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Children sail and play by the Nueva Ahuaypa indigenous community. Photo by Juan Carlos Huayllapum CIFOR



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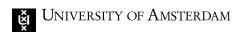
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Introduction

As in 2020, the year of 2021 was also marked by the global pandemic. Despite the start of vaccination programmes, COVID-19 was omnipresent. For a large part of the year we were working from home, and our information and research on Latin America was by and large through digital means. As the CEDLA staff still needed more time and energy for teaching and working online, research activities went at a slower pace. Later in the year, however, some of the PhD students managed to travel and finally do fieldwork again. In September, we could also physically welcome an international group of 17 students in Amsterdam for the Master's Programme Latin American Studies. While the 19 students of the previous year had been forced to do their thesis research digitally, the new group would be able to travel to the region in early 2022.

CEDLA activities were done online until summer. The lecture series continued with interesting talks by colleagues from the Netherlands and abroad. The digital format allowed for engaging with a wider audience. In March, the lecture by Rutgerd Boelens on his new collaborative project on Riverhood and River Commons attracted more than a hundred people. We also experimented with online post-lecture social gatherings because we missed the informal meetings afterwards. In a digital space that we called the CEDLA Zócalo, participants became avatars and could walk around and talk in small groups.

Fortunately, the first lecture after the summer was again at CEDLA with an audience, while being also streamed and recorded. Our visiting fellow Jelke Boesten kicked off the series with an intriguing talk on sexual violence, impunity and gender justice in Peru and Guatemala. From then on, we used various hybrid formats for the timely talks, which we put on CEDLA's YouTube channel afterwards. On the occasion of Costa Rica's Bicentenary, we had a webinar on demilitarisation and independence, co-organised with the Costa Rican embassy, including a presentation by former president Luis Guillermo Solís. Another example of a topical lecture was the one given from Bogotá by Stephen Peters of Instituto CAPAZ, who talked about Colombia's peace process at a crossroads, five years after the signing of the peace accords. As the protests in the Spring of 2021 in cities such as Cali and Bogotá have shown, formal peace has not ended Colombia's deep social and political tensions. As you may notice, in this annual report we are experimenting with a more modern and visual way of showing key activities and output of CEDLA. For this purpose, we have made the descriptions more compact. We no longer list all individual results, which can also be found on our personal pages at the UvA website. We hope that with this new style our annual report will become more accessible and give a nice impression of the members and work of the vibrant CEDLA community.

Barbara Hogenboom Director

Introducción

El año 2021, como el 2020, también estuvo marcado por la pandemia mundial. A pesar del inicio de los programas de vacunación, el COVID-19 continuó omnipresente. Durante gran parte del año trabajábamos desde casa, y nuestra información e investigación sobre América Latina se hacía en gran medida a través de medios digitales. Las actividades de investigación se desarrollaron a un ritmo más lento porque el personal de CEDLA necesitaba más tiempo y energía para enseñar y trabajar en línea. Sin embargo, en el transcurso del año, algunos de los estudiantes de doctorado lograron viajar y finalmente volvieron a hacer trabajo de campo. En septiembre, pudimos recibir presencialmente en Ámsterdam, a un grupo internacional de 17 estudiantes para el Programa de Maestría en Estudios Latinoamericanos. Mientras que los 19 estudiantes del año anterior se habían visto obligados a hacer su investigación de tesis digitalmente, el nuevo grupo podría viajar a la región a principios de 2022.

Las actividades de CEDLA se realizaron en línea hasta el verano. La serie de conferencias continuó con interesantes charlas de colegas de los Países Bajos y del extranjero. El formato digital permitió interactuar con una audiencia más amplia. En marzo, la conferencia de Rutgerd Boelens sobre su nuevo proyecto colaborativo sobre *Riverhood y River Commons* atrajo a más de cien personas. También experimentamos con reuniones sociales en línea posteriores a la conferencia. Estas reuniones fueron posibles en un espacio digital que llamamos CEDLA Zócalo, los participantes se convirtieron en avatares y podían caminar y conversar en pequeños grupos.

Afortunadamente, después del verano realizamos en CEDLA la primera conferencia pública, mientras también se transmitía y grababa. Nuestra investigadora visitante Jelke Boesten dio inicio a la serie con una charla sobre la violencia sexual, la impunidad y la justicia de género en Perú y Guatemala. A partir de ahí, utilizamos varios formatos híbridos para nuestros eventos, que luego subimos al canal de YouTube de CEDLA. Con motivo del Bicentenario de Costa Rica, tuvimos un webinar sobre desmilitarización e independencia, coorganizado con la embajada de Costa Rica, que incluyó una presentación del expresidente Luis Guillermo Solís. Otro ejemplo de actividad fue la charla dictada desde Bogotá por Stephen Peters del Instituto CAPAZ, quien habló sobre la encrucijada del proceso de paz de Colombia, cinco años después de la firma de los acuerdos de paz. Como han demostrado las protestas de la primavera colombiana de 2021 en ciudades como Cali y Bogotá, la paz formal no ha terminado con las profundas tensiones sociales y políticas de Colombia.

Como se puede notar, en este informe anual estamos experimentando con una forma más moderna y visual de mostrar las actividades clave y los resultados de CEDLA. Para este propósito, hemos hecho las descripciones más compactas. Ya no enumeramos todos los resultados individuales, que también se pueden encontrar en nuestras páginas personales en el sitio web de UvA. Esperamos que con este nuevo estilo de nuestro informe anual sea más accesible y dé una buena impresión de los miembros y el trabajo de la vibrante comunidad de CEDLA.

Bárbara Hogenboom Directora

Research

Research Programme and Context

CEDLA is part of the Amsterdam School for Regional, Transnational and European Studies (ARTES), a research school combining humanities and social science-based approaches to the study of various world regions at the University of Amsterdam. CEDLA covers three broad research themes: Urban and Global Cultures in Latin America; Environmental Governance and Justice in Latin America; and The Commons in Latin America. The latter connects to CEDLA's research programme 'Reshaping Society and the Commons in Latin America' that focuses on societal transformations of (de-/re-) commoning taking place on different scales and social domains in the region. In 2021, a new project has been added to this domain: 'River Commons', coordinated by Prof. Rutgerd Boelens (see below).

CEDLA research activities are developed through several projects, seminars, and publications by its researchers, often in collaboration with PhD students and external partners. Below we first present consortium projects with external funding, followed by overviews of individual activities of staff and PhD students. Due to the pandemic, research activities in 2021 were largely limited to digital research, virtual research meetings, and research proposal writing. CEDLA researchers met regularly online to discuss project ideas and paper drafts. CEDLA researchers have also devoted time to developing research proposals for external

funding programmes, including the proposal 'Empowering Nature: New Rights, Relations and Responsibilities' (for the NWA-ORC programme) led by Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Prof. Rutgerd Boelens, and the proposal 'Local and Indigenous Knowledge for an Amazonian Grounded (Bio) Economy' (LINKAGES), led by Dr. Fabio de Castro. The latter project has been accepted for funding by NWO's Special Call 'Sustainable Biomass Production for a Biobased Economy' and will start in 2022.

Externally Funded Projects

AGENTS: Amazonian Governance to Enable Transformations to Sustainability (2018-2022)

The NWO-funded project AGENTS seeks to evaluate promising individual and collective initiatives involving landuse practices in the Amazon basin, including conditions that promote the reconciliation of environmental conservation and agricultural production. In 2021, AGENTS' activities remained fully online, including five participatory Dialogues organised in Madre de Dios, Peru, and two participatory Dialogues organised in Santarém, Brazil. During these meetings, representatives of civil society organisations and farming organisations discussed their challenges (old and new challenges emerging from the pandemic crisis), and some promising initiatives they are carrying out to tackle them. The project team has participated in several webinars and published several articles. Participants: Fabio de Castro, Gabriela Russo, and partners.

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

Together with an alliance of scientific, policy, activists 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, and 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, Riveras-Subject, and River-as-Movement, see www.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. Participants: Rutgerd Boelens (coordinator), Barbara Hogenboom, Fabio De Castro, Julienne Weegels, Bibiana Duarte, Juan Pablo Hidalgo and other consortium partners. 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 2 part-time postdocs.

