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## Introduction

The year of 2022 involved various big events for CEDLA. In January an independent panel evaluated our Master's Programme Latin American Studies. The panel chaired by Prof. Dr. Ann Varley (University College London) found that the programme continues to meet all the formal standards. Moreover, their report highlights important strengths of the master's programme, its lecturers and students: "The panel evaluates the programme's objectives to be research-intensive and of high academic quality (...). The programme staff are an excellent group of lecturers. (...) CEDLA has a strong research focus, ensuring the research qualities of the lecturers. (...) The rising number of incoming students and the diversity of the student body in terms of nationalities, level of experience and disciplinary backgrounds are positive features of the programme. (...) The master's theses (...) showcase the level of independence and originality of students".

In 2022, we successfully closed two large international research projects: Amazonian Governance to Enable Transformations to Sustainability (AGENTS, 2018-2022), and Leave Fossil Fuels Underground in Africa and Latin America (LFFU, 2018-2022). The first will have a follow-up in an even larger project: Local and Indigenous Knowledge for an Amazonian Grounded (Bio)Economy (LINKAGES, 2022-2027). In addition, CEDLA researchers were in an additional five externally funded projects.

During this post-pandemic year, CEDLA was catching up by having no less than three academic seminars on topical themes: China's Increasing Presence in Latin America and

the Caribbean; Crisis and Cryptos in Latin America; and The Digital Politics of Elections. We also continued with our regular series of CEDLA Lectures and (with NALACS) Dialogues with Civil Society. The exhibition SOS Colombia with powerful posters and other graphic art pieces made during the 2021 political uprising (curated by Juan David Quintero) attracted many visitors to CEDLA. And afterwards, we found the Amsterdam-based International Institute of Social History (IISH) willing to adopt and digitalise the entire collection.

Where in previous annual reports I usually make mention of a few notable social and political events in Latin America, this year it was the Russian invasion in Ukraine that came as a shock to us. This brutal war has forced numerous Ukrainian citizens to seek refuge in the Netherlands and the rest of Europe. Other direct effects are felt in security, energy, and food. The overall official and civic response has been one of European solidarity with Ukraine. While in Latin America the impact is also felt, the reactions have varied, and solidarity has been more limited. Evidently, the war happens in Europe, and Latin American societies struggle with multiple challenges and crises – economic, political, refugee flows – of their own. I just hope that in a world of growing divisions, CEDLA's research, education, engagement, and collaboration activities help to bridge different experiences and perspectives.

Barbara Hogenboom  
Director

## Introducción

2022 supuso varios acontecimientos importantes para el CEDLA. En enero, un panel independiente evaluó nuestro programa de Maestría en Estudios Latinoamericanos. El panel, presidido por la catedrática Ann Varley (University College London), determinó que el programa sigue cumpliendo con todos los estándares formales. Además, su informe destaca importantes puntos fuertes del máster, de sus profesores y de sus estudiantes: “El panel evalúa los objetivos del programa como intensivos en investigación y de alta calidad académica (...). El personal del programa está formado por un excelente equipo de profesores. (...) El CEDLA está muy centrado en la investigación, lo que garantiza la calidad investigadora de los profesores. (...) El creciente número de estudiantes y la diversidad del alumnado en términos de nacionalidades, nivel de experiencia y antecedentes disciplinarios son características positivas del programa. (...) Las tesis de máster (...) muestran el nivel de independencia y originalidad de los estudiantes”.

En 2022 cerramos con éxito dos grandes proyectos internacionales de investigación: Amazonian Governance to Enable Transformations to Sustainability (AGENTS, 2018-2022), y Leave Fossil Fuels Underground in Africa and Latin America (LFFU, 2018-2022). El primero tendrá continuación en un proyecto aún mayor: Local and Indigenous Knowledge for an Amazonian Grounded (Bio)Economy (LINKAGES, 2022-2027). Además, los investigadores del CEDLA participaron en otros cinco proyectos financiados externamente.

Durante ese año postpandémico, el CEDLA se puso al día celebrando no menos de tres seminarios académicos sobre temas de actualidad: La creciente presencia de China en América Latina y el Caribe; Crisis y criptomonedas en

América Latina; y La política digital de las elecciones. También continuamos con nuestra serie regular de Conferencias CEDLA y, con NALACS, Diálogos con la Sociedad Civil. La exposición SOS Colombia, comisariada por Juan David Quintero, mostró impactantes carteles y otras piezas de arte gráfico realizadas durante el levantamiento político de 2021 y atrajo a muchos visitantes a CEDLA. Posteriormente, el Instituto Internacional de Historia Social (IISH), con sede en Ámsterdam, ha aceptado adoptar y digitalizar toda la colección.

Mientras que en los informes anuales anteriores suelo mencionar algunos acontecimientos sociales y políticos notables en América Latina, este año ha sido la invasión rusa en Ucrania lo que nos ha conmocionado. Esta brutal guerra ha obligado a numerosos ciudadanos ucranianos a buscar refugio en los Países Bajos y el resto de Europa. Otros efectos directos se dejan sentir en la seguridad, la energía y los alimentos. La respuesta oficial y cívica general ha sido de solidaridad europea con Ucrania. Aunque en América Latina también se siente el impacto, las reacciones han variado y la solidaridad ha sido más limitada. Evidentemente, la guerra ocurre en Europa y las sociedades latinoamericanas luchan con múltiples desafíos y crisis (económicas, políticas, flujos de refugiados) propias. Sólo espero que en un mundo cada vez más dividido, las actividades de investigación, educación, compromiso y colaboración del CEDLA ayuden a tender puentes entre las distintas experiencias y perspectivas.

Bárbara Hogenboom  
Directora

## Research Context

CEDLA research is dynamic and covers a broad range of topics and locations. Generally speaking, recent CEDLA research has focussed on three overarching themes: Urban and Global Cultures in Latin America; Environmental Governance and Justice in Latin America; and The Commons in Latin America. Nevertheless, various new projects and initiatives also explore topics beyond these themes. CEDLA research activities are developed through various projects, seminars, and publications by its researchers, often in collaboration with PhD and MA students and external partners. Below we first present projects with external funding, followed by overviews of individual activities of staff and PhD students.

CEDLA's research 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. ARTES pertains to the Amsterdam Institute of Humanities Research (AIHR) of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam.

## Externally Funded Projects

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

The NWO-funded project [AGENTS](#) evaluated promising individual and collective initiatives involving land-use practices in the Amazon basin, including conditions that promote the reconciliation of environmental conservation

and agricultural production. In August 2022, the video series 'People who Transform' was launched during a public event organised in Santarém, Brazil, with participation of project partners and several representatives of societal organisations. The project was formally concluded in September. In November, Fabio de Castro and two other members of AGENTS attended the final event of the Programme Transformation to Sustainability (T2S) in Paris with participation of all 12 projects funded by the programme. As part of the T2S Programme, Fabio de Castro has served as one of the guest co-editors of the special issue 'Transformation to Sustainability: Processes, Practices and Pathways', featuring empirical research from this programme to be published by the journal *Global Environmental Change*. Online activities were carried out, including five participatory Dialogues organised in Madre de Dios, Perú, and two participatory Dialogues organised in Santarém, Brazil. During these meetings, representatives of civil society organisations and farming organisations discussed their challenges, including 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](#). Several of the team members will also participate in the new LINKAGES project (see below).

Participants: Fabio de Castro, Gabriela Russo, and partners.

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

The WOTRO-NWO co-funded [LFFU](#) project analysed, developed and shared successful strategies and arguments



on how to Leave Fossil Fuels Underground emerging from Africa and Latin America at multiple levels of governance. After an initial focus on LFFU actors, arguments and approaches in Ecuador and South Africa, the researchers also looked at initiatives and responsibilities elsewhere – especially in the Netherlands (the case of natural gas extraction in Groningen) and Europe – 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 has promoted knowledge on LFFU. In 2022, research was presented in meetings in South Africa and during the closing conference in Amsterdam. The project team also prepared an edited volume and an online course.

Participants: Barbara Hogenboom, Carolina Valladares, and partners.

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

LINKAGES addresses how value-chains of socio-biodiversity products, grounded in local knowledge and produced in forest, agroforestry, and floodplain-lakes, can support local economies and regional transformation towards sustainable, inclusive bio-economies for the Brazilian Amazon. Built upon long-term commitment to the region, a transdisciplinary consortium including researchers, farmers, and practitioners will analyse the organisation and functioning of place-based value-chains (açai, cacao, tropical fruits, timber / non-timber products, and the arapaima fish)

and their economic and environmental impacts at local and municipal levels. The project will co-produce knowledge to advance economic, environmental, and administrative and technical performance improving value-aggregation, benefit sharing, and landscape outcomes. LINKAGES is funded by the Netherlands Research Council (NWO).

Participants: Fabio de Castro, Marjo de Theije (VU), and several partners in Brazil.

#### **River Commons: Co-Governance of Rivers through Transdisciplinary Co-Creation of Knowledge and 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, River-as-Subject, and River-as-Movement, see <https://movingrivers.org/network/>. The INREF/WUR/partner-funded project (€1.8 million) includes 11 PhDs and 2 part-time postdocs, and 40 short master's thesis fellowships, and involves various CEDLA staff members.

