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The Conference at a Glance

Day One: Thursday, February 9
10:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M. Registration and Welcome
Location: ILASSA Lounge, Sid Richardson Hall 1.302

6:30–7:30 P.M. Opening Remarks and Welcome
Elizabeth Posner, Alexis Smith, and Kendall Zanowiak, Conference Coordinators
Nicolas Shumway, Director of LLILAS
Location: Thompson Conference Center (TCC) Auditorium 1.110

Introduction of Speaker
Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Senior Lecturer, UT Dept. of History and LLILAS

Opening Address
Sofia Montenegro, Nicaraguan feminist scholar and activist, and Executive Director of
the Centro de Investigaciones de la Comunicación in Managua

7:30–8:30 P.M. Reception
Location: Thompson Conference Center Lobby

9:00 P.M. Happy Hour
Crown and Anchor Pub, 2911 San Jacinto Blvd.

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Location: Thompson Conference Center 2.108

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Panel 4 TCC 3.122  Argentina in the 20th Century  

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7:30 P.M. Dinner  
Location: The Clay Pit Restaurant, 1601 Guadalupe**  

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*Historiografía musical: la creación de un paisaje musical Hispanoamericano (1876-1950)*
Juliana Pérez González, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

*Musical Responses to the Argentine Political and Economic Crisis: An Old Form Made New Again*
Michael O’Brien, University of Texas at Austin

*El baile continúa: las danzas de conquista*
Naturaleza Moore, Universidad de las Américas, Puebla

Panel 2. Imagining and Instituting Democratic Governance
Location: TCC 3.108
Moderator: Kenneth Greene, UT Dept. of Government

Tomas Bril Mascarenhas, Universidad de Buenos Aires

*O Jogo da estabilidade e da representação no Brasil e na Venezuela*
Felipe Nunes dos Santos, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
Thiago Rodrigues Silame, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

*Democracy in Costa Rica: A Critical Analysis*
Zamaly Diaz, New York University

*El quehacer intelectual y la búsqueda de la democracia para América Latina: tres historia de medio siglo*
Jesús Adolfo Becerril Valencia, Universidad Instituto Politécnico Nacional–Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

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Panel 3. Confronting the Myth of Consensus: Neo-Liberalism and After
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Moderator: Chandler Stolp, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Between Socioeconomic Regression and Political Crisis: The Transnational Underpinnings of the Emerging Competition State in Latin America
Carlos Velásquez Carrillo, York University

Is the Summit of the Americas a Deadlocked Process? A Comprehensive Account and Analysis of the Summit Process in the Americas from Miami to Mar del Plata
Jillian Blake, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

The Washington Consensus: Undermining U.S. Influence in Latin America
Peter Meyer, St. John's University

Pedagogía de la integración en el MERCOSUR
Evelyn Schreiber, Freie Universität Berlin

Panel 4. Caribbean Politics: Diplomacy and Militarism
Location: TCC 3.122
Moderator: Frank Guridy, UT Dept. of History

"How We Got Guantánamo” Revisited: Cuban-American Collaboration in 1898 at Guantánamo Bay
David C. Carlson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

El Concilio Plenario de América Latina en Roma y su aplicación en Puerto Rico
Gerardo Alberto Hernández-Aponte, University of Puerto Rico–Río Piedras

La independencia de Costa Firme y la plaza militar de Puerto Rico
Francisco Febres-Cordero, University of Puerto Rico–Río Piedras

Session Two: 10:15 A.M.–12:15 P.M.