LFFU: Leave Fossil Fuels Underground in Africa and Latin America (2018-2022)

This WOTRO-NWO co-funded project analyses, develops and shares successful strategies and arguments on 'Leaving Fossil Fuels Underground' (LFFU) emerging from Africa and Latin America at multiple levels of governance. See www.leavefossilfuelsunderground.org/ We assess these LFFU initiatives - with a special focus on LFFU in South Africa and Ecuador - and their potential for upscaling in other countries and regions. The climate challenge requires a global phase-out of fossil fuels and calls for a global transition. Through a process of co-creating new knowledge with various stakeholders as well as connecting to, and expanding, existing networks, this project expects to have positive impact on the promotion of LFFU. In 2021 research was presented in several online conferences and progress was made with a joint publication. Participants: Barbara Hogenboom, Carolina Valladares and partners.

P(R)OTESTAS: The Politics and Aesthetics of Digital Authoritarianism and Protest in the Global South (2021-2022) In this cross-regional research project funded by the UvA



(RPA Global Digital Cultures), we critically examine the tension between digital democratisation and securitisation in the Global South, focusing on recent cases in Latin America (Nicaragua, Colombia) and Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Thailand). Addressing the mutual entanglement between the new authoritarian turn and the emergence and subsequent repression of protest movements in the wake of the rapid digitisation of state apparatuses and civil society across the Global South, we analyse how the socio-technological affordances of the digital realm inflect the politics and aesthetics of authoritarianism and protest in specific political conditions. We do so by means of visual and cultural analysis of the digital cultural productions of protesters and power holders, and digital ethnography of the micro-politics of digitally-mediated contentious political communications and controls, while remaining attentive to the slippages between the digital and non-digital, and to the political economy of digital infrastructures as an instrument of power. Participants: Julienne Weegels, Luisa González Valencia and partners.

China's Role in Latin America and Caribbean (2021-2022)

Upon request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Latin America department and funded by the China Knowledge Network, CEDLA studies the contemporary role of China in the region and how this affects the region's foreign relations. The assessment sets to clarify the changing nature of China's economic and political role in the LAC region and the influence thereof on LAC countries and regional organisations as well as on LAC's relations with the US, EU and in particular the Kingdom of The Netherlands (KNL). The assessment is organised into three parts, and the results will be presented in three separate reports in 2022.

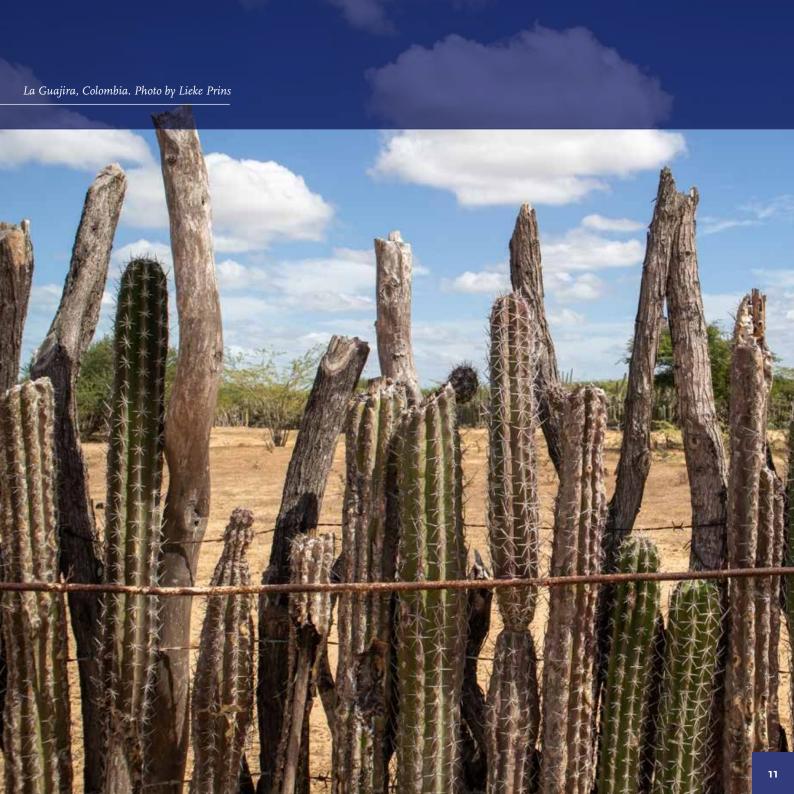
With three countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands being Caribbean (Aruba, Curação and Sint Maarten), the assessment pays special attention to the Chinese influence on these three countries. Participants: <u>Barbara Hogenboom</u>, Michiel Baud, Diego Steinhöfel and partners.

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

The criminal justice system has a strong influence on the further development of inequality in different life domains and life stages. In this project funded by Amsterdam's Kenniscentrum Ongelijkheid, we investigate the relationship between the criminal justice system and the accumulation of spatial and social inequalities. See www.kenniscentrumongelijkheid.nl/project-het-ongelijkheidsbeginsel/. The aim of the study is to provide a better understanding of how criminal justice policy (at city and district level) influences the opportunities and resources of Amsterdam's young adults both before and after the criminal sanction period. Participants: Julienne Weegels and partners.

RRING: Responsible Research and Innovation Networking Globally (2018-2021)

The EU-funded RRING project was concluded with the Project Online Summit on 19-20 April 2021. During these two days, the highlights of the project were presented and discussed with a large audience of researchers and practitioners interested in responsible research and innovation. See www.rring.eu. Participants: Fabio de Castro, Barbara Hogenboom and partners.



Staff Research

Michiel Baud

Over 2021, Michiel Baud has been working on two projects. In the first half of the year he investigated, together with Prof. Rosemarijn Höfte (KITLV/UvA), the ways in which Caribbean nations have presented themselves in the international arena. These attempts of 'nation-branding' are often instigated and supervised by international companies. Its purpose is to present a positive version of the country, its people and its history in order to attract investments or tourism. The result is normally a distorted or incomplete version of the country's national history and a disregard of the country's social and economic problems, such as poverty, inequality, pollution and crime. The purpose of the project was to analyse how these branding efforts had consequences for the national societies involved and how they could possibly lead to new forms of exclusion and social and racial inequality. The study will be published as a chapter in the volume *Caribbean Cultural Heritage* (2022). The second half of the year, together with Barbara Hogenboom, Michiel Baud started working on three reports, due in 2022, for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the consequences of the increasing economic and political presence of China in the LAC region.

Rutgerd Boelens

Appointed to CEDLA as Special Professor of "Political Ecology of Water" in 2014, the key research and education fields of Rutgerd Boelens's chair relate to the cultural politics of water, hydrosocial territories, and struggles for water justice. The corresponding research partner networks of Rutgerd focus on water politics, governmentality and social movements, bridging Latin America and Europe. In addition to his Personal Professorship at Wageningen University (Chair of "Water Governance and Social Justice"), Rutgerd has a Visiting Professorship at PUCP Catholic University Peru (Department of Social Sciences) and the Central University of Ecuador (Department of Agricultural Sciences). In 2021, his activities have concentrated on implementing and coordinating two large intercontinental projects: Riverhood and River Commons. Other key activities included the PhD supervision (with Michiel Baud and Barbara Hogenboom) of Bibiana Duarte, Carolina Valladares, Tatiana Roa and Hannah Porada. In addition to publishing a number of journal articles, Rutgerd organised several international e-seminars on the political ecology of rivers and transdisciplinary action-research, and the NEWAVE seminar on the theoretical perspectives on water governance. In the River Commons programme, four new WUR-CEDLA co-supervised PhD researchers (Sebastian Reyes, Laura Giraldo, Juliana Forigua and Carolina Cuevas) are starting their project preparation.

In 2021 Rutgerd has started implementing and coordinating his ERC project "Riverhood. Living rivers and new water justice movements: From dominating waterscapes to the Rights of Nature". Riverhood engages 4 PhDs and 20 partner organisations (research, grassroots, policy, activist) in transcultural action-research in Europe and Latin America. With WUR, CEDLA and



partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe, he also has setup the "River Commons" PhD research and training project, for which he acts as PI. This projects involves II PhD research projects and 40 short Master's thesis projects. Four parttime postdocs support both projects. Socio-ecological river systems, commons, environmental justice movements and transcultural solidarity are the subjects that entwine the two 5-year projects.

El Chumia fishing camp at Rio Huallaga, Peru. Photo by Jeroen Vos.