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 3 part-time postdocs.

**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 examined 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 analysed how the socio-technological affordances of the digital realm alter the politics and aesthetics of authoritarianism and protest in

specific political conditions. We did 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 the Caribbean (2021-2022)**

Upon request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Latin America department and funded by the China Knowledge Network, a CEDLA research team and partners studied the contemporary role of China in the region and how this affects the region's foreign relations. The assessment clarified 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 was organised into three parts, and the results were presented in [three separate reports](#). With three countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands being Caribbean (Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten), the assessment pays special attention to the Chinese influence on these three countries.

Team: Barbara Hogenboom, Michiel Baud, Diego Steinhöfel, and research partners.



Three reports at CEDLA website (<https://www.cedla.nl/china-lac>)

### 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 development of inequality in different domains and stages of people's lives. In this project, funded by Amsterdam's Kenniscentrum Ongelijkheid, we examine the relationship between the criminal justice system and the accumulation of spatial and social inequalities. See [www.kenniscentrumongelijkheid.nl/project-het-ongelijkheidsbeginsel/](http://www.kenniscentrumongelijkheid.nl/project-het-ongelijkheidsbeginsel/). The aim of the study is to provide a better understanding of how criminal justice interventions (at city and district levels) influence the opportunities and resources of Amsterdam's young adults, both before and after the criminal sanction period.

Participants: Julienne Weegels, Thijs Jeursen (Universiteit Utrecht), and societal partner Restorative Justice Netherlands. CEDLA-alumna Elise Fellingner, now a youth worker, is the project's research assistant.

### Repurposed Infrastructures in the Unequal City: Occupation, Repair, and Alternative Futures in Brazil and South Africa (2022-2023)

Informal occupations of land and buildings are a challenge

as well as an opportunity for cities of the Global South and North. For many cities, difficulties in providing adequate housing and infrastructure in the context of extreme poverty and inequality continue to shape citizens' living conditions and opportunities in profound ways. The coronavirus pandemic has intensified this challenge, compounding an existing global structural housing crisis. Furthermore, increased criminalisation and policing render occupations still more precarious. Our project explores practices of infrastructural repurposing through engagements with building and land occupations in Latin America and Africa. We consider how occupations can be recognised not merely as expressions of housing injustice but rather as integral features of urban landscapes that indicate reparative possibilities for reimagining and repurposing existing infrastructures in more democratic ways. The primary intent of the project is to develop an academic network exploring ideas of housing, precarity, infrastructural repurposing, and occupation. The primary outcome will be an expansive research funding bid. In addition, we also plan to translate the outcomes of this cross-regional collaborative knowledge building project into an article.

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

## Michiel Baud

In the first half of this year, the project on China and Latin America and the Caribbean, started in 2021, was finished. The research group published three long reports on the topic. Michiel Baud was co-author of all reports and the main author of the report on the Caribbean. The reports were presented in two international Zoom seminars. The presentation of the final version of the reports took place at Institute Clingendael on 9 September. Afterwards, they were made accessible on the CEDLA website (<https://www.cedla.nl/china-lac>). Three of his PhD-students successfully defended their dissertation this year: Juanita Roca on 19 May, Cristina Bastidas on 13 September and Irene Arends on 11 October. Michiel Baud supervised the CEDLA master's programme (CMP) thesis by Mauro Florida, *All Boys es Floresta, y Floresta es All Boys. A Football Club and Its Neighbourhood*; he was also external examiner for a MA thesis at the VU Amsterdam. In October he became a member of the Vidi selection committee, 2022 (panel FHR) of NWO.

## 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 Boelens 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 Boelens has a visiting professorship at PUCP Catholic University Peru (Department of Social Sciences) and the Central University of Ecuador (Department of Agricultural Sciences). In 2022, his activities concentrated on implementing and coordinating two large intercontinental projects: Riverhood and River Commons. Other key activities included the PhD supervision (with Barbara Hogenboom, Fabio De Castro, and Julienne Weegels) of CEDLA PhDs Carolina Valladares, Tatiana Roa, Hannah Porada, Sebastian Reyes, and WUR-CEDLA PhDs Carolina Cuevas, Laura Giraldo, and Juliana Forigua. In addition to organising a network for scientific co-publication, Rutgerd Boelens coordinated several international seminars, a summer school and a PhD-traineeship on the political ecology of rivers and transdisciplinary action-research.



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

Awarded end-2020, in 2022 Rutgerd Boelens coordinated the transcultural action-research 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 Europe and Latin America. With WUR, CEDLA and partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe, he also has set-up the “River Commons” PhD research and training project. With Rutgerd Boelens as PI, this project coordinates 14 PhD research projects and 40 short master’s theses projects. Three parttime postdocs support both projects. Socio-ecological river systems, commons, environmental justice movements, and transcultural solidarity are the subjects that entwine the two 5-years projects.

## Dana Brablec

Dana Brablec joined CEDLA as an Assistant Professor in Race, Decoloniality and Intersectionality in mid-October 2022 after working as an affiliated lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge and a Postdoctoral Research Officer for the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data (WISERD), Bangor University. In early 2023, Dana Brablec conducted ethnographic fieldwork in two Chilean cities, Santiago and Los Ángeles, to collect data for two new projects on female Indigenous entrepreneurship and community gardens, both encompassing her longstanding interest in the use of urban space use by grassroots organisations created by marginalised populations, and the intermediary / conflicting role of the state. In 2022, Dana Brablec continued to collaborate with British colleagues in the ongoing project “Borders, Boundary Mechanisms and Migration”, based at the WISERD Civil Society Centre and funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). This project explores how social boundary activation mechanisms are articulated by civil society groups in the UK, Czech Republic, and Greece especially, considering the Roma and Traveller cases. In 2022, Dana Brablec also engaged in international lectureships, including “Indigenous Language Revitalisation in Santiago de Chile: The



Complexities in the Development of Mapudungun Workshops in the City” at the University of Toronto and “Urbanisation of Indigenous Identities or Indigenisation of the City? Reflections on the Mapuche Case in Santiago de Chile” at Bangor University in Wales. In September 2023, Dana Brablec’s edited volume will be published (together with Prof. Andrew Canessa, Essex), “Urban Indigeneities: Being Indigenous in the 21st Century” by Arizona University Press. This is the first book to look at urban Indigenous peoples globally and present the urban Indigenous experience, not as the exception, but as the norm.

*Santiago, Chile (Photo by Dana Brablec)*

## Fabio de Castro

In 2022, Fabio de Castro carried out several new administrative, educational, and research activities. In January, he participated in the re-accreditation process of the master’s programme Latin American Studies, which was successful. As programme coordinator, Fabio de Castro was responsible for the elaboration of the self-evaluation report and participation in several meetings with the visitation committee. In addition to his regular teaching activities, Fabio offered his new course “International Sustainable Development” for the first time at the Amsterdam University College. The course was successful, with a full class and very positive evaluations from the students. He was also involved in discussions about the structure and content of new major Reimagining Sustainability of the BA programme “Global Arts, Culture and Politics”, and he is expected to be the coordinator of one course. Regarding research, Fabio de Castro was very active with two funded projects, both focusing on sustainable initiatives by small-scale producers in the Amazon. The project AGENTS (NWO), part of the Norface / Belmont Forum Programme Transformation to Sustainability, came to an end in August, and required time and energy to finalise activities, reports and to develop a follow-up plan. LINKAGES (NWO), part of the Merian Fund Programme, was launched in October 2022 and also required time and effort to implement the project, organise the kick-off meeting, plan project activities, select doctoral students, and define roles and responsibilities. In addition, Fabio de Castro also collaborated in activities of the River Commons project coordinated by Prof. Dr. Rutgerd Boelens and, together with two colleagues of FMG, has coordinated the activities of the project “Latinx Perspectives on Slow Disasters: Rethinking the Relationship between Urban Inequality and Environmental Change” (funded by the seed grant of the CUS-UvA).



*AGENTS co-reflection seminar, Santarém*

AGENTS (“Amazon Governance to Enable Transformation to Sustainability”) was concluded with a closing event in August 2022 in Santarém. During the event, the video series ‘People Who Transform’ was launched. AGENTS was funded by NWO and supported one doctoral student, two post-doc researchers and several master’s students.

The new project LINKAGES (“Local and Indigenous Knowledge for an Amazonian Grounded (Bio) Economy”) was launched in November 2022 in Campinas. The research team, composed by four universities, two NGOs, and one farmer’s coop, met in Campinas to plan the project activities. LINKAGES is funded by NWO (€700,000) and FAPESP (€300,000) and will include four PhD students, two post-doc researcher and several master’s students.