Panel 1. Indigenous Cultural Recognition and Agency
Location: TCC 1.126
Moderator: Shannon Speed, UT Dept. of Anthropology

Subjetividades indígenas eletrônicas: a atuação indígena no cyberspaço
Eliete S. Pereira, Universidade de Brasília

The Failure of Legal Transplant and the Indigenous Struggle in Ecuador
Leora Wise, York University

Towards a Trans-American Mythology? Learning from Art and Oral Literature
Maria Antonia Carcelén Estrada, University of Massachusetts

Lengua o identidad: dos categorías de la medida de la población indígena y las diferencias en la mortalidad infantil en México
Hirotoshi Yoshioka, University of Texas at Austin

La Khoa, esencia del alma mater andina
José Guillermo Del Carpio, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés

Location: TCC 3.108
Moderator: TBA

Racial Inequality and Affirmative Action in Brazil: Using the U.S. Experience as a Point of Departure
Amanda Irwin, University of Texas at Austin

Afro-Brazilian Religious Practices in the City of Salvador, Bahia (1920–1950)
Iris Verena Santos de Oliveira, Universidade Federal de Ceará

Of Bells and Dolls: The Tension between Local and Regional Afro-Brazilian Identities in Maracatu de Nação (Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil)
Jerry Metz, University of Maryland

Panel 3. The Immigrant Experience: Identity and Culture
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¿Habla Inglés? The Linguistic Assimilation of Mexican Immigrants in Texas
Suzannah Gonzales, University of Texas at Austin

Construcciones de identidad de mujeres ecuatorianas en Madrid: NosOtras
Araceli Masterson Algar, University of Arizona

El dilema de la introducción de trabajadores chinos a Puerto Rico y el Caribe durante el sigle XIX
José Lee Borges, Universidad de Puerto Rico

Community and Ethnic Relations in Siler City: From Hate Rally to Block Party
Sarah Sutton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Panel 4. Argentina in the 20th Century  
Location: TCC 3.122  
Moderator: Manuel Balan, Ph.D. Candidate, UT Dept. of Government

Unions, Labor Parties and Options for Re-accommodation: Examining Argentine Corporatism after Market Liberalization  
Jessica Roch, University of St. Thomas

The Threatened City: The Spatial Representation of Buenos Aires and the Presence of Peronism in David Viñas's Los años despiadados and Beatriz Guido's La caída  
Leandro Benmergui, University of Maryland

La sustentabilidad de la Argentina luego de la crisis  
Members of the Fundación Universitaria del Río de la Plata

The Influence of Marxism on the Peronist Left, 1955–1973  
Brian Teplica, University of Texas at Austin

Campaña de moralidad y creación de "la" juventud: Política y sexualidad en Buenos Aires, 1960–61  
Valeria Manzano, Indiana University–Bloomington

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Moderator: Rosental Alves, UT Dept of Journalism

Cuba, Live and Worldwide: Self-Representation and Self-Identity on the Internet  
Adrian Johnson, University of Texas at Austin

What Is Driving the Explosion of Freedom of Information Laws across Latin America? Inferences from Mexico and Argentina  
Greg Michener, University of Texas at Austin

A Free Press and Consolidation of Democracy: A Case Study of Two Newspapers  
Summer Harlow, University of Texas at Austin

La nueva prensa satírica chilena: el caso The Clinic  
Paul Alonso, University of Texas at Austin
Panel 2. Colonial Mexico: Social and Spiritual Relationships  
Location: TCC 3.108  
Moderator: Ann Twinam, UT Dept. of History

*Creating a New Devotion: San Felipe in Mexico City, 1627–1677*  
Cory Conover, University of Texas at Austin

*Peasants, Indian Nobles, and the Decline of the Tlaxcalan-Spanish Alliance*  
Eliot Spencer, Grinnell College

*Indigenous Aristocracy on the Eve of Independence: The Rights and Privileges of Cacique Descendants in Guanajuato, Mexico*  
Carolina Palacios, Trinity University

*The San Xavier Murder Scandal, 1752–1760*  
Tanner Neidhart, University of Texas at Austin

Panel 3. Repression, Rebellion, and Reparation at the Turn of the Century  
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*Revolutionizing Motherhood: Evaluating the Role of Mothers in the Success of Social Movements in Latin American Authoritarian Regimes*  
Julie R. Kaster, Macalester College

*Los desmovilizados de Nicaragua y su problemática re-inserción en la sociedad post-sandinista*  
Verónica Rueda Estrada, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

*The Legacy of the Madres de Plaza de Mayo: Las Marchas del silencio, a New Form of Social Protest in Argentina Post-Dictatorship*  
Emilia Arce, University of Texas at Austin