Fabio de Castro

In 2021, Fabio was engaged in research activities related to his two main projects (RRING and AGENTS), by organising and participating in academic events, and writing academic articles and research proposals. He has completed his report for the RRING project which came to an end in April. In November, he co-organised the Transformation to Sustainability programme meeting where the main empirical findings of all projects of the programme – including the AGENTS project – were presented. Fabio has co-authored three academic publications related to both projects in 2021: 'Reconceptualising Responsible Research and Innovation from a Global South Perspective' in *Responsible Research and Innovation* as part of RRING; 'Farm Knowledge Co-Production at an Old Amazonian Frontier: Case of the Agroforestry System in Tomé-Açu, Brazil' in *Rural Landscapes*; and 'Making Place-Based Sustainability Initiatives Visible in the Brazilian Amazon' in *Current Opinion*



in Environmental Sustainability, as part of AGENTS. Fabio was also active in applying to grant proposals. He contributed to the elaboration of the research project 'Empowering Nature: New Rights, Relations and Responsibilities', and together with colleagues from the VU University Amsterdam and the State University of Campinas (Brazil), he was the leading author of the proposal 'Local and Indigenous Knowledge for an Amazonian Grounded (Bio) Economy – LINKAGES' submitted to the NWO Programme Sustainable biomass production for a biobased economy.

Fabio de Castro was part of the organising committee of the first virtual Latin American Conference on the Commons from I-4 June. As part of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC), over two thousand people participated in fourteen panels where researchers and practitioners discussed cutting-edge topics related to natural resources and cultural, urban and digital commons. Carried out fully in Spanish and Portuguese, the conference was an innovation in inclusion and transdisciplinarity. In addition, Fabio de Castro joined the guest editorial team of the Special Issue 'Transformations to sustainability: Processes, Practices and Pathways' to be published in the journal *Global ENVIRONMENTAL Change*. This special issue will showcase the most relevant empirical analysis of twelve projects funded by T2S Programme of Belmont Forum-Norface, including AGENTS.

Barbara Hogenboom

Barbara divided her research time between several of the above-mentioned projects, in particular the coordination of 'Leave Fossil Fuels Underground for Sustainable and Inclusive Development: Co-Creating Alternative Pathways in Africa and Latin America' (LFFU, 2018-2022) and some related presentations, and participation in the newly started River Commons project coordinated by Prof. Rutgerd Boelens. In 2021, new ideas and plans were also developed in various collaborations, in particular a grant proposal for a large transdisciplinary project on 'Empowering Nature: New Rights, Relations and Responsibilities', together with Rutgerd Boelens and a CEDLA & Wageningen University team and numerous societal partners in the Netherlands and Latin America (the submitted full proposal was not selected for funding). Another project that was selected is an extensive research report on China's current role in Latin America and Caribbean (2021-2022) for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project that started in September 2021 is coordinated by Barbara and Prof. Michiel Baud, and former MLAS student Diego Steinhöfel serves as project assistant. In addition, Barbara is on the board of the selected UvA Research Priority Area ENLENS for interdisciplinary research on Energy Transition (2022-2026).

Christien Klaufus

Christien continued her research along two different lines: deathscape research and remittance research. She has used the year 2021, in which traveling was not possible, to analyse and supplement parts of her earlier research findings. One set of

fieldwork data concerns the everyday functioning of informal deathscapes in the *conos* of metropolitan Lima (fieldwork in 2016 and 2017). It examines how next-of-kin and informal workers jointly create meaningful spaces for the dead and the living, which are interpreted as a local cultural knowledge system. Another set of fieldwork data concerns the municipal death services and dead-disposal infrastructure in the city of Buenos Aires, based on research in 2019 and digital ethnography in 2020, to understand the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on death and disposal services for vulnerable groups. The research publications contribute to the broader field of Death Studies. Another line of research Christien has worked on is an overview of the historical development of 'remittance landscapes' across Latin American cities and countries. The publication based on this work contributes to the field of Migrations Studies.



As an active member of the Dutch research network DONE (Death Research Netherlands), Christien collaborates on a project that aims to critically reflect on Philippe Ariès seminal work on death mentalities. In the workshops on this topic that the network DONE organised in 2021, Christien contributed with her Latin American case studies to counterbalance the theoretical bias towards post-secular Western societies. Her contribution stresses Latin American religious multiplicity, pointing to a less univocal and more ambiguous death mentality. By way of a vignette, the history of a sanctuary for the popular saint Gauchito Gil near the entrance of cemetery La Chacarita, in Buenos Aires (see photograph) and the history of that particular cemetery highlight the intertwining of seemingly incompatible cosmologies and death repertoires.

Kees Koonings

In 2021, Kees Koonings' endowed chair of Brazilian Studies was formally continued for a third term. Kees engaged in several (co-)teaching and supervision activities, and served as chair of the MLAS programme committee until September. He was also co-supervisor of the PhD thesis of Carolina Frossard, on urban security practices in Recife, Brazil, successfully defended on 26 November at the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, UvA. Kees continued his research on pacification policing in Rio de Janeiro, analysing field findings and re-writing a conference paper. Together with Dirk Kruijt, he worked on an edited volume on Latin American military and politics in the twenty-first century. In March 2021 they jointly published on Research Note (non-peer reviewed), 'Self-coups' and the Political Role of the Military in the Americas' in *Academia Letters*.

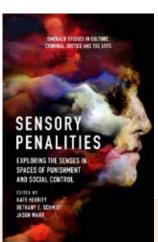


Arij Ouweneel

In the year that The Netherlands again saw a hype of interest in Frida Kahlo, with large exhibitions in the Cobra Museum and the Drents Museum, Arij has been working on his manuscript about the motivation of this fascinating Mexican artist. Frida Kahlo's oeuvre is relatively small and many works — especially the most important ones — refer to intense events in her life. Using all available sources, including a recently released catalogue by Taschen Verlag, *Kahlo's Letters and Work*, Arij finds that she painted primarily to communicate directly with her husband Diego Rivera (also a noted Mexican artist). Frida and Diego had a turbulent marriage and Diego was hardly willing to listen to her grievances and arguments. But as soon as she started painting, he stood behind her (often literally) and they talked about the painting in the making. An exemplary period was their stay in the United States, when Frida chose Mexican themes with a strong political charge. The painting of her miscarriage at Henry Ford Hospital told Diego that she would not have encountered such intense suffering in Mexico (a medical abortion was allowed there, in the US it was not). And while Frida wanted to return to Mexico for various reasons, Diego did not. Arij's book develops phase after phase how during the rest of her life Frida Kahlo's marital problems, physical suffering, and specific events motivated her to inform Diego about her thoughts through painting.

Julienne Weegels

In 2021, Julienne's research focused mainly on the collaborative project "P(R)OTESTAS: The Politics and Aesthetics of Digital Authoritarianism and Protest in the Global South". The project culminated with an international workshop hosted in November, where twelve scholars from a variety of fields and regional contexts presented their working papers toward a special issue



publication. Within this project, Julienne's research has focused on digital memorialisation and justice-seeking initiatives set up by Nicaraguan refugees, former political prisoners, and their family members. Meanwhile, another grant proposal she worked on together with Dr. Thijs Jeursen (Utrecht University) and Restorative Justice Netherlands was been awarded funding by the Amsterdam Kenniscentrum Ongelijkheid. This research project, running from December 2021 through May 2023, will bring her into the world of Amsterdam policing, imprisonment and reintegration. A former MLAS student (class 2019-2020), Elise Fellinger, will be the research assistant to this project. Alongside these projects, Julienne has been working on an NWO Veni proposal at the crossroads of carceral expansion and contestation in Central America, combining insights from critical criminology, political anthropology and carceral geography.

Criminology is experiencing a sensorial turn of its own. Back in 2019, when she was at the Prisons Research Centre in Cambridge for a visiting fellowship, Julienne was invited to

participate in an edited volume titled *Sensory Penalities: Exploring the Senses in Spaces of Punishment and Social Control.* Published in February 2021 by Emerald Publishing, the volume carries 14 exciting contributions from across the world, including her chapter 'Sensing Secrecy: Power Violence and Its Concealment in Nicaraguan Prisons'.

PhD Research

CEDLA has an international group of, on average, 12 to 15 PhD students supervised by CEDLA researchers. Their research covers a wide range of societal issues in Latin America and beyond. Most of their projects are either funded through project funding or through a personal research grant. A few students are self-funded and work on their research in addition to their paid work. There are also a few other PhD students who, due to personal circumstances, have been working less intensively on their research in 2021. They are not included in the list below.