## Barbara Hogenboom

Barbara Hogenboom completed two important research projects in 2022. In July, the ‘Leave Fossil Fuels Underground for Sustainable and Inclusive Development’ (LFFU) project team held an interesting joint fieldwork and dissemination meeting in South Africa (Johannesburg and Durban), with project partners Patrick Bond (University of Johannesburg), Joyeeta Gupta (UvA), Carlos Larrea (Universidad Andina, Quito), and others. This trip facilitated the comparison of Latin American and African actors, arguments, and approaches to move away from fossil fuels. On 28-29 November, the LFFU closed with a conference at the University of Amsterdam, where project results were presented and discussed with 100 experts from academia, public and private sectors and NGOs, and social movements as well as students. The other project involved the preparation of three research reports on China’s current role in Latin America and the Caribbean for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see Research Projects and Michiel Baud), which were published in August and discussed during an expert meeting on 9 September (see Other Activities).

## Christien Klaufus

In 2022, Christien Klaufus presented research material from her long-term project ‘Deathscapes in Latin American Metropolises’ both in an international conference and an academic article. The outcomes she presented stem from research that she conducted in 2019 in Buenos Aires and online between 2020 and 2022, during the COVID-19 pandemic. On 15 June, she organised the panel ‘Latin America’s Radical Urbanism’ in the online conference ‘Towards the Post-Pandemic City’ organised by the Centre for Urban Research on Austerity, Montfort University, Leicester, UK. Within that panel, Christien Klaufus presented her 2019 research findings from Buenos Aires in the paper ‘Sanitary Crisis and Dealing with Massive Death in the Metropolis: The Case of Buenos Aires, Argentina’. The other panellists were Lieke Prins, Lorena del Castillo, and João Tonucci. Together with Julienne Weegels, she published ‘From Prison to Pit: Trajectories of a Dispensable Population in Latin America’ in *Mortality* 27(4): 410-425. This paper combines research findings from Colombia and Argentina.

Together with four international scholars, Christien Klaufus co-coordinated the project ‘Repurposed Infrastructures in the Unequal City: Occupation, Repair, and Alternative Futures in Brazil and South Africa’, which received a 2022 Seed Grant XL from UvA’s Centre for Urban Studies. Other team members are Suraya Scheba (University of Cape Town), Nate Millington (University of Manchester), João Tonucci (Federal University of Minas Gerais) and Gediminas Lesutis (University of Amsterdam). On 24 November, they collaborated in the first workshop of a series of hybrid encounters. The aim of this virtual workshop was to explore pressing themes in the team members’ diverse research projects. The workshop established geographically and theoretically cutting-edge themes related to land and housing occupations, legal issues, and reparative infrastructures across Africa and Latin America that will serve as a baseline for future project activities.

## Kees Koonings

In 2022, Kees Koonings finished the project of the edited volume on the military and politics in Latin America in the twenty-first century, in collaboration with co-editor Dirk Kruijt, and published, with Kruijt, a book chapter in Spanish on the same subject. He presented a paper on political militarism in Latin America, highlighting in particular Brazil, at the (online) BRASA (Brazilian Studies Association) conference in March 2022. As part of his research on pacification policing in Rio de Janeiro, he presented a paper for the conference Urban Struggles across the Globe organised at Radboud University. In May 2022, Gijs Cremers successfully defended his PhD dissertation at UvA with Kees Koonings as supervisor and Dr. Elisabet Rasch (WUR) as co-supervisor. Kees Koonings also continued working on his research project on the pacification policing in favelas of Rio de Janeiro that focuses on the design of the strategy, its governance, and political sustainability.



Kees Koonings made a brief field visit to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 2-12 September 2022 after two years of corona travel restrictions. The visit coincided with the celebration of 200 years of Brazilian independence (the *Bicentenário*) on 7 September 2022. In Rio de Janeiro that day was captured by intense political campaigning for the upcoming elections. Kees Koonings attended a mass gathering at Copacabana beach where a militarised celebration of patriotism blended with a campaign speech by President Jair Bolsonaro (defeated by his opponent Lula less than two months later).

## Arij Ouweneel

Over the past year, Arij Ouweneel continued to write his book on public history comics. What began as a work on Frida Kahlo has developed into a study of *mexicanidad* or Mexicaness in recent publications of graphic novels, graphic biographies and graphic journalism, all variants of the comic strip. The previously drawn conclusions about Frida's work and life are discussed in chapters 4 and 5. There are also chapters about La Malinche, about Juan Rulfo, and about graphic narco comics. Of course, there is also a chapter about the truthfulness (truth-claim) of public history comics. There is now a considerable bibliography on the subject. It is also argued that Frida and her husband Diego Rivera – who had been actively involved in developing the characteristics of *mexicanidad* in the “new” society after the Mexican Revolution – fell back on a discussion that was fiercely conducted at the time. Octavio Paz's book *El laberinto de la soledad* finally summarised this discussion. In the recent film *Bardo* (2022) by Alejandro González Iñárritu, exactly the same argument about *mexicanidad* is discussed, which underlines the urgency of this discussion, and is why *Bardo* has also been included in the project.

## Julienne Weegels

In 2022, Julienne Weegels spent much time on the Amsterdam-based collaborative project “The Principle of Inequality: Between the City and Criminal Justice”. On the basis of the South-to-North approach of this project, she was invited to speak at the Faculty of Humanities' opening of the academic year. Julienne Weegels was also invited to the interview round for the NWO Veni grant, with her research proposal on carceral expansion and contestation in Central America. She participated in a variety of academic conferences and seminars, including the co-organisation of the Global Prisons Research Network's international workshop on “Authoritarianism and Confinement”, hosted in Copenhagen in June 2022. In her role as the LASP post-graduate programme coordinator, she also organised the biennial summer school on key themes, perspectives, and epistemologies in Latin American Studies. Alongside these projects, Julienne Weegels worked hard on collaborative publications. The special issue she co-edited with Frank Müller, “ILLICITIES: City-Making and Organized Crime”, came out in December 2022 and included twelve articles, among which a jointly authored introduction on the materialities of illicit city-making, as well as a research article co-authored with CEDLA alumnus Ricardo Díaz on the un/making of the insurrectional city during the Nicaraguan protests. She also co-

authored an article with Christien Klaufus on death disposal practices in prisons in pandemic times and contributed a chapter on co-governance and exception to the Palgrave edited volume *Prisons, Inmates and Governance in Latin America*.



*Presentation at the European Parliament*

Together with the Nicaraguan Union of Political Prisoners (UPPN) and the International Network for Human Rights (RIDH), Julienne produced a shadow report for the UN Committee Against Torture and its periodic revision of Nicaragua. The report is based on 30 testimonies and 21 in-depth follow-up interviews with former political prisoners, particularly in relation to their experiences of state violence and torture, and its aftermath.

## 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 2022. They are not included in the list below.

### Lorena del Castillo

#### **Gentrification Trajectories, Socio-Spatial Effects and New Urban Challenges in Lima**

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Dr. Christien Klaufus

Funding: Self-funded, CUS Seed-grant 2021, IJURR Studentship 2021

Lorena's research seeks to identify the social tensions and conflicts triggered by the expansion of the real estate sector in Lima's central neighbourhoods. Lorena participated in the virtual doctoral school organised by the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* – IJURR held between May and June 2022. Lorena travelled to Lima for a third round of fieldwork in June 2022. This trip was sponsored by the Centre for Urban Studies (UvA) Seed Grant and the IJURR Foundation studentship. During her fieldwork, interviews and primary data were collected with the support of Urban Geographer Kelly Gómez (PUCP). This year Lorena participated in conferences in Amsterdam, Lima and online, with presentations on “New Build Gentrification and Emotional Distress”, “A Link Between New Build Gentrification and Emotional Distress”, and “Gentrification in Lima after the Covid-19 Pandemic”. As part of her commitment to the CUS seed grant, Lorena submitted an academic article to the journal IJURR.

## Luisa González Valencia

### Colombian Popular Cinemas

Supervisors: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Dr. Julienne Weegels

Funding: Colombian Ministry of Science.



*Luisa presenting her research, Colombia*

During 2022, Luisa was in Colombia doing fieldwork for six months. She visited several cities and met with many filmmakers. With her findings, she started to write her dissertation on Colombian Digital Popular Films. In Colombia, Luisa shared her research at universities in Cartagena, Cali and Popayán, and in an independent cultural space in Bucaramanga. In two of these presentations, she shared the floor with some of the filmmakers she worked with. This was the first time their work was seen at an academic institution. In addition, Luisa co-wrote an article with Professor Juana Suárez (NYU) for *Cuadernos de Cine*, the oldest cinema publication in Colombia, about feminist practices in the Colombian film sector.

## 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



At the start of 2022, Barbara was able to carry out her third fieldwork trip to Vatican City. There she visited two archives: the Vatican Apostolic Archives and the Archives of *Propaganda Fide*. She consulted archival documents related to the presence of Catholic religious orders in the Amazon during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. After returning from fieldwork, she hosted the OLA PhD ‘Work in Progress’ seminar on 3 March, which she had begun organising in 2021. From mid-2020 to mid-2022, she was chair of the OLA network,

*Impression from Barbara’s archive visit*

comprised of PhD students from universities across the Netherlands and Belgium, whose research shares a focus on Latin America. As OLA chair, she furthermore hosted monthly feedback sessions. For the course “Interdisciplinary Methods”, offered as part of the Latin America Studies master’s programme, she presented a lecture on archival research, based in part on her experiences in the archives of the Vatican. In October, she submitted an abstract to the “7<sup>th</sup> Young Scholars Conference” hosted by ADLAF. In 2023, she plans to present one of the chapters she wrote this year at that conference, on the involvement of religious orders in border disputes in the Amazon.