*The Fight against Impunity in Argentina: A 20-Year Wait for Justice*  
Emily Spangenberg, University of Wisconsin

Panel 4. Mujeres Olvidadas: Prostitutes and Gender Roles in Literature  
Location: TCC 3.122  
Moderator: Sonia Roncador, UT Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese

*Nadie me verá llorar: una sincronía palimpsestica de Santa*  
Vanessa Gutierrez, San Diego State University
La representación femenina y masculina en Nadie me verá llorar
Maritza Bandera, Denison University

Historia e identidad en La novia oscura de Laura Restrepo
Lucero Flores-Paez, University of Colorado–Boulder

Session Four: 3:15–4:45 P.M.

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Location: TCC 1.126
Moderator: Jacqueline Barnitz, UT Dept. of Art and Art History

The Representation of American Identity in the Atrios of Colonial Mexico
Susana Stoll, University of New Mexico

Resisting the Hollywood Imaginary in Cuban Poster Art
Angela Marino-Segura, University of New Mexico

Art for What: Abstract Art in Brazil during the Cold War
Marcio Siwi, University of Texas at Austin

Temporary Sources: An Alternate Model of Cultural Relations between the United States and Mexico as Seen in American Sources of Modern Art
Sarah Selvidge, New York University

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Creative Strategies and Medical Pluralism in Cuban Health Care
Traci Potterf, University of California, Berkeley

The Contested Development of the Transgenic Landscape: Policy, Narrative, and Networks in Agrarian Struggles in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Kacy McKinney, University of Texas at Austin

Hernando Cepeda Sánchez, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Panel 3. Mobile Communities: Migration in Latin America
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Moderator: Emily Skop, UT Dept. of Geography and Environment
Migration and Rural Development in the Peruvian Highlands
Carolyn Barker, University of Texas at Austin

Intersections of Social Networks and State Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Brazilian Migration to the United States and Japan
Sarah Zell, University of Texas at Austin

Peruvian Immigration to Chile: Policy, NGO's and the Chilean State
Solange Muñoz, University of Texas at Austin

Panel 1. Understanding Inequality
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Moderator: TBA

Aplicación de la técnica Grade of Membership (GOM) en el perfilamiento de hogares. El caso de Lima Metropolitana
Julio Alfredo Racchumi Romero, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

Cyclical Tolerance for Inequality: Explaining the Procyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Middle-Income Democracies
Noam Lupu, University of Chicago

Reducing Inequality in Brazil: Comparison between Lula’s and Cardoso’s Governments
Flavia Leite, University of Texas at Austin

Structural Change, Inequality and Growth in Mexico
Craig Adair, University of Texas at Austin

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Moderator: Eduardo Dargent, Ph.D. Candidate, UT Dept of Government

"Ni una sola mata de coca": la erradicación manual de cultivos ilícitos en Colombia (1994–2004)
Laura Gamboa Gutiérrez, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

El arroz Colombiano Frente al TLC
Diana Goretty Oviedo Manrique, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Los proyectos de modernización en Colombia y las relaciones entre el Estado y los trabajadores: estudio comparativo de dos periodos 1920–1944 y 1990–2000
Camilo Alberto Jiménez, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Panel 2. Society through a Literary Lens
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El señor presidente versus Hun-Hunahpú e Ixquic
Timothy P. Gaster, University of Chicago

La identidad bajacaliforniana a en Albedrió y La Genara
Rafael Orozco, San Diego State University

Una olvidada del canon: existencialismo y escritura en El libro vacío (1958) de Josefina Vicens
Cristina Carrasco, University of Texas at Austin

La poesía concreta del Brasil como vanguardia: herencia
José Ignacio Padilla, Princeton University

Panel 3. Reassessing the Political: Participatory Citizenship
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Moderator: Henry Dietz, UT Dept. of History; LLILAS Graduate Adviser

Democratic Citizenship against Liberal Citizenship: The Different Political Cultural Effects of Municipalities Government
Carolina Raquel Duarte de Mello Justo, Universidade Estadual de Campinas