Irene Arends

Digital Youth Spaces in Chile: Young People's Everyday Negotiations of Gender and Sexuality

Supervisors: Prof. Michiel Baud and Dr. Annelou Ypeij

Funding: LASP programme, NWO

Irene's research project investigates how young people in Chile use social media to give meaning to and negotiate gender and sexuality. This feminist-informed research concerns the anthropology of youth and uses both digital and in-person ethnography. In 2021, Irene entered the final phase of her PhD project, and she finished writing all of the chapters of her PhD thesis. She furthermore took the initiative to organise a Winter School for LOVA on the subject of 'Motherhood: The unfinished business of feminism?' (9-12 December, Amsterdam).

Lorena del Castillo

Real Estate Markets, Urban Restructuring and Residents' Responses in Lima and Buenos Aires

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Dr. Christien Klaufus

Funding: Self-funded

Lorena's research aims to identify the social tensions and conflicts triggered by the expansion of the real estate sector in Lima's inner-city neighbourhoods. Lorena travelled to Lima for a second round of fieldwork. This trip was sponsored by the Seed Grant from the Centre for Urban Studies (UvA) and the studentship from the Institutional Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) Foundation. During her fieldwork, interviews and primary data were collected with the support of the Urban Geographer Kelly Gómez from the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Urban Cities and Territories (INCITU) of the

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. As part of the CUS Seed Grant, Lorena organised the workshop: "Urban Transformations and New Urban Challenges after the COVID-19 Pandemic in Amsterdam and Lima". The dialogue included researchers from both cities shedding light on the urban dynamics in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also this year, Lorena's article on the socio-spatial effects of the real estate market on public spaces in Lima was published in the indexed journal *Desacatos*, from the Centre of Research and Social Anthropology, Mexico City; and the book chapter: "Communal Work and Neoliberal Production of Space in Urban Settlements in Lima", which was published in the book *Habitar las ciudades latinoamericanas*, from the Collection *Habitad y Sociedad L' Harmattan*, Paris. This book chapter was a collaboration with Andrea Mora, PhD visiting scholar from CEDLA. Lorena is a board member of NALACS. She co-organised the NALACS Thesis Award 2019-2020. She also co-organised the "Dialogue with Civil Society: Community health, food policies and building resilience in Medellín Colombia" in which three speakers discussed the actions taken by vulnerable communities in Medellín with the support of grassroots social organisations to ensure food security for vulnerable populations.

Luisa Gonzalez Valencia

Colombian Popular Cinemas

Supervisors: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Dr. Julienne Weegels

Funding: Self-funded

In 2021 Luisa developed the part of her research dedicated to viral videos through the project: P(r)otestas, funded by Global Digital Cultures research priority area of UvA. This project was done together with professors Julienne Weegels and Yatun



Sastramidjaja. With P(r)otestas they participated at the GDC Seminar, produced a workshop and have been working on the production of a special issue. Luisa curated a large national (Colombia) film programme for the Truth Commission and Cinemateca Distrital de Bogotá, which was an overview of Colombian film in relation to the internal conflict. This programme also contained academic discussions with filmmakers, which can be seen online on the YouTube of the Colombian Truth Commission. In collaboration with revistavisaje.co she also created a special issue about the Colombian National Strike that echoes her research with P(r)otestas.

Barbara Haenen

Nation-building on the Periphery: State and Church in the Colombian and Peruvian Amazon

Supervisors: Prof. Michiel Baud and Prof. Barbara Hogenboom

Funding: Slicher van Bath – de Jong Fonds

In the Fall of 2021, Barbara Haenen spent two months in the historical archives in two convents in Spain. Her research analyses and compares the presence of Catholic religious orders in the Amazon. She carried out research in the archives and libraries of the convent Capuchin order in Barcelona, and in an Augustinian convent in Valladolid. These archives contain the documents and letters that members of these religious orders sent from Latin America to Europe so that they could be stored. The wide variety of documents in these archives give an impression of the Amazon during the late nineteenth



and early twentieth centuries, and illustrate how undefined and contested borders in this region gradually became more permanent. Earlier in 2021, she attended the European Social Science and History Conference and was part of the panel "State Building I: Emerging Institutions". There, she presented a paper on conflicts between religious orders and the secular clergy in the Amazon. Throughout 2021 she acted as cochair of OLA, a network for PhD students from several Dutch universities whose research focuses on Latin America. As cochair, she helped organise feedback sessions and workshops for its members.

The Archive of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Sarrià, Barcelona, Spain.

Geraldine Lamadrid Guerrero

Defying Violence through Art in Political Memory Construction in Mexico at the Beginning of the 21st Century.

Supervisor: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Prof. Michiel Baud

Funding: CONACYT

Geraldine continued her research using the methodological approach of Applied Theatre to define the value of theatre practice as a tool for social relief in the context of Mexican political violence between 2015-2019. Theatre practice has been a way to express and address sensitive topics in the area of Veracruz, a medium to reconstruct and to keep the contemporary



political memory while contesting social injustice and censorship by the hand of artistic expression. At the same time, she has been involved in several bachelor's teaching activities (Lectura Guiada "Theater and Performative Action as a Tool for Social Transformation in Latin America"; and the course "Understanding Latin America Today"). She published a book review about "Hacer tiempo. Estrategias críticas del arte en lo político" (in Investigación Teatral. Revista de artes escénicas y performatividad, Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico).

Working from home

Hannah Porrada

Water/Mining Paradigms and the Politics of Naturalising Water Overabundance in Guatemala and the Netherlands

Supervisors: Prof. Rutgerd Boelens and Dr. Jeroen Vos (WUR)

Funding: NEWAVE-ITN

Hannah completed her research proposal in June 2021. In autumn, she started conducting fieldwork in the Netherlands. She investigated questions related to gas extraction, hydrosocial territorial transformation and social mobilisation in Groningen



(north-eastern Netherlands) between September and December 2021to. In addition to advancing her PhD research, Hannah completed a couple of core trainings on, among others, a course on the political ecology of water, on methodology, on academic writing, and several Dutch language courses. Being part of the EU-funded ITN entitled 'NEWAVE', Hannah also participated in several research and training activities that are part of the network, for example, a working group on water governance paradigms which will lead to a joint paper on this issue.

Home in Zeerijp, Groningen, the Netherlands.

Lieke Prins

Creative Hangouts in Urban Spaces: Unravelling Street Art Practices and Spaces in Medellín and Amsterdam.

Supervisors: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Dr. Christien Klaufus

Funding: Self-funded and CUS-UvA writing grant

Due to the pandemic, Lieke could not travel to her research site and therefore started to analyse social media interactions. She



rewrote her proposal discussing the relations between physical and digital public spaces in street art practices. Lieke assisted in the courses 'Global Cities in Latin America' and 'Visual Culture in the Hispanic World' and she also gave a guest lecture in the introduction course 'From Tijuana to Ushaia.' In December, she was able to travel to Colombia and started to conduct fieldwork in La Guajira, Santa Marta, and Medellín.

Painting schools of the Wayuu community in La Guajira, Colombia. Artists: Pirañas Crew.

Tatiana Roa Avendaño

The Path from Resistance towards Alternatives to Development. Three Colombian Experiences

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Prof. Rutgerd Boelens

Funding: NUFFIC

During 2021, Tatiana wrote two chapters of her PhD thesis. In September, she was invited by the Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Futures of Sustainability", University of Hamburg, to give the central lecture of the Theme Week: Land and Food Struggles in Latin America. The Political Ecology Group of CLACSO; and the Pontificia Bolivariana University of Medellín invited her to participate in the Encounters of Knowledge "Thinking with Rivers: Energy transition, Riparian Cultures and Socio-ecological Conservation" to present a paper on "Hydroelectric Plants in the Energy Transition". She was also invited by other institutions such as the University of Costa Rica, the Open and Distance University of Colombia (UNAD) and the Institute of Ecological Studies of Ecuador to participate in different public exposure. Professor Arturo Escobar invited her to present one of the chapters of her research work in one of his classes on design for transition at the Universidad Autónoma



de México. Her article, "El aplanador discurso del fracking" was published in the book <u>Conflictividad socioambiental y lucha por la tierra en Colombia. Entre el Posacuerdo y la Globalización</u> (Toro Pérez, Ignación Reyes & León, eds, published by the editorial of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia). And the Heinrich Boll Foundation and Censat Agua Viva published the volume <u>Energías para la transición</u>. Reflexiones y Relatos, which she coordinated.

Tatiana visiting Rosita from the Collective of Peasant Reserves of Santander.