## Geraldine Lamadrid Guerrero

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

Supervisors: Dr. Arij Ouweneel and Prof. Michiel Baud

Funding: CONACYT



*Geraldine in No Intermission,  
Theater Carré (photo Dustin Lynn)*

During 2022, Geraldine participated in several events related to her research project. In May 2022 she had the chance to present her research ‘Theatre as the Relief Zone’ in the context of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Emerging Scholars Forum at the 5<sup>th</sup> EASTAP conference ‘Theatrical Mind. Authorship, Staging and Beyond’, as well as in June, during the ARTES – UvA PhD conference ‘Area Studies in Times of Crisis’. In September, she shared part of her research at the ‘10th Performance Arts Studies International Conference’ organised by Centro de Estudios, Creación y Documentación de las Artes – Universidad Veracruzana. During the fall she dedicated her time to teaching the BA course ‘Understanding Latin America Today’ for a second time. This was a very positive experience to strengthen the complementary side of working in a PhD research project by facilitating the access to insights around the area of study in a pedagogical setting. Her recent teaching experience also included facilitating a ‘Theatre Studies and Cultural History Workshop’ in June 2022 for the BA Cabaret of the Koningstheateracademie in Den Bosch. During the fall, she also participated in relevant artistic projects related to performance art in a collaboration with Marina Abramovic Institute and Theater Carré, taking part in the project *No Intermission* as a performer and facilitator of the performances that were presented. As a request of her artistic practice-based research, she is always working on two parallel approaches that interconnect in her PhD project. One is the approach of empirical experience in art projects and trainings that is explored together with the theory to build up the theoretical and methodological approach that gives her dissertation a strong basis for the empirical chapters.

## Antonia McGrath

### Youth and Civil Society Organizations in Governance Arrangements and the Prevention of Violence on Honduras' Urban Margins

Supervisors: Dr. Julienne Weegels and Prof. Barbara Hogenboom

Funding: ARTES



Antonia started her PhD in September 2022 and has been working towards her 9-month paper. Her research tackles questions around gang violence and its prevention, working with youth and civil society organisations on the urban margins of Honduras. During the first semester, she developed her research proposal and co-taught the BA-course 'Gender and Social Inequality in Latin America' with Julienne Weegels. She has also been reworking an article based on her MA research on gang violence/prevention at a public high school in El Progreso, Honduras. In 2023, Antonia will conduct fieldwork in Honduras.

*Impression from Antonia's fieldwork*

## Isabelle Mollinger

### Contesting Urban Borderscapes – Investigating Governance through B/ordering Processes in Self-Help Neighbourhoods

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Dr. Christien Klaufus

Funding: Self-funded

Isa started as an external PhD candidate at CEDLA in September 2022. Her research is situated in the urban realm, focussing on invisible borders between neighbourhoods and the effects of South-South migrations in two self-help neighbourhoods across Latin America: Moravia in Medellin, Colombia, and La Carpio in San José, Costa Rica. In the last months of this year, she was working on an application for an NWO-grant together with her supervisor Christien Klaufus. She also co-taught the BA-course 'Identity of the City in Latin America' with Christien Klaufus. At the beginning of 2023, she will attend the winter course 'Migration on the Margins of Europe' of the Netherlands Institute in Athens, and will work on an article for a Special Issue of *Children's Geographies* based on data gathered during her MA fieldwork in 2019, which will include a period of digital ethnography carried out in the spring of 2021 that was made possible by the Prince Bernhard Scholarship.

## 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



*Mural Contra la Minería, Xela*

co-organised by IHE Delft and L'InstituAgro Montpellier. Being part of the EU-funded network 'NEWAVE', Hannah also participated in several activities of the network. Among them were the collaboration in a working group on water governance paradigms which will lead to a joint publication, the participation in the joint conceptual development of a water governance atlas, and the participation in a summer school on dissemination and actionable skills in Barcelona.

At the beginning of the year, Hannah continued her fieldwork on the issues around natural gas extraction in Groningen (the Netherlands) that she had started in 2021. In the summer, she went to Xela (Guatemala) to start her fieldwork on mining activities there. In addition to her fieldwork, she worked on and submitted her first PhD article co-authored by her supervisors Rutgerd Boelens and Jeroen Vos. In addition, Hannah completed several training and network activities: the course 'Resistance, Power, Movements' at Wageningen University; the conceptual summer school of the Riverhood / River Commons projects at Wageningen University; the LASP summer school organised by CEDLA; and the 3-day interactive workshop 'Caring Matters in Knowing Water' in Montpellier

## 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

This year Lieke conducted a research internship as part of her PhD project at the Instituto de Estudios Regionales (INER) at the Universidad de Antioquia in Medellín. She worked with the research group Cultura, Violencia y Territorio and the group Geografías Feministas to learn from academic exchange and improve her understanding of current debates in Colombia and the region. Furthermore, she attended courses on ethnography and space and presented her work. During her stay in Medellín, she finished her fieldwork period and started with writing her dissertation.



In 2022, Lieke presented different parts of her PhD research during conferences. In Mexico City, she presented her work on the interactions between digital and physical spaces in street art practices during the annual CLACSO conference. As part of the panel on Latin America's Radical Urbanism, Lieke presented her findings on the creation of massive murals during the national strike in Colombia in 2021. She presented the same theme with a different focus during the ACUIR conference in Bogotá.

*Impression from Liekes fieldwork: Pirañas crew*

## Sebastian Reyes-Bejarano

**Peasant Struggles, Water Justice, and the Commons. Environmental Justice and the Agrarian Movements of the Sumapaz River Basin in Colombia and Re-Commoning Processes on Nature and Water**

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom, Dr. Fabio de Castro and Prof. Rutgerd Boelens

Funding: self-funded



In 2022, Sebastian started as a self-funded PhD researcher at CEDLA, and as a researcher for the River Commons project at Wageningen University. During this first year, he joined several courses related to the above-mentioned research project. In addition, he developed the pilot study in which he elaborated his research proposal. The courses he attended were the master's course at Wageningen University "Political Ecology of Water"; summer school at Wageningen University: "River Lives and Living Rivers: Towards a Transdisciplinary Conceptualization"; and summer school at the University of Amsterdam – CEDLA: "Understanding Latin America".

*Sebastian at his desk at CEDLA*



*Tatiana in diploma in Just Energy Transition, USCO*

## **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 2022, Tatiana made significant progress on her dissertation, writing chapters 6 and 7. In March, she participated in the “Applied Political Ecology” course of the master’s degree in political ecology at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar. In July, together with Dr. Miriam Lang, she participated in the course “Degrowth and Post-Extractivism with a Special Focus on Latin America” of the virtual master’s degree in Degrowth at ICTA (Barcelona). Additionally, she had the opportunity to be a keynote speaker at the IV Latin American Congress on Environmental Conflicts, CoLCA IV 2022 “Conflicts, Transitions and Environmental Peace” and the III Andean Congress on Ecological Economics held in Cali, Colombia on 27 October. In December Tatiana also participated in the diploma on “Just Energy Transition”, Universidad Sur Colombiana, USCO.



*Gabriela during return visit to Xingu Seeds Network*

## **Gabriela Russo Lopes**

**Agency in the Amazonian Forest Governance**

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

Funding: AGENTS-Belmont-NOW

Gabriela was in the fourth year of her PhD in 2022, finalising her articles and writing the dissertation manuscript. In August, she went back to the field for a return visit to engage with the communities in the Amazon that she had been working with for her dissertation. She went to Santarém, Pará, for a workshop with other members of the AGENTS Project as well as local communities’ leaderships. After that, she visited Xingu Seeds Network in Mato Grosso, and RECA Agroforestry Project on the border between Acre and Rondônia. During Brazil’s electoral period as well as the European Union’s political debates on a deforestation-free trade regulation, Gabriela collaborated with a Brazilian coalition of



environmental NGOs to gather scientific content and influence such processes in a more sustainable direction. Gabriela also contributed to the elaboration of proposals for future academic projects, and presented her research in different forums (e.g., academic conference, guest lecture, media interview).



*Laura in workshop with indigenous women*

## 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. Fabio de Castro

Funding: COLCIENCIAS

During the first semester of 2022, Laura was doing her second part of fieldwork in Colombia with the two indigenous communities included in her research. In the first part, she organised meetings and photography workshops with the Alliance of Indigenous Women of Bogotá. In the second part, she travelled to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta to interview the authorities of the Wiwa communities and follow up on the media projects in the village and region. In the second semester, she started to

classify her fieldwork data and the writing of her third chapter, related to the case of the group of indigenous women in Bogotá. In June 2022, Laura went to the CLACSO Conference in Mexico City to present her theoretical chapter, and afterwards, she went on a small research trip to Oaxaca invited by *Ojo de Agua*, an important indigenous media organisation that is a reference to the indigenous media research in Latin America. Laura published an essay for the Visual Arts Department *Cinemateca Distrital de Bogotá* related to Latin American visual sovereignty based on two study cases. Lastly, Laura participated as a lecturer for the LAS Minor tutorial course about Amerindian Visual Culture in Latin America at the beginning of 2022.

