the Quincentenary of the European expansion to the Americas in 1992, indigenous groups throughout the continent mobilized to denounce the colonial legacy of present societies and to express their political, economic and cultural needs. This can be related to a profound transition in identity politics.

The Summer School offers the possibility to discuss the role of ethnic identity politics in the on-going struggle for defining the principles and boundaries of social inclusion and political participation with some of the leading activists and academic scholars in the field. The students also acquire key qualifications in media practice.

Target Group: Postgraduate students from Master or PhD Programs in Humanities and Social Sciences.

Languages: English and Spanish.

Registration and Fees:

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Cost: 150 € (includes Summer School, Conference, inaugural reception and lodging costs at a hostel). Students from Bielefeld University are freed from charges.

Registration until May 1st 2012.

Please note that the registration is only valid if you transfer the fee within 10 days after the online registration.

Program

Workshop: Media Praxis (June, 27th & July, 4th-7th)

The Bielefeld Summer School on Air

Miriam Grabenheinrich (Journalist/Media Trainer) introduces to the basics of science journalism and radio praxis, including interview techniques, storyboards, and editing. She will also orient students' radio features related to identity politics.

Workshops June, 28th-29th

Ethnicity and Democracy. Challenging the Boundaries of the Political in Latin America

Ethnic mobilisation has provoked major changes in the social, political and cultural outline of most Latin American nation-states. We address the major achievements and obstacles this trend has produced during the last two decades.

Ethnic Literatures in the Americas

From a comparative perspective, this workshop will engage with literary works by African American, Asian American and Latin@ writers in an attempt to grasp the history, complexity, and richness of literatures that exceed the established boundaries of literary canons and nation-states.

Indigenous Languages in Central America

The aim of this workshop is to offer an introduction to the languages of Central America, from Uto-Aztecan and Mayan languages in Mexico to the Chibchan and Choco languages in Panama.

Ethnic Migration: Theoretical Questioning, Research Design and Case Analysis

The workshop offers the possibility to develop a case study on ethnicity in migration contexts taking into account migration theory, intersectionality and social differentiation.

Workshops June, 29th-30th

Indigenous Self Representation in Audiovisual Media

We will have a look into how forms of indigenous self-representation in film and videos changed from those early times when there was a markable influence of visual anthropologists to the growing autonomy of ethnic media production in postmodern mediascapes.

Historical Justice: Politics of Memory and History

The workshop focuses on the practical work of recent truth commissions, evaluates the debates regarding historical justice and discusses politics of memory in contemporary Latin America.

Urban Ethnic Landscapes: Between Heritage and Hybridization

The workshop introduces to the relevant academic discussions on urban cultural politics. In a second step, it explores the multi-facetted and conflictive dynamics between heritage and hybridization by analyzing paradigmatic examples of urban ethnic landscapes in the Americas.

Ethnicity, Identity and Development

The workshop deals with current politics of development agencies. Through a participatory approach – role play activities, SWOT-analysis and work on case studies – an exchange of different views and opinions around development co-operation shall be encouraged.