Gabriela Russo Lopes

Agency in the Amazonian Forest Governance

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Dr. Fábio de Castro

Funding: AGENTS-Belmont-NWO

Gabriela's main activity was to advance the writing of her PhD thesis. She submitted chapters I and 2 to two renowned



journals in the environmental governance field (Land Use Policy and Environmental Politics). She conducted fieldwork in Brazil to collect complementary data for chapters 3 and 4. Most importantly, she sharpened the focus of her research to understand and conceptualise the gradual – and often intangible – changes that happen on individual, community and societal levels that potentially pave the way for fundamental transformations towards sustainability in the Brazilian Amazon. Gabriela collaborated with fellow scholars to publish the articles "Making

Place-based Sustainability Initiatives Visible in the Brazilian Amazon", and "Trading Deforestation—Why the Legality of Forest-risk Commodities is Insufficient". Concomitantly, she contributed to the national debate on environmental topics in Brazil by participating in newspaper articles on deforestation risk analyses and the vulnerability of environmental activists in Amazonian rural areas. Gabriela was also the co-chair of the OLA PhD Network on Latin-America Research.

Laura Triana

From Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta to Bogotá: Cultural Agency and Political Achievements from Indigenous Communities in Visual Narratives

Supervisors: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Dr. Fábio de Castro

Funding: COLCIENCIAS



During 2021 Laura spent an important part of the year writing two articles that are part of her PhD thesis. Both texts were submitted to scientific journals and books. The first one, which can be considered as an introduction draft, was published in the first semester of 2021 as "Discusiones sobre políticas de etnicidad, procesos culturales y apropiación audiovisual en comunidades Amerindias en Colombia" for the journal Cuadernos de Música: Artes visuales y Artes Escénicas. The second article regards the theoretical/conceptual review to her dissertation entitled "Trazando rutas de los procesos audiovisuales amerindios: Enfoques, reflexiones y perspectivas", to be published in the second semester of 2022 for the book Experiencias Teóricas y Metodológicas en la Antropología Audiovisual Contemporánea by Pontificia Universidad Salesiana and Abya Yala editorial. The latter article was also discussed during OLA sessions and received feedback from Laura's supervisors. She has also participated as a lecturer for LAS Minor tutorial course about Amerindian Visual Culture in Latin America during 2021 and 2022. Lastly, Laura was able to travel to Colombia for fieldwork in November 2021 until April 2022 in Bogotá and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

Fieldwork at Siminke-Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta



Carolina Valladares Pasquel

The Politics of Ideas for Leaving Fossil Fuels Underground: The Cases of Ecuador and The Netherlands

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Prof. Rutgerd Boelens

Funding: LFFU, WOTRO-NWO

Carolina participated in two conferences with research presentations on social mobilisations to stop fossil fuels. The first was the 3rd annual Conference of the Centre for Sustainable Development Studies (UvA) and the second was the 16th EAD-ISS conference. Simultaneously to writing her manuscript, she participated in meetings for the preparation of the project book about Leave Fossil Fuels Underground (LFFU) and co-wrote a chapter for the book. Carolina also guided a lecture on Environmental Justice and Extractivism, assisted with a tutorship for the course on Political Ecology of Water at Wageningen University and in the course Politics and Protest in Latin America at CEDLA. Lastly, she gave a guest lecture for the courses 'Understanding Latin America today' and 'Research Qualitative Methods'.



Completed PhD Projects



Esteban Ramírez Hincapié

Sin Historia No Hay Cámera: Confianza y Communicación Ciudadana en el Pierdemonte Amazónico Colombiano.

Supervisors: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Dr. Christien Klaufus

Funding: Colciencias, Colombia

Accessible on UvA-DARE

Esteban successfully defended his PhD thesis on 22 June, 2021. The PhD thesis committee members prof. dr. L.A. Bialasiewicz; prof. dr. J.M. Baud; prof. dr. C.G. Koonings; prof. dr. C. Rodriguez, and dr. E.D. Rasch, provided an online defence that allowed a valuable multifocal discussion. The opponent committee joined from China, the US, Italy, Germany, and the Netherlands. Also, many of the people who had been part of the research process joined from Colombia. The thesis dealt with the role of community communication in building *confianza*

(trust) bonds in a population affected by the Colombian armed conflict. In concrete, the thesis delves into the audiovisual production of a children's audiovisual school and its long-term impact on children's self-trust.

Bibiana Duarte Abadía

Imaginarios hidrosociales, utopías contestadas y luchas territoriales en Colombia y España.

Supervisors: Prof. Rutgerd Boelens and Prof. Michiel Baud

Funding: Colciencias, Colombia

Accessible on <u>UvA-DARE</u>



On 25 June 2021, Bibiana successfully defended her thesis onsite. The PhD thesis committee members were Prof. Barbara Hogenboom, Dr. Fabio De Castro, Prof. Erik Swyngedouw, Prof. Jan Douwe van der Ploeg and Prof. Margreet Zwarteveen. During her defence, she argued on how utopias from the sixteenth century have travelled through time and space and currently shape water management and transform territories. The Andalucía region of Spain and the middle basin of the river Magdalena in Colombia were her case studies to illustrate the encounter of these water imagined worlds and their deployment through the construction of mega-dams and extractive industries. In her PhD thesis, Bibiana concluded that multi-diverse worlds form the power

of the affected communities and social movements. They defend and enliven their territories from the freedom to understand water from its diversities and not from the imposition of dominant utopias.

Visiting Fellows

Jelke Boesten

Prof Jelke Boesten (King's College London) spent the autumn term of 2021 as a Visiting Fellow at CEDLA. She presented her paper 'Sexual Violence on Trial' in the CEDLA lecture series, which was the first onsite lecture of 2021. The paper was subsequently published as 'Transformative Gender Justice: Criminal Proceedings for Conflict-related Sexual Violence in Guatemala and Peru' in the *Australian Journal of Human Rights*, Vol 27 (3), 2022. She also participated in other events at the University of Amsterdam, such as the 'Thinking Through the Crisis: Ending Violence against Women' panel at the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality. In November Jelke travelled to Peru for several weeks of fieldwork researching exsoldiers' accounts of gender violence.

Javier Corrales

Javier Corrales (Amherst College) arrived in late September, shortly after the government lifted many pandemic-related restrictions, and returned home in early December, just when some of the strictest health protocols were reintroduced across the Netherlands. Javier was able to stay healthy and productive during this time in Amsterdam. He finished a co-authored paper entitled, "Homophobic Populism: Explaining the Odd Alliance between Populists and Conservative Christians". Javier also team-taught with Prof. Barbara Hogenboom the Bachelor course Politics and Protest in Latin America and offered some classes in the Master's programme. He also gave a presentation on current political trends in the region before a group from the Ministry of Foreign Relations in the Hague.

Bibiana Duarte Abadía

During her fellowship, Bibiana (also a post-doc at Wageningen University) edited the first book for the River Commons project: *Ríos, Utopías y Movimientos Sociales*'. *Reviviendos flujos de vida en Colombia y España*, published by ABYA YALA in February 2022. Bibiana also co-authored the article "River Lives, River Movements. Fisher Communities Mobilising Local and Official Rules in Defense of the Magdalena River", published in the Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law (2022).

Esteban Ramírez Hincapié

Following his PhD defence, as CEDLA fellow Esteban worked on the manuscript for his coming book, which FESCOL will publish in the second semester of 2022. Simultaneously, he worked part-time as a postdoc researcher at the Arctic Centre at the University of Groningen, focused on narratives of change in the high Arctic.

Alexis Sossa

Following his PhD defence, CEDLA fellow Alexis worked on several publications, including the article 'Body, Meanings, and Physical Activity in Older Adults: A Qualitative Perspective of Frequent Gym-goers' which will be published in *Qualitative Sociology Review*. He wrote two book reviews (in the *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 2022, 113, Rev. 3, and *Nordic sport science forum*, 2022) and assisted in working-group meetings of the course Politics and Protest in Latin America. In addition, he participated in the Fourth Conference on Body, Art and Communication (online, National University of La Plata, Argentina); the XI International Congress on the Body in the XXI Century; and Heterodox Approaches from Latin America (Online, Pontifical University of San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca, Bolivia).