## Carolina Valladares Pasquel

**“The Oil in the Soil and the Gas under the Grass”: The Politics of Ideas to Leave Fossil Fuels Underground in Ecuador and the Netherlands**

Supervisors: Prof. Barbara Hogenboom and Prof. Rutgerd Boelens

Funding: LFFU, WOTRO-NWO

After her maternity leave, Carolina resumed activities and continued writing the chapters of her manuscript. Also, she published an [article](#) about Groningen natural gas conflict for the newsletter ‘Tot op de Bodem’ of the Environment and



*LFFU closing event at UvA*

course the LFFU project is about to launch. In December, the closing meeting of the LFFU project involved meetings with all the team members from Ecuador, South Africa and the Netherlands, and a final event where she presented the conclusions of her research. Carolina finished the year with an almost completed first draft of her dissertation.

Society Group of the University of Amsterdam. She visited the area impacted by natural gas extraction in Groningen together with members of Observatorio Petrolero Sur from Argentina, Millieudedefensie and Kennisplatform. A few weeks later she went back to Groningen to report the information about her research to her interviewees, who had shared their knowledge and experiences during her fieldwork there. Additionally, there were a few events in the final year of the project 'Leave Fossil Fuels Underground' (LFFU), of which Carolina's PhD research is a part. She presented – online – her research in the event of the LFFU project with the University of Johannesburg in South Africa. She prepared two classes on social mobilisation and fossil fuels for the virtual



*River in the Amazone in Sucumbíos.  
(Photo by Carolina Valladares)*



Irene at defense ceremony



## 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

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On 11 October 2022 Irene Arends successfully defended her PhD dissertation *Digital Youth Spaces in Chile: Young People's Everyday Negotiations of Gender and Sexuality*. Irene conducted 16 months of ethnographic fieldwork in Chile, exploring how young people play with gender notions and practices in their digital peer interactions. Her feminist informed research provides an insight in how Chilean young women (and men) perceive their place in a rapidly changing society. Long-term research of gender segregated women-only groups on Facebook and WhatsApp brought forward interesting patterns of both gender conformity and subversion in the re-workings of young femininities in Chile today.

## LUCHAS POR LA JUSTICIA EN LA EDUCACIÓN

Cambios en las políticas educativas en Bolivia y Ecuador, en los gobiernos de Evo Morales y Rafael Correa, 2006-2016



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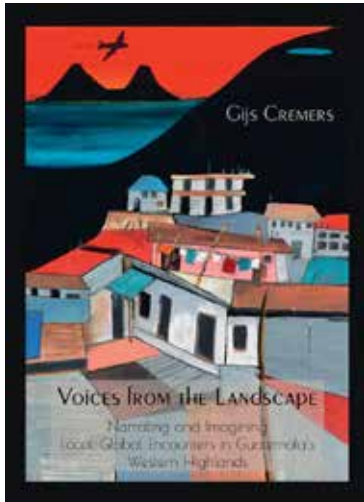
### Luchas por la justicia en la educación: Cambios en las políticas educativas en Bolivia y Ecuador en los gobiernos de Evo Morales y Rafael Correa, 2006-2016

Supervisors: Prof. Michiel Baud, Dr. Ton Salman, and Prof. Barbara Hogenboom

Funding: Senescyt

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On 13 September 2022, Cristina Bastidas successfully defended her PhD dissertation *Luchas por la justicia en la educación*. Her research attempts to answer the question why the responses to the neoliberal legacy adopted by Evo Morales and Rafael Correa, in the field of education, were so different. Through historical exploration as well as empirical review, the dissertation shows that the two cases demonstrate its limits when it comes to doing justice in the redistributive, recognition and representation spheres. Also, it shows that the different demands of Latin American citizens – increasingly plural, diverse, and complex – cannot be addressed by a weakened nation-state inserted in the global logics that determine its economic and social system.



## Gijs Cremers

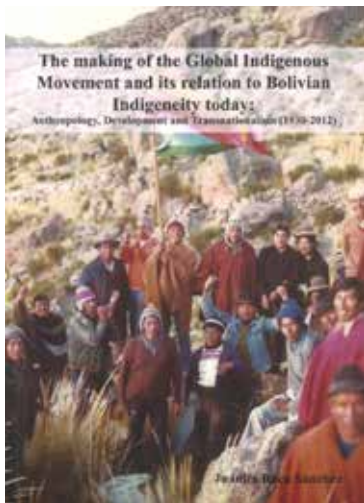
**Voices from the Landscape: Narrating and Imagining Local-Global Encounters in Guatemala's Western Highlands**

Supervisors: Prof. Kees Koonings and Dr. Elisabet Rasch

Funding: PBS scholarship and self-funded

Accessible on [UvA-DARE](#)

Gijs Cremers successfully defended his PhD dissertation on 31 May 2022 in the Agnietenkapel. His dissertation explores how social and natural landscapes in Guatemala's Western Highlands become meaningful by examining how different vectors of globalisation inform and challenge how a diverse group of actors, such as residents and tourists, navigate environments in which processes of transformation play a central role. Based on ethnographic fieldwork in Guatemala's Western Highlands, Gijs suggests new ways of understanding landscapes as global connectors that underline lived experiences and everyday encounters, rather than evaluating general processes of globalisation as a central focus of study.



## Juanita Roca Sánchez

**The Making of the Global Indigenous Movement and its Relation to Bolivian Indigeneity Today: Anthropology, Development, and Transnationalism (1930-2012)**

Supervisors: Prof. Michiel Baud and Dr. Ton Salman

Funding: NUFFIC

Accessible on [UvA-DARE](#)

Juanita Roca successfully defended her PhD dissertation on 19 May 2022. In her dissertation she documents how discourses and legal frameworks regarding global indigeneity influenced Bolivia's polity and laws. From a historical approach, she attempts to answer the question regarding how international legal instruments for 'indigenous peoples', such as the ILO Convention 169 and the Declaration for United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), became major references for the modification of the Bolivian Constitutions in 1994 and 2009. These constitutional changes converted the country, first, into a 'multi-ethnic and pluricultural' state, and, later, into a 'plurinational' one.

## Javier Corrales

Javier Corrales (Amherst College) returned to CEDLA for two months in the spring. He completed final revisions for his new book, *Autocracy Rising: How Venezuela Transitioned to Authoritarianism* (published in 2023) and began work on a new paper entitled, 'Intentional Polarization'. He also gave a lecture on Left vs. Right-Wing Populism at the LASP Core Course for starting PhD students.

## Carolina Frossard

Carolina M. Frossard is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Human Geography, Planning, and International Development of the University of Amsterdam. In 2022, she spent six months at CEDLA as a postdoctoral fellow. Funded by a Seed Grant awarded by UvA's Global Digital Cultures Research Priority Area, this time was dedicated to qualitative research on the digitally mediated processes through which non-resident citizens experienced and engaged Brazil's last presidential race. By zooming in on the digital practices and technologies through which citizens abroad mobilise around electoral politics during the most heated half of a domestic "election year", or *ano eleitoral*, the project sought to deepen our understandings of contemporary experiences of diasporic citizenship. It closed with the multidisciplinary seminar 'The Digital Politics of Elections', hosted by CEDLA, on 9 December 2022.

## Quintijn Kat

Quintijn Kat is Assistant Professor of International Relations at Ashoka University, India. He spent four weeks in December 2022 and January 2023 at CEDLA as a visiting research fellow. During this period, he worked on a book manuscript that explores Latin American agency in interactions with the United States during the 1990s and 2000s, and completed and presented a paper entitled 'Socialization, Rejection, and Pseudo-Socialization in Asymmetrical Relations'.

# Key academic publications

Below is a selection of various articles, chapters and books published by CEDLA researchers in 2022.

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# Activities, Services and Exposure

## CEDLA Latin America Lectures Series

11 February 2022

**Conocimientos indígenas: Repensando las políticas globales de cambio climático en Colombia**

Astrid Ulloa, Universidad Nacional (Colombia)

11 March 2022

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

Saskia P. Ruth-Lovell, Radboud University Nijmegen

1 April 2022

**A body of one's own: Trans embodiment technologies and knowledge production in Argentina**

Patricio Simonetto, University College London

22 April 2022

**Unpacking the migrant / non-migrant relation: Key lessons from Ecuador and Italy**

Paolo Boccagni, University of Trento

13 May 2022

**In the name of Christ: Violence, religion, and politics in post-revolutionary Mexico**

Gema Kloppe-Santamaria, Loyola University Chicago

25 November 2022

**The politics of social protection in times of crisis: COVID-19 and cash transfers in Latin America**

Merike Blofield, GIGA Institute, University of Hamburg

11 November 2022

**Drama of violence and violence of drama: Scattered visions on theatre in Latin America**

Kati Röttger, University of Amsterdam





## Other activities

10 May 2022

**Book presentation: De Pizarro's by Robert-Jan Friele** – Eén familie, drie generaties en honderd jaar strijd in Colombia.