Another Way of Doing Politics: Citizen Participation beyond the Electoral Process
Kelly Dowdell, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social

Women’s Work Meets the Policy Agenda: Why Advocates Underemployed Gender at Brazil’s First National Conference
Sandra Wegmann, University of Texas at Austin

Adapting "PB" beyond Brazil: The Diffusion of Participatory and Transparent Budgeting and Its Impact on Democracy
Benjamin Reames, Columbia University

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Los Muleques: *The Forgotten Children of the Cuban Slave Trade*
Grant Price, Trinity University

*Between God and the Devil: Surreptitious Resistance and the Language of Religious Belligerence*
Sandra Sanchez-Lopez, University of York

*Libertos en el siglo XVIII: el caso de la Ciudad de Panamá*
Silvia Espelt Bombin, Universitat de Barcelona

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Moderator: Byron Crites, Ph.D. Candidate, UT Dept. of History

*Complex Determination: Why Mexico Won't Privatize PEMEX*
Peter Stockburger, Texas State University

"*Protesto y Protestamos lo Necesario*: Women's Work in an Industrialized Mexican Borderland, 1880–1940"
Sonia Hernandez, University of Houston

*Porfirio Diaz and American Investors: The Dynamics of an Imperial Relationship, 1876–1910*
Nichole Koloff, Fort Lewis College

*Ciclos de Poder de Mercado Industrial: México 1980–1998*
David Mulato, Universidad Iberoamericana

**Panel 2. Latin America and Film**
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Moderator: Mercedes De Uriarte, UT Dept. of Journalism

*Locas and Latin Lovers: Gay Latinos in American Film*
Joseph Pierce, University of Texas at Austin

*Transnationalism and the Politics of Solidarity: Reflecting on Mereilles' Ciudade de Deus (2002) and The Constant Gardener (2005)*
Olivier Tchouaffe, University of Texas at Austin
Alternative Authorship: Cacá Diegues Adapting to a Shifting Industry
Courtney Brannon, University of Texas at Austin

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Women Writers, Educational Policy, and the Creation of the National Panamanian Identity in the Early Republic
Rolando de la Guardía, Universidad de Barcelona

From Nantli to Madre and Conetl to Hijo: The Transformation of the Mother Child Relationship in Post-Conquest Mexico
Erin Klingensmith, Trinity University

Sex Trafficking and Sex Tourism in the Dominican Republic
Irene Barcos, Claremont McKenna College

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Moderator: Donna De Cesare, UT Dept. of Journalism

Las pandillas panamericanas: una cuestión desde el primer mundo al tercero
Miles Johnson, University of Richmond

La encrucijada de la seguridad ciudadana en América Latina: entre la tentación autoritaria y la participación comunitaria
Juan Carlos Ruiz Vásquez, University of Oxford

Confronting Gang Violence in El Salvador: Can the Rule of Law Prevail?
Joshua Clark, University of Texas at Austin

Changing the Scene: An Evaluation of a Theater-Based Program for Juvenile Offenders
Richard Hanson, University of Texas at Austin

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The opening address will be delivered by **Sofia Montenegro**, a Nicaraguan feminist scholar and activist, on Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 P.M. at the Thompson Conference Center. Sofia Montenegro was one of the founders of the Sandinista daily paper *Barricada* after the triumph of the revolution of 1979. She works on issues relating to the women’s movement, feminism, and progressivism. Montenegro is also a communications specialist and a writer who focuses on NGOs, their role in civil society, and their effects on grassroots social movements. She is currently the executive director of the Institute of Communications Research in Managua.
Benedita da Silva, former governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro, will deliver the conference’s keynote address on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 P.M. at the Thompson Conference Center. The political life of Benedita da Silva is a benchmark of the new moment of historical rising of the Afro-Brazilians, which started during the 1970s. Her parliamentary initiatives reflect the demands of the social movements that fight discrimination against women, blacks, and indigenous peoples, defending the environment and the protection of children and youths, and against the apartheid in South Africa. She is the first Afro-Brazilian woman to be elected to Brazil’s government.