



Parques sin Bares! Analysis of civic and municipal strategies in the battle over parks and plazas in Buenos Aires
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This research aims to give insight into the social movements and other parties engaged in defending public spaces in Buenos Aires.

With only 1,8 m² of green space Buenos Aires ranks amongst the lowest in the world and is far from the minimum of 10-15 m² per capita which the World Health Organization suggests. While academics stress the health benefits of green spaces and the importance of public spaces as places of casual encounter for sustainable urban life, public spaces in Buenos Aires are constantly threatened by privatization by the city government.

Entrance to public parks is restricted by gates and parts of parks are being sacrificed for private enterprises. One example is the 'ley the bares' of 2014 which permits installation of private cafés in parks. Neighbors are organizing themselves in protest.

Through in-depth interviews with neighborhood activists, NGO's, journalist, politicians and people working within the city ministry of 'Ambiente y Espacio Publico', combined with observations in public space I am analyzing these battles and the network of organizations involved in what is slowly turning into a city wide protest against privatization of public space.



**Sexy Selfies and Pregnant Bellies:
Online-Offline Identities of Youngsters**

This project seeks to understand how young people in Chile (re)construct and present their gendered and sexual identities within the online-offline nexus. A particular focus will be on young people who transgress moral boundaries, either online (e.g. sexy selfies) or offline (e.g. teenage parenthood and non-heteronormativity). By studying their engagement with social media, this research tries to understand the cultural logics that underpin their particular usage; reflecting both how broader social and cultural systems affect young people's lives as well as how they interact with these. Combining a virtual and a 'traditional' ethnographic approach, this research intends to shed light on the practices, meanings and experiences surrounding sexuality, family formation, pregnancies and teenage parenthood in Chile. Irene graduated cum laude with an International Development Studies thesis on the online and offline social lives of urban youth in peripheral Lima, she has worked as a junior teacher at the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies (GPIO), University of Amsterdam, and started her PhD research at CEDLA