24 June 2022

**Diálogos: Las luchas por frenar las actividades petroleras: Los casos de Ecuador, Colombia y Holanda**

Speakers: Yuvelis Natalia Morales (Colombian activist) and Carolina Valladares (CEDLA)

Organised with NALACS, Milieudedefensie and IUCN Nederlands Comité

4 July 2022

**Diálogos: Reporte final de la Comisión Colombiana de la Verdad desde la perspectiva étnica**

Speakers: Leyner Palacios (rapporteur CCV, Colombia) and Abbey Steele (University of Amsterdam)

Organised with NALACS

9 September 2022

**Seminar: China's increasing presence in Latin America and the Caribbean. What are the implications for the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the EU?**

Hosted by China Knowledge Network and Clingendael Institute, The Hague

Speakers: Yvette van Eeoud (Director Western Hemisphere, MFA), Michiel Baud (CEDLA), Jorien Wuite (Member of Dutch Parliament), Ruben Gonzalez-Vicente (University of Birmingham), Gert Oostindie (Leiden University), Frans-Paul van der Putten (Clingendael Institute), Heleen Schrooyen (Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy), Maurice van Beers (CNV Internationaal), Barbara Hogenboom (CEDLA), Marc Moquette (Dutch Knowledge Envoy China, MFA), moderated by Edwin Koopman (VPRO and *Trouw*).

16 September 2022

**Diálogos: Detenidos, torturados y desplazados: El presidio político y sus séuelas en Nicaragua** with Allan Gomez y Josimar

Tellez (activists, Nicaragua)

Organised with NALACS.

29 September 2022

**Seminar: Crisis and cryptos in Latin America**

Organised with Eva van Roekel and the Social and Cultural Anthropology Department at VU Amsterdam.

Speakers: Dr. Pete Howson (Senior Lecturer in Geography and Environmental Sciences, Northumbria University, Newcastle UK), Dr. Antulio Rosales (Assistant Professor in Political Science, University of Brunswick, Canada), Dr. Coco Kanters (Assistant Professor in Liberal Arts, Utrecht University).

September-November

**Exhibition SOS Colombia**

In collaboration with the *Revista Latina*, we received the exhibition SOS Colombia, and the visits of its curator Juan David Quintero. The exhibition consists of 45 posters, 18 postcards, and four fanzines made by 37 artists during the political uprising that took place in Colombia in 2021. After the exhibition, that officially took place between 7 September – 25 November 2022, the original pieces were donated to the International Institute of Social History (IISH), whose collection already preserves documents of political violence that the South American country experienced in the 1980s. We are very happy that these powerful graphic art pieces will be saved for history and be accessible through the digitalisation that the IISH shares openly from their archive.

22 November 2022

**Talk: Colombia ¿Dónde están los desaparecidos?**

Speaker: Andrea Torres, co-directora de la Fundación Nydia Erika Bautista (FNEB)

Organised with Peace Brigades, in relation to the closing of the exhibition SOS Colombia.

9 December 2022

**Seminar: The Digital Politics of Elections**

Organised by Carolina Maurity Frossard (CEDLA-UvA and VU Amsterdam). Speakers included Carolina Maurity Frossard, Kees Koonings (CEDLA-UvA and UU), and Imke Harbers (UvA). This activity was part of the project “It’s Election Year Everywhere: The Digital Politics of Elections and Electioneering Amongst Brazilians Abroad”, made possible by a Global Digital Cultures Seed Grant (UvA).

## ERLACS

ERLACS – *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies / Revista Europea de Estudios Latino Americanos* 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 (see Boards for the list of editorial board members). Most readers access content through [www.erlacs.org](http://www.erlacs.org), with more than 60,000 views and 40,000 downloads (accumulated), and especially through JSTOR, with more than 44,000 views and 25,000 downloads annually. Since 2016, ERLACS ranks Q1 (History) and Q2 (Social Sciences) in the Scimago index, where external citations have also increased. The Cite Score Tracker 2022 by Scopus is 3 with 161 citations of 53 articles published by ERLACS. The number of our newsletter's subscribers has also increased this year, reaching almost 800 subscribers. Finally, ERLACS is in Google's international top 5 LAS journals.

In 2022, ERLACS issue 113 (January-June) contains several articles in Spanish and a successful Special Collection 'Heritage, Protests and Coloniality in Contemporary Latin America', guest edited by Manuela Badilla, J. Renée Clark, and Robert Mason, that examines the spaces and scales of protest against social injustice that occur in the major cities of Latin America. Issue 114 (July-December 2022) includes articles on political elites' positions on different topics, polarising populism in Argentina, the development of coca regions in Peru, ecological conscience in Bolivia, and labour insertion and militarisation in the south border of Mexico, and the exceptional military case of Chile. Issue 114 also contains an Exploration on green colonialism in Latin America.

## Library

In 2022, the CEDLA Library was operating normally again as before the corona pandemic. The library was open for staff, students, and visitors to borrow books and to study in the library. From the collection of physical books, 1100 were borrowed, of which two-thirds were picked up at the CEDLA Library and one third at other locations of the University Library. About 650 books were added to the collection, 90% being e-books. The work related to the integration of CEDLA Library into the University Library continued steadily. Almost 10,000 books were moved to the book depot in 2022. The selection of the books that will remain in open stacks in the new University Library was completed. In 2023 all these books will be assigned a Library of Congress Classification code.

## Public and academic exposure

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

### Irene Arends:

- Organiser and academic director of the LOVA International Winer School 2022 on [Motherhoods and Feminisms](#).

### Michiel Baud and Barbara Hogenboom:

- [China's Economic and Political Role in Latin America](#) (with Ruben Gonzalez-Vicente and Diego Steinhöfel), report prepared for the China Knowledge Network (CKN) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- [China's Economic and Political Role in the Caribbean and Central America](#) (with Ruben Gonzalez-Vicente, Renske Pin and Diego Steinhöfel).
- [China's Engagement with Latin America and the Caribbean: Geopolitical challenges and the role of the EU](#) (with Diego Steinhöfel), report prepared for CKN and MFA.

### Rutgerd Boelens:

- Audiovisual production River Commons CEDLA-Wageningen [video](#).
- Blog/Blue Paper: ["Riverhood And The Politics Of \(Mis\)Recognizing Local Water Cultures and Water Rights Systems"](#).
- Interviews: ["Supporting Equitable Co-Governance of Rivers"](#), INREF; "Riverhood: Rights for the River, European Collaboration in Research" for EU Research Magazine; "Interdisciplinair: hoe dan? Van toverwoord naar toewijding" for [www.resource-online.nl](#).
- Coordinator of international seminar "Rivers, Commons, Movements - Transdisciplinary and Crosscultural Conceptualizations of River Socionatures", in Valencia, Spain.
- Keynote Lecture "Rivers, Territories and Power. Transdisciplinary Movements for Water Justice", at ICTA, Autonomous University Barcelona, Spain.

### Dana Brablec:

- Co-Organiser of the 2-day interdisciplinary workshop, 'Roma Civil Society – Exploring the Czech-UK connection', Bangor University/WISERD, Wales, UK.
- Invited international lectures on "Indigenous Language Revitalisation in Santiago de Chile: The Complexities in the Development of Mapudungun Workshops in the City" (University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics, Canada); "Urbanisation of Indigenous identities or Indigenisation of the City? Reflections on the Mapuche Case in Santiago de Chile". Bangor University, Places of Climate Change Seminar, UK); "Environmental Racism" (Bangor University, UK).

**Fabio de Castro:**

- [Video series 'People who Transform'](#) featuring 18 cases of sustainable local initiatives in the Amazon produced by local residents using their own mobile phone.
- Invited speaker for debate "[Brazil at a tipping point: The October Elections](#)" in De Balie, Amsterdam.
- Interview RTLNieuws "['Trump van de tropen': Hoe Bolsonaro de democratie onder vuur neemt](#)".

**Luisa González Valencia:**

- Several popular publications, such as: [Danse Macabre](#) ; [Películas Colombianas en el IDFA 2022](#) and [Mato Seco en Chamas](#) for *Revista Visaje* and "[Sin Cauce y Con Causa: Apuntes Sobre La Experiencia de La Colectiva Octopi Para Generar Reflexiones y Prácticas Feministas En El Sector Audiovisual](#)" for *Cuadernos de Cine Colombiano*.
- Lecture (virtual round table): Caso de estudio: Prácticas y usos populares del video en Colombia, and guest lecture for media students at Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar (Cartagena), Universidad del Valle (Cali), and Universidad del Cauca (Popayán).
- Curator and moderator at Cinema Colombiano (WORM, Rotterdam and Filmhuis Cavia, Amsterdam), and talk and film screening at Librería La Cingla, Bucaramanga.