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Activities, Services and Exposure

CEDLA Latin America Lectures Series

26 February 2021, 16:00-17:00 CET *online*Presidential Term Limits: Comparing Reforms in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa
Mariana Llanos, GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies, Hamburg

19 March 2021, 16:00-17:00 CET *online*Riverhood and River Commons in Latin America and Europe
Rutgerd Boelens, Wageningen University & CEDLA-UvA

9 April 2021, 16:00-17:00 CEST *online*Inflections of Anti-Racism in Latin America

<u>Mónica Moreno Figueroa</u>, University of Cambridge and <u>Peter Wade</u>, University of Manchester

30 April 2021, 16:00-17:00 CEST *online*On Indigenous Peoples and Protection of the Amazon
Eduardo Brondizio, Indiana University Bloomington

21 May 2021, 16:00-17:00 CEST *online*More Money, More Crime: A Theory on Rising Crime in Latin America

Marcelo Bergman, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), Argentina

11 June 2021, 16:00-17:00 CEST *online* Contested Urban Territories in Latin America: Financialisation, Displacement, Gentrification <u>Michael Janoschka</u>, Universität Leipzig

10 September 2021, 15:30-17:00 *onsite* Sexual violence on trial: Impunity and transformative gender justice in post-conflict Latin America <u>Jelke Boesten</u>, King's College London 8 October 2021, 15:30-17:00 <u>onsite</u> China's Belt and Road Initiative and the Future of Development in the Caribbean Ruben Gonzalez Vicente, Universiteit Leiden

19 November 2021, 15:30-17:00 CET <u>onsite</u>
Power, Imprisonment and the Force of Law in Nicaragua
<u>Julienne Weegels</u>, CEDLA & ARTES, Universiteit van Amsterdam

3 December 2021, 15:30-17:00 <u>online</u> The Colombian Peace Process at a Crossroads: Challenges and Perspectives <u>Stefan Peters</u>, Instituto CAPAZ (Bogotá) & University of Giessen





Occasional Lectures and Other Activities

- Workshop 6 Sep. 2021, 16:00-18:30 CEST <u>online</u>
 Urban transformations and new urban challenges after the COVID-19 pandemic in Amsterdam and Lima Co-organised with PUCP Peru and Centre for Urban Studies, UvA
- Seminar 24 Sep. 2021, 15:30-17:30 CEST online

Demilitarisation in Latin America: Lessons from Costa Rica and beyond (seminar)

Luis Guillermo Solís, Florida International University and former President of Costa Rica

Discussants: Dirk Kruijt, Utrecht Universiteit & Kees Koonings, CEDLA-UvA & Utrecht Universiteit

Organised in collaboration with the Embassy of Costa Rica on occasion of the Bicentennial of Costa Rica's independence.

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. Most readers access content through www.erlacs.org and JSTOR, with more than 45,000 views annually. The highest number of readers in 2021 were from the United States, Indonesia, Mexico, Colombia, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Chile, Argentina, Spain and Peru. Online visibility is enhanced through the ERLACS e-newsletter (more than 760 subscribers), and announcements on CEDLA's Facebook page, LinkedIn and website. ERLACS ranks 9th in the Scimago index and is in Google's international top 10 of Latin American Studies journals.

In 2021, ERLACS issue III (January-June) included several articles in Spanish on the subjects of memory water justice in Ecuador, the disappeared in Argentina and the workers' movement in Argentina, as well as the construction of the good migrant in Mexico, and the feminist engagements with geopolitical positionality in Latin America. Issue II2 (July-December) contains the successful Special Collection 'Violent Configurations of Power in Mexico', guest edited by Adéle Blázquez and Romain Le Cour Grandmaison, with articles by Wil G. Pansters, Benjamin T. Smith, Sergio Salazar and Natalia Mendoza, among others. This issue has two more articles on Brazilian gold miners in French Guiana, and Covid and commercialisation routes in Argentina.

Library

The corona pandemic still had an impact on the CEDLA Library during 2021. Fortunately, in September it was possible to reopen the CEDLA Library without restrictions. Newly acquired material in 2021 included 660 e-books and 110 books. Preparations for the integration of the CEDLA Library into the University of Amsterdam Library (to be opened in 2024) continued with making the selection of material to be moved either to the new University Library or to the book depot; around 10,000 books have already been moved to the book depot during the year. Another aspect of the integration is visible in the arrangement of the printed books in the library. The University Library uses the Library of Congress Classification for the books in open stacks. As a result our newly acquired print books are being assigned LCC codes instead of our own CEDLA Classification codes. Before moving in 2024, all the books to be placed in the new University Library will get LCC codes

Public exposure

See here an impression of various media, lectures, reports:

Michiel Baud

• Online presentation of his book *Modernidad y luchas sociales en la sociedad dominicana, siglos XIX y XX* (2020), Academia Dominicana de la Historia, Santo Domingo, 16 March 2021

Rutgerd Boelens

- Civil Society Judges Committee: participation in / member of Tribunal Ético de Desastres del Agua, Ecuador
- Blog/Blue Papers: "Riverhood and the Politics of (Mis)Recognizing Local Water Cultures and Water Rights Systems"
- Lecture: keynote for Latin American grassroots collective "Colectivo cartografía crítica de los territorios hidrosociales binacionales de México y Guatemala"
- Lecture: "Riverhood, Living Rivers and New Water Justice Movements" (keynote e-seminar)
- Lecture: "River Commons, Transdisciplinarity and Environmental Justice" (keynote e-seminar)
- Lecture: "Water Grabbing and Water Justice: From Conflicts over Resources to Struggles over Discourses" (UvA Interdisciplinary Studies Programme)
- Lecture: "Water Rights Struggles, Legal Pluralism and Cultural Politics" (keynote VU-NEWAVE)
- Interview article "River Lives, River Movements. Fisher Communities Mobilizing Local and Official Rules in defence of the Magdalena River"
- Interview, Decolonizing Knowledge: "Kennis die niemand ondermijnt", ViceVersa,
- Audiovisual River Commons
- Interview article "Water Movements' defence of the right to water"



Fabio de Castro

- Co-organiser and moderator of the *Multistakeholder Workshop* 'Demystifying North-South Biases on Commons-Research Narratives through the Latin American Case' at the VXIII IASC Conference, 11 October 2021
- Organiser of the <u>Panel 'Contribución Latinoamericana a los Debates Teóricos sobre Bienes Comunes'</u> in the first virtual Latin American conference on the Commons.

Luisa González

- Online article <u>Between Digital Democratization and Securitization</u>: Looking into the Politics and Aesthetics of Digital Authoritarianism and Protest in the Global South. Co-authored with professors Juliene Weegels and Yatun Sastramidjaja.
- Online article Internet for and against the Colombian National Strike.
- Online article ¿Cómo sobrevivir en el chat de mi familia a las próximas elecciones presidenciales?
- Several <u>press notes</u> about the curatorial programme Que Haiga Paz, for the Truth Commission and Cinemateca Distrital de Bogotá.
- Lecture at "Encuentros y desencuentros del cine amateur" organised by Semillero de Investigación Facultad de Comunicación Social y Periodismo, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Colombia.
- Lecture at Rushes #4 of United Screens and Estación Terrena. Organised by SAVVY contemporary The Laboratory of Form-Ideas, Berlin.

Barbara Hogenboom

- "RWE wist al tien jaar dat het zich moest aanpassen en eist nu alsnog 1,4 miljard. Dat is symptomatisch" (lead-author of LFFU-related opinion article), *De Volkskrant* (22 February online).
- Anticommunistische rap wakkert verzet aan in Cuba: 'Mijn volk wil vrijheid', interview for RTLNieuws article 8 March.
- Podcast 第五十三集 De (on)misbare relatie tussen China en Latijns-Amerika, 23 June, <u>BNR</u>.

Kees Koonings

- Interview by Dutch <u>national public radio on Brazilian democracy</u>, Bureau Buitenland, 12 June
- Interview by Dutch national public radio on racism in Brazil, Met het Oog op Morgen, 21 November

Geraldine Lamadrid

• Experiencing "My Documents": Theatre is a Brain That Wires Our Affections by the Hand of Complicity at EASTAP 2021. Conference New Spectatorship in Post-Covid Times: Theatre and the Digital. 23-24 September 2021, Faculty of Communication Vilnius University. ONLINE.

Tatiana Roa

- Theme Week: <u>"Land and Food Struggles in Latin America"</u>, 18 October. Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Futures of Sustainability", University of Hamburg.
- Crisis and Climate Justice. 21 de mayo. University of Costa Rica.
- International Seminar <u>"Critical Thinking and Nature. The Epistemological Dimension of Socioecological Conflicts".</u>
 Universidad Abierta y a Distancia. UNAD. 11 June.
- Encuentros de Saberes «Pensar con los Ríos: Transición energética, culturas ribereñas y conservación socio ecológica». Primer encuentro: <u>Las hidroeléctricas en la transición energética.</u>5 August. Political Ecology Group of Clacso.