**Christien Klaufus:**

- Organiser panel session "Towards the Post-Pandemic City?", and paper presentation on "Sanitary Crisis and Dealing with Massive Death in the Metropolis: The Case of Buenos Aires, Argentina" (Centre for Urban Research on Austerity, De Montfort University, U.K).

**Kees Koonings:**

- Various interviews for Dutch public radio in the wake of the Brazilian elections in October 2022, for instance, for Bureau Buitenland [Hoe weerbaar is de Braziliaanse democratie?](#)
- Presentations at BRASA (Brazilian Studies Association) XVI International Congress, Georgetown University, Washington DC (online), and Conference Urban Struggles Across the Globe: Encountering and Countering the State in the City (Radboud Universiteit).

**Hannah Porada:**

- Blog post on natural gas extraction and water issues in Groningen, the Netherlands. Available in [Dutch](#): and [English](#).
- Presentations from Early Career Researchers during "Caring Matters in Knowing Water" conference (Montpellier, June 2022); and with NEWAVE-colleague Marie Belland during "4S / ESOCITE conference" (Mexico, remote attendance, December 2022).

**Lieke Prins:**

- Interview for the podcast series ‘Saber para Contar’, entitled [‘Arte Urbano y Mujeres en Medellín’](#).
- Several presentations at conferences, ‘Expresiones creativas en espacios públicos: un análisis de la digitalización de las prácticas del arte urbano en Medellín’ (CLASCO); ‘Contested Walls and Spaces: An Analysis of Massive Mural Making Processes during the National Strike of 2021 in Medellín, Colombia’ (CURA); and ‘Paredes y espacios en disputa: un análisis de la movilización de ‘Comunidad de Pintura Callejera Medellín’ y la creación de murales radicales y masivos’ (ACIUR); participant in the panel ‘Estudios sobre Pirañas que Pintan’.

**Sebastian Reyes Bejarano:**

- Report [“Energy Transition from Below: From Climate Colonialism to Energy Sovereignty”](#) for the platform Undisciplined Environment.
- Presentation at “Rivers, Commons, Movements: Transdisciplinary and Cross-Cultural Conceptualisations of Rivers as Socionatures” in Valencia, Spain.

**Tatiana Roa Avendaño:**

- [Interview](#) for the feminist portal Latfem on the topic of energy transition in Colombia and the role of peasants in this process.
- Participant in Colombian television programs such as “Zona Franca”; participant in several forums and webinars, both virtual and in-person, discussing topics such as the Pluriverse, alternatives to development, and energy transition; interview for the book “The Elections that Can Change the History of Colombia”.
- Presentations at the seminar [“Energy Transitions from Below: From Climate Colonialism to Energy Sovereignty”](#) at the International Institute of Social Studies; and “A Proposal from the Global South for a Just Fossil Fuel Phase-Out in Colombia” at the University of Utrecht.

**Gabriela Russo Lopes:**

- [Interview](#) on Brazil-Netherlands soy trade to journalism students from UvA.
- Contribution to a policy brief on [“Transformative Trade: Three Guiding Principles For Inducing Positive Change Towards Sustainability”](#) from WWF-Brazil; and contribution to the writing of Future Earth’s Postdoctoral Grant and Interdisciplinary Working Group on Transformations towards Sustainability.
- Presentation “Dimensions of Transformations towards Sustainability: Individual, Community and Political Changes in the Brazilian Amazon” at the [FLARE Conference](#) in Rome.
- Guest lecture at CEDLA and Amsterdam University College course on International Sustainable Development entitled “Transformations Towards Sustainability: Socio-Technical Perspectives”.

**Laura Triana Gallego:**

- Popular publication “[Diálogos entre autorrepresentación y autonomía creativa en dos experiencias audiovisuales latinoamericanas: Video de las Aldeas y La Villa del Cine](#)” in Catálogo Razonado: soberanías audiovisuales. Historias en común, IDARTES.
- Presentation [Trazando rutas de los procesos audiovisuales amerindios: Enfoques, reflexiones y perspectivas](#) (CLASCO);
- Guest lectures at the courses “Amerindian Visual Culture in Latin America”, and “Introducing Latin America Today” of the LAS minor programme.

**Carolina Valladares Pasquel:**

- Invited speaker at NALACS-CEDLA Dialogues with Civil Society about “The Struggles to Stop Fossil Fuels Extraction Activities. The Cases of Ecuador, Colombia and the Netherlands”;
- Guest lectures for the class International Sustainable Development with the topic “Green Grabbing vs. Rights of Nature”; and at the summer school ‘River Lives and Living Rivers’ in Wageningen University, with the topic ‘Rivers as Subjects’.



*Impressions of Tatiana and Fabio in the media*



## Social media

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



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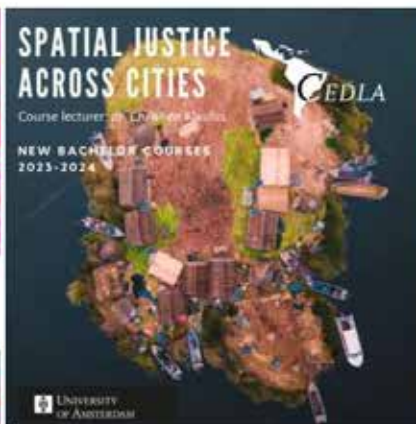
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# Teaching and Training

## Bachelor's Programme Spanish and Latin American Studies

Courses 2020-2021	Teaching staff	No. of registrations
Door de eeuwen heen in Spanje en Latijns-Amerika	Dr. A. Ouweneel (coordinator)	43
Politics and Protest: The Latin American State and Social Movements	Prof. Dr. B. Hogenboom	70
Understanding Latin America Today	G. Lamadrid Guerrero and Dr. Fabio de Castro	21
The Identity of the City	Dr. C. Klaufus (coordinator) Esteban Ramírez and Lorena del Castillo	49
Challenges for Development	Dr. F. de Castro	33
Lectura Guiada	Dr. C. Klaufus (coordinator)	14
Gender and Social Inequality in Latin America	Dr. J. Weegels	83
Brazil: Democracy, Citizenship and Culture	Dr. F. de Castro and Prof. Dr. K. Koonings	46
Visual Culture in the Hispanic World	Dr. A. Ouweneel	58
De wereld in delen (Inleiding regiostudies) – Academische Vaardigheden	Dr. J. Weegels	12
Research in Latin America	Dr. J. Weegels	23
Latijns Amerika in de 21ste eeuw. Tussen Tijuana en Ushuaia: thema's en regio's in Latijns-Amerika	Dr. C. Klaufus (coordinator)	22

## Master's Programme of Latin American Studies

Courses 2020-2021	Teaching staff	No. of registrations
Introduction to Latin American Studies	Dr. J. Weegels (coordinator)	25
Latin American Studies: Deepening the Debates	Dr. J. Weegels (coordinator)	16
Memories Need to Swim: Heritage and Myth-Making in Latin America	Dr. A. Ouweneel	18
Socio-Environmental Changes Latin America: Power, Participation and Governance	Dr. F. de Castro, Prof. dr. B. Hogenboom	18
Tutorials	CEDLA Staff	16
Interdisciplinary Methods	CEDLA staff	16

Student	Thesis title	Supervisor/Examinator
Farha Alibux	The Handbook of a Latin American in the Netherlands Navigating a White Society: Las Manos Que Cuentan Historias	Dr. J. Weegels
Miguel Castro Cordoba	Commodifying the Marginal: Cultural Tensions Cultural Tensions Amongst Performances of Identity in the Slums of Bogota	Prof. Dr. K. Koonings
Raquel Coljee	Mariposas Monarcas Migrantes: The Feminist and Migratory Experiences and Practices of Latin American Women in Madrid	Dr. J. Weegels
Mauro Floridia	ALL BOYS ES FLORESTA, Y FLORESTA ES ALL BOYS: A football club and its neighborhood	Prof. Dr. J. M. Baud
Vicente González Munita	"Desempolvando Comunidad": Mocha Aymara indigenous community (Tarapacá, Chile)	Dr. A. Ouweneel
Rosanne ter Keurst	Experiencing the Peruvian Cuisine: A Comparative Study on the Influence of the Gastronomic Boom on Popular Restaurants in Lima and Arequipa, Peru	Dr. A. Ouweneel
Mirko van Pampus	Conflict, Cooperation and Citizenship in Chilean Lithium Mining: Neoliberal Environmental Governance on the Salar de Atacama	Prof. dr. B. Hogenboom
Myrthe Peek	From Healing to Harmony: Practitioners Perspectives on Gender-Specific Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Interventions in Colombia's Peacebuilding Process	Prof. Dr. K. Koonings
German Pineros Cortes	Kansas Clann La migración en clave de rap	Dr. C. Klaufus
Giulia Pochini	Claiming Rights for the Marañón: Kukama Communities' Struggle for Environmental Justice	Dr. F. de Castro

Ricardo Quintero Celis	Visualizing Resistance: Political Street Art for Sociopolitical Change in Santiago de Cali	Prof. dr. B. Hogenboom
Elisa Sarmiento Jaramillo	The Right to Sell: Imaginaries for Changing a Local Garment Market in Ecuador.	Dr. C. Klaufus
Gabriele Tres Maniezo	Feeding the Rebellion: The Landless Rural Workers' Movement Discourses and Practices of Food Sovereignty in the Armazém do Campo initiative.	Dr. F. de Castro

## MLAS experience from our student Mirko van Pampus

In 2022, the planning and preparation of the fieldwork as part of the MLAS programme involved some complexities. Coming out of the corona pandemic – when Amsterdam was still under a strict evening curfew for a large part of the first semester and, although classes were not affected, this was a continuous threat – it remained unclear until very late in the process whether travel restrictions to all the intended destination countries would be lifted. Just few weeks before departure, the last countries went from Code Orange to Code Yellow. In the end, everyone was able to do his or her fieldwork, but I do think that this affected the preparation and even the choice of country for some students.

I must admit that initially I was a little sceptical about the idea of doing fieldwork. I knew that fieldwork was a central aspect to this master's programme and an important factor in attracting students to the programme. But at the same time, I was of the opinion that in a master's phase it does not yet make sense to go on fieldwork. The time is too short to morally justify researching "others" and the analysis too shallow to make a valuable academic contribution. Although I still agree with this underlying critique, I must say that the experience of my own fieldwork has shifted my opinion a little on this matter. It was an unforgettable experience and the quality of the analysis in my thesis has benefited massively from actually having been in the region and having seen, felt and smelled the place, so to say.

For my research, I travelled to the Atacama Desert in northern Chile to analyse the local social impact of large-scale lithium mining. Lithium is a crucial metal in the global energy transition – mostly for the production of batteries for electric vehicles and power grids – and more than half of all global reserves can be found in this region. In my research I wanted to analyse

how the (exponential increase of the) extraction of this metal is being governed in the neoliberal society of Chile and how these governance structures influence local conflict on the ground and vice versa. There was no time for meaningful trust and relationship-building, so I did not engage in ethnographic research methods or participatory observation. Instead, I focused on policy document analysis and interviews with key representatives in the field, from mining companies to academics and community activists. In this way, I was able to articulate meaningful insights into this very relevant debate.



*Impression from Mirko's fieldwork*

## Interuniversity Graduate Programme LASP

The Latin American Studies Programme (LASP) is an interuniversity graduate programme dedicated to research and graduate education on Latin America in the Netherlands. The common research aim of LASP is to understand and explain key social, political, cultural and economic transformations in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of global developments. LASP applies a comprehensive and integrated approach that combines a range of theories and methods from the social sciences and the humanities. In doing so, the programme brings together research projects and activities that cross the boundaries between the disciplines and departments of the different participating institutions. Bringing together senior and junior researchers, and providing training to MA graduates and PhD candidates, interdisciplinarity and a multilevel approach is our shared orientation, as is a joint interest in methodological innovation. The following academic institutions are part of LASP: Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA/UvA); Department of Cultural Anthropology of Utrecht University (CA/UU); Programme Group Governance for Inclusive Development of the University of Amsterdam (GID/UvA); Department of Latin American Studies of Leiden University (LAS/LU); Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology of VU Amsterdam (SCA/VU); Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University (ISS/EUR); Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology of Radboud University (CADS/RU); Institute for Historical, Literary and Cultural Studies of Radboud University (HLCS/RU).

Between 30 May and 2 June 2022, LASP organised its third biennial PhD Summer School in Soest, coordinated by Dr. Julienne Weegels. Fifteen PhD students and MA graduates from a variety of universities attended the course, which was focused on Latin American Perspectives, Themes and Epistemologies. The course combined a series of guest lectures with methodological and thematic workshops taught by leading Latin Americanists from a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds, going from the anthropology of religion to water governance. Before the summer, LASP also organised its annual information meeting about doing a PhD in Latin American Studies in the Netherlands.

## Capacity Building for the Latin American Office, MFA

With this programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Academy of International Relations wish to enhance the knowledge and analysis of Latin America and the Caribbean among its staff members. Since 2016, CEDLA offers a comprehensive capacity-building programme in which academic knowledge on the region is shared and discussed in onsite study days and online thematic lectures and seminars. Since 2020, the programme is executed in collaboration with KITLV institute, which takes care of the yearly activities focused on the Caribbean (study days and thematic sessions). The regular

meetings with a range of MFA and other officials proves to be beneficial for building contacts in The Hague and the embassies in the region and provides occasional informal thematic exchanges or discussions on current affairs.

On 23 June, during the annual study day 'Contemporary Trends in Latin America' in The Hague, there were lectures by Prof. Kees Koonings (Utrecht University and CEDLA-UvA) on political developments; Dr. Martijn Oosterbaan (Utrecht University) on religion and diversity, economic prospects beyond the pandemic; Prof. Murat Arsel (ISS-Erasmus University) on the political economy and ecology of commodities; and Prof. Barbara Hogenboom (CEDLA) on international relations and Latin American attitudes regarding the war in Ukraine. On 3 November, CEDLA organised the lecture 'Latin America in the International Legal Order' by Prof. René Urueña of Universidad de Los Andes (Bogota, Colombia) and Max Planck Law fellow.



*Pirañas Crew wall painting.  
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# Fellowship Programmes and Affiliated Organisations

## Slicher van Bath – de Jong Fellowships

The aim of the Slicher van Bath – de Jong Programme, which started in 2010, is to promote the study and research of Latin American history from the fourteenth to the early twentieth century, in particular by providing financial support for the historical research of young scientists. It grants financial support every year for research projects submitted by European and Latin American historians. In 2022, 30 projects were submitted. The Scientific Board considered them and decided to select the following projects for funding:

- Adriana Guadarrama Sosa: La invasión de la modernidad sobre las dunas de la ciudad portuaria de Veracruz (1873-1914)
- Ingrid Souza Ladeira de Souza: Mujeres anarquistas en las redes de militancia del espacio rioplatense: circulaciones, movilizaciones y representaciones (1895-1930)
- Jessica González: La reconfiguración de la administración pública en Colombia a través de la política de concesiones para las obras ferrocarrileras (1886-1912)
- Sabrina Asquini: El catolicismo y la cuestión religiosa en las culturas de izquierda en Argentina, 1890-1922
- Lorena Albornoz: Análisis histórico jurídico de los tratados y parlamentos Mapuche entre los siglos XVI al XIX
- Francisco Mamani Fuentes: “Manos a la obra” Los oficios de la construcción en la arquitectura religiosa del Sur Andino en los siglos XVII y XVIII
- Federico del Giudice: Foreigners’ Social Rights in Argentina. Local, National, and International Patterns of Inclusion (1900-1930)

## Prince Bernhard Scholarships

The Prince Bernhard Scholarships (PBS) support young scholars’ innovative research on Latin America or on the relations between Europe and Latin America, carried out in the fields of the social sciences and the humanities. In 2022, the PBS board decided to not award a scholarship, and instead awarded two scholarships in 2023.

## NALACS: Netherlands Association of LAC Studies

In 2022, NALACS organised the NALACS Thesis Award as well as three sessions of the *Diálogos / Dialogues* with Civil Society series of NALACS and CEDLA (see Other Activities). The Thesis Award attracted 16 master’s theses completed in the academic year of 2020-2021 from different master’s programmes from several Dutch Universities, including the University of Amsterdam, Wageningen University, Leiden University, Utrecht University, VU Amsterdam, TU Delft, and Erasmus University Rotterdam. The selection committee was composed by Dr. Ana Maria Fernández Maldonado (Senior Researcher at the Architecture Faculty of TU Delft), Dr. Rodrigo Mena (Assistant Professor of Disasters and Humanitarian Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam), and Sofia Forchieri (PhD candidate from Radboud University and winner of the NALACS THESIS AWARD 2021). The committee shortlisted seven theses for the award and selected three theses as finalists. The ceremony took place on 14 October at CEDLA-UvA when the three winners were announced:

- Esther Milberg Muñiz: Research as a Mangrove: Under-standing the Complexities of Participatory Research in the Fisher Village of Siribinha, BA, Brazil (Wageningen University)
- Julia Keenan Moore: Negotiating Mobility and Constructing Aspirations: The Case of Young Venezuelan Migrants ‘in Transit’ through Chile (ISS-Eramus University)
- Kateřina Žejdlová: Spectres of Violence in Post-Agreement Colombia: A Study of Narrative Polarization through Perspectives on Landmines and Demining in the Post-FARC Era (CEDLA-UvA)

## OLA: The Dutch PhD Forum on Latin America

In 2022 OLA, the network of PhDs researching Latin America in the Netherlands continued having as chairs Luisa F. González Valencia and Laura Ximena Triana – both working on media in Colombia and affiliated with CEDLA. They organised several feedback sessions, where they held discussions on extractivism, social movements, cinema, photography, grassroots collectives, history, and religion based on draft articles or project proposals of the network’s members. In November, a group of OLA members attended the screening of *Mom* by Sun Xero at IDFA (International Documentary Film Festival of Amsterdam). After the screening they met with the Tzotzil filmmaker who was in Amsterdam for the premier of his film and shared impressions about his work and related topics.



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