Gabriela Russo

- Newspiece in *Estadão*: Brasil tem 70 milhões de hectares de floresta em propriedades rurais sob ameaça de desmate.
- Interview to Estadão: Especialistas alertam para a vulnerabilidade dos ativistas ambientais

Laura Triana

- Amerindian Visual Culture in Latin America. Lectura Guiada LAS Minor tutorial. January-February 2022
- Social media Exposure, Revista cuadernos MAVAE

Carolina Valladares

- Speaker at the event 'Mobilizing the Planet' organised by the Applied Anthropology Network.
- Speaker at "How the Fossil Fuel Industry Contaminates Our Institutions" organised by University Rebellion UvA.
- Co-authored opinion article published online in *De Volkskrant* (22 February), "RWE wist al tien jaar dat het zich moest aanpassen en eist nu alsnog 1,4 miljard. Dat is symptomatisch".

Julienne Weegels

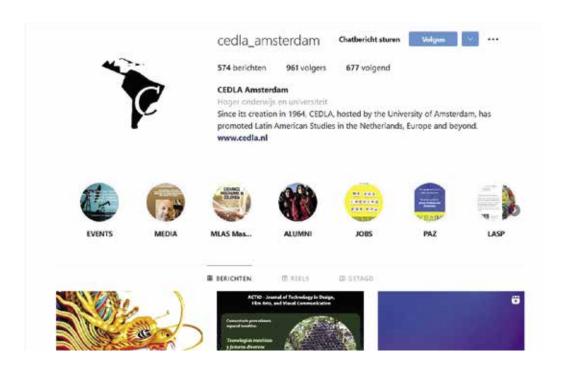
- "Vida en el encierro: Exploraciones de un estado carcelario híbrido", article for Maldito País, Hora Cero, 8 July.
- "Hoe ver gaat Ortega om zijn macht te behouden in Nicaragua?", <u>Interview</u> on NPO Radioi, NOS Met het Oog op Morgen, 6 November.
- "Verkiezingen in Nicaragua maar dat zittend president Ortega wint staat vast", NOS, 7 November.
- "Hoe lokten Mexicaanse drugskartels de bloederige rellen in Ecuadoraanse gevangenis uit?", <u>Interview</u> on Radioï Belgium, 29 September.
- "Al zeker 116 doden na rellen tussen bendes in Ecuadoraanse gevangenis: 'Bloedigste opstand in tien jaar'", <u>VRT-NWS</u>, 29 September.

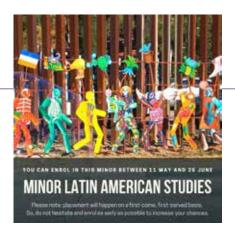


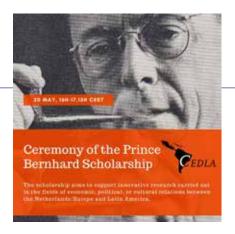
- "Fighting for Justice and Freedom: Women and Protest in Latin America", Public lecture for the Dutch United Nations Student Association (SIB-NL), Vondelkerk Amsterdam, I July.
- Invited public speaker and workshop co-facilitator at *Why the World Needs Anthropologists: Mobilizing the Planet* conference, organised by the EASA Applied Anthropology Network, Charles University, Prague, 10-12 September.
- "Power, Imprisonment and the Force of Law in Nicaragua", Public lecture at CEDLA, 19 November.
- "From Protest to Lockdown: The Influence of Covid-19 on Politics and (Dis)Order in Latin America", Public lecture for BASIS Latin America Committee, Leiden University, 25 November.

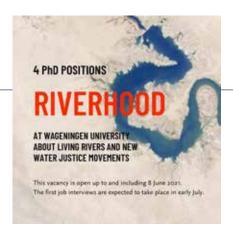
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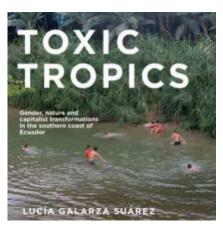
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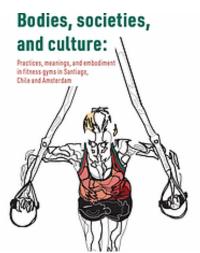
















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Bachelor's Programme Spanish and Latin American Studies

Teaching staff	No. of registrations
Dr. A. Ouweneel (coordinator)	47
Prof. Dr. B. Hogenboom	47
Dr. C. Klaufus	8
Dr. C. Klaufus	41
Dr. F. de Castro	12
Dr. J. Weegels	54
Dr. F. de Castro and Prof. Dr. K. Koonings	47
Dr. A. Ouweneel	47
Dr. J. Weegels	25
Dr. J. Weegels	14
Dr. C. Klaufus (coord.)	30
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Master's Programme of Latin American Studies

In 2020 the MLAS programme was adjusted from 75 credits over 15 months to 60 credits over one academic year. This step was taken in order to align MLAS with other master's programmes at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Amsterdam (UvA). This format is also more attractive to students who are interested in completing their degree in a shorter time. In order to keep the research component of the programme strong, the coursework and the thesis size have been reduced but the thesis-related training path remains half of the programme's credits. This move has proved to be successful as we have seen an increase of registration to MLAS in the last couple of years. The implementation of this new format during the pandemic

crisis, however, has been challenging. A shorter timeframe to complete coursework and elaborate the research project was intersected with students' extra time needed to cope with the consequences of the pandemic. Therefore, the full potential of this new programme could not be experienced by the first cohort of students. Despite the unprecedented circumstances, all students have completed their thesis successfully. An assessment of the new format by teachers and students has revealed the emergence of periods of denseness in the assignments. In collaboration with the staff, the coordination is currently working on these adjustments.



MLAS experience of our student Katerina Zejdlová*

For the first time in the existence of the MLAS programme, we encountered an unprecedented situation facing this predominantly research-oriented programme with a strong fieldwork component: due to the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to physically travel to Latin America to conduct our fieldwork. However, since this is a compulsory and a crucial component of the master's programme, each of us had to confront this challenge in a unique way and come up with a satisfactory solution, having to amend our research plan last minute in order to still be able to conduct our fieldwork through other means and explore previously largely unchartered territories such as digital ethnography.

"Interviews were the key source of my data, and I decided to leverage the digital space – and specifically the prominent role of WhatsApp in Latin America – by tapping into my previous work-related contacts that I had in the Colombian military, the demining NGO sphere and the public sphere. Due to the absence of my physical presence in Latin America I was unable to interview 'ordinary' people I would otherwise naturally encounter in the field. I replaced this component with an online qualitative survey (with some quantitative indicators to ensure geographical and demographic representation) which I managed to diffuse through my personal contacts in Colombia who then further shared this survey in their own WhatsApp groups; this attracted over 50 responses from across Colombia."

Students leveraged and explored the potential of digital tools in conducting fieldwork, which to the success of our 2021 fieldwork, laid the foundation for future students to explore these methods further and experiment with hybrid methodologies when conducting their research.

* Katerina Zejdlova received the prize for Best Pecha Kucha for presenting her thesis 'Spectres of Violence in Post-Agreement Colombia' (Latin American Studies, UvA) for the Humanitarian Communication Thesis Prize 2021

MA courses 2020-2021	Teaching staff	No. of registrations
Introduction to Latin American Studies	Dr. J. Weegels	29
Latin American Studies: Deepening the Debates	Dr. J. Weegels	20
Memories Need to Swim: Heritage and Myth-Making in Latin America	Dr. C. Klaufus Dr. A. Ouweneel	18
Socio-Environmental Changes in Latin America: Power, Participation and Governance	Dr. F. de Castro, Prof. Dr. B. Hogenboom	22
Global Cities in Latin America	Dr. C. Klaufus	11
Tutorials	CEDLA Staff	14
Interdisciplinary Methods	CEDLA Staff	19



MLAS student	Thesis title	Supervisor/Examinator
Riccardo Crocamo	Venezuelan Punk: Opposing Authoritarianism Through Counterspaces – An Analysis of the Physical and Digital Realms of Countercultural Activity from 2014 to the Present	C. Klaufus
Lalaine Faber	Machismo across Borders: A Case-Study on the Gender Identities of Central American Migrants in Galicia, Spain	J. Weegels
Julian Fahr	Contested Territory in Mexico's Wind Energy Development The Transformative Power of Wind Energy in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec	B. Hogenboom
Janneke Fontein	Amazon Indigenous REDD+ in Peru; National Institutional Arrangement and the Materialisation in the Amarakaeri Communal Reserve	F. de Castro
Albert Kobus	Cocaleros and Their Citizenship: a Comparative Analysis Between Putumayo (Colombia) and El Chapare (Bolivia)	K. Koonings
Charlotte Lovera Rivas	Violence as a Road to Manhood: Violence and Masculinity in Honduran News Media	J. Weegels
Neto Martins	Facets of the Right: Expressions of Authoritarian Neoliber- alism in Contemporary Latin America – The Cases of Brazil under Bolsonaro and Colombia under Duque	B. Hogenboom
Beatrice Mosseri	The Role of Rural and Community-based Tourism in Costa Rica's Environmental and Sustainable Development Agen- da	F. de Castro
Isidora Ovalle	Chile's Feminist Awakening: Contested Spaces of Female Participation in the Constitutional Convention Elections	K. Koonings
Gaby Itzel Quiros	DE AQUÍ, Y DE ALLÁ: Trans-border Millennial Generation Identity in the Tijuana-San Diego Region	C. Klaufus

Laura Rodriguez	Teenage Student Agency During COVID-19:An Analysis of the Transition to Online and Remote Education in Latin America	B. Hogenboom
Riya Sharma	Colorín Colorado: Examining Urban Street Art as Cultural Agency in Lima, Peru	C. Klaufus
Marina Wright	Gendered Perspectives to Anti-Extraction Movements in the Ecuadorian Amazon	F. de Castro
Katerina Zejdlova	Spectres of Violence in Post-agreement Colombia: A Study of Narrative Polarisation through Perspectives on Landmines and Demining in the Post-FARC Era	J. Weegels

Interuniversity Graduate Programme LASP

The Latin American Studies Programme (LASP) is an interuniversity graduate programme dedicated to research and (post) graduate education on Latin America, which is coordinated by CEDLA. The LASP board includes eight members of various MA and PhD programmes in the Netherlands, mainly in the social sciences and humanities, and is chaired by Prof. Barbara Hogenboom. LASP's coordinator is Dr. Julienne Weegels.

LASP's educational activities centre on key Latin American perspectives, epistemologies and the promotion of innovative research methodologies. To that end, we organise a biannual summer school and writing retreat. We also organise a yearly interuniversity info meeting for MA graduates on "How to apply for a PhD position in Latin American Studies". Together with the OLA PhD Forum on Latin America, we furthermore co-organise a series of "How to..." workshops, on topics such as how to publish your first academic research article and how to switch to digital research. The latter was especially relevant in 2021, as PhD researchers continued to struggle with pandemic restrictions on international travel and field research.

This year we could congratulate NWO-LASP candidate Jesse Jonkman on his cum laude PhD thesis "Underground Politics: Socio-Territorial Relations, Citizenship, and State Formation in Gold-Mining Regions in Chocó, Colombia", which he successfully defended on 22 February at the VU University. Since then, Jesse has received the VU faculty of social sciences PhD thesis award, the J.C. Ruigrok Prize, and a Rubicon grant from the NWO Dutch Research Council.



Capacity Building for the Latin American Office, MFA

With this programme, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to enhance the knowledge and analysis of Latin America and the Caribbean among its staff members. Since 2016 CEDLA offers a comprehensive programme in which academic knowledge on the region is shared and discussed in study days and thematic seminars. For the period 2021-2024, CEDLA coordinates a new capacity-building programme on Latin America and the Caribbean, approved by the Academy of International Relations of the MFA. This new programme is executed in collaboration with KITLV institute, which takes care of the yearly activities focused on the Caribbean (study day and thematic session). The regular meetings with a wide range of MFA officials proves to be beneficial for building contacts in The Hague and the embassies in the region, which occasionally give way to informal thematic exchanges or discussions on current affairs.

In 2021, CEDLA organised three activities. First, on 28 January, there was a special online seminar on Covid-19: Implications for Latin America, organised in addition to regular activities to address the challenges for the region. The online event was attended by officials working in The Hague, the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the embassies in Latin America and the Caribbean. Prof. Barbara Hogenboom discussed the (socio-)economic effects of the pandemic, while Dr. Fabio de Castro looked into the environmental effects, and Dr. Julienne Weegels into the socio-political effects of Covid. Second, on I July, at the time of large-scale social protests in Colombian cities, CEDLA organised an online seminar on Recent Developments in Colombia and Regional Implications for MFA officials working in The Hague, the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the embassies in Latin America and the Caribbean. There were presentations by Dr. Stefan Peters (director of Capaz Institute, Instituto Colombo-Alemán para la Paz) and Dr. Ivan Briscoe (programme director Latin America, International Crisis Group), who are both based in Bogotá. Third, the annual study day "Contemporary Trends in Latin America" on 28 October was organised onsite in The Hague, allowing for a lively meeting and team-building event of 25 officials from the LA office and some other departments. There were lectures by Prof. Javier Corrales (Amherst College and CEDLA fellow) on political developments, Dr. Nanno Mulder (ECLAC) on economic prospects beyond the pandemic, Dr. Karen Siegel (Münster University) on bio-economy and sustainable development, and Dr. Julienne Weegels (CEDLA) on human rights.

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. Normally, it grants financial support every year for research projects submitted by European and Latin American historians. Due to the ongoing Pandemic in 2021, the board decided to halt the scholarship for one year, since most of the scholarship winners from 2020 have not yet had the opportunity to proceed with their research and fieldwork.

Prince Bernhard Scholarships

The Prince Bernhard Scholarships are meant to support 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. The research proposal should preferably have a link with academic institutions in the Netherlands. In 2021, the Prince Bernhard Scholarships Scientific Board selected the following project for funding: "Survivors' Understandings of Reparative Measures after Genocidal Violence: How to Repair the Harm of LOSING access to Land and Water in Río Negro, Guatemala" by Kim Baudewijns. The project deals with how, on the backdrop of the civil war in Guatemala, the land of the community of Río Negro was violently being dispossessed to make space for the building of the Chixoy dam. Between 1980 and 1982, those that remained and protested in Río Negro were countered violently through a series of massacres. This led to forced displacement of the local community and thus a

loss of access to their land and water from the Río Negro river. As a form of justice and to repair the harm done, there are reparations' activities – initiated by judicial and non-judicial, state and non-state actors – for the survivors of the massacres and forced displacement from the community of Rio Negro. The goal of this research is to understand the effects of a plethora of reparations' initiatives on the lives of survivors of genocidal violence in Río Negro and how this influences their understandings of possibilities to repair the harm of losing the access to land and water of their community.

NALACS: Netherlands Association of LAC Studies

NALACS, the Netherlands Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, is an association for everyone in the Netherlands who is engaged with Latin America and/or the Caribbean, In 2021, NALACS activities remained online, A Dialogue with Civil Society was organised on 'Community Health and Food Security Policies in Medellín, Colombia', on 30 June. The NALACS Master's Thesis Award took place on October 22. From the six nominees selected by the jury, Sofia Forchieri was declared the winner with her thesis "Cartographies of Implication: Femicide in Contemporary Latin American Literature" (Utrecht University). Finally, a short survey was carried out with members of both OLA and NALACS to know what activities would help to engage members. Only one of the requests – a writing retreat – was organised internally by OLA because it was an activity more linked to PhDs and post graduates.

OLA: The Dutch PhD Forum on Latin America

In 2021, the OLA PhD Forum on Latin America continued its activities in an online format. The network organises activities for PhD students from various universities across the Netherlands whose research focuses on Latin American. topics. After adjusting to the new circumstances created in 2020, the feedback meetings, which provide a peer review space for members, continued on a monthly basis through Zoom. This offered the PhDs in the network the possibility to rely on OLA as a source for feedback, support, and the exchange of ideas during their writing processes. Before the summer, we organised an online OLA event, entitled 'Life after PhD'. This event was an informal talk on the topic of the last steps of the PhD process, finishing a PhD thesis and preparing for a PhD defence, as well as what to expect after obtaining the doctorate degree. The talk was organised in collaboration with recently graduated OLA members. As such the event offered a way for members of the OLA network to remain connected with former members as well. In 2021, OLA was co-chaired by Gabriela Russo Lopes and Barbara Haenen, both PhD students at CEDLA. Towards the end of the year, Luisa González and Laura Triana, also PhD students at CEDLA, joined in the organisation of OLA activities, as they will be taking on the role of co-chair in 2022.



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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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