

Conference Schedule

Friday, October 21

2:15 p.m.

Panel I. *Ethics of the Event?*

Gabriela Basterra (Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures, New York University; Directeur de Programme, Collège International de Philosophie, Paris): “Ethics, Perhaps?”

Bruno Bosteels (Associate Professor of Spanish Literature, Cornell University): “The Ethical Superstition”

Chair: **Joshua Lund** (Assistant Professor of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh)

4:00 p.m.

Panel II. *Ethics and Cultural Studies*

Idelber Avelar (Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, Tulane University): “Cultural Studies in the Blogosphere: Academics Meet New Technologies of Online Publication”

Alberto Moreiras (Professor of Spanish and Literature, Duke University): “Infrapolitics and the Thriller: An Alternative Literary History”

Esther Gabara (Assistant Professor of Romance Studies and Art and Art History, Duke University): “‘I Promise She Is a Woman’: Balmoreadas, Acciones, and the Gendering of Ethics”

Chair: **Bobby Chamberlain** (Associate Professor of Brazilian Culture and Literature, University of Pittsburgh)

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m.

Panel III. *The Limits of Literature*

Sergio Chejfec (Autor, Poet, and Editor, Buenos Aires/New York): “Apuntes sobre mundos construidos”

Gabriel Riera (Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature, Princeton University): “‘Regia Victoria’: Saer or for an Ethics of Writing”

Chair: **Emily Maguire** (Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Indiana University)

10:45 a.m.

Panel IV. *Reading lo popular, Reading the Particular*

Francine Masiello (Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California, Berkeley): “Getting There First: The Experience of Reading”

Doris Sommer (Ira Jewell Williams, Jr. Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University):

“Slaps and Embraces: The Ethical Erotics of Particularism,”

Chair: **Jerome Branche** (Associate Professor of Latin American and Cultural Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

1:30 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion

John Beverley (Professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature and Cultural Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

Ronald A.T. Judy (Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh)

Giuseppina Mecchia (Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh)

Doris Sommer (Harvard University)

2:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

11th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

The Eleventh Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 16 and 17, 2006. **Teresa Caldeira**, the 2006 Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecturer, delivered the keynote address on “Re-Imagining Inequality: Hip-Hop, Periphery, and Spatial Segregation in São Paulo.”

The annual Latin American Social and Public Policy conference features presentations on social and public policy research in Latin America by graduate students from the University of Pittsburgh and other universities, with comments by University of Pittsburgh faculty. For the eleventh conference, 16 students from seven departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh and seven non-Pitt students (from Arizona State University, Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de General San Martín, Argentina, the Korean Development Institute School, the University of Chicago, the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison) presented papers and eight Pitt faculty members provided discussion.

The 2006 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **María José Alvarez** (Sociology), **Stuart Easterling** (History), **Verónica Lifrieri** (Linguistics), **Laura Macia Vergara** (Anthropology), **Marilia Mochel** (Political Science), **Gabriela Núñez** (Communication), **Oscar de la Torre** (History), and **Javier Vázquez** (Political Science), with direction and support from **Luis Bravo** (Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships). The organizers and the Center would like to thank everyone involved in the conference.

The conference was sponsored by the Latin American Social and Public Policy Program of the Center for Latin American Studies, with supplementary support from a U.S. Department of Education (Title VI) grant to the University of Pittsburgh/Cornell University Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs. A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference (continued)

Thursday, February 16

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: **James A. Craft** (Acting Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

10:00 a.m.

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Labor Inequality

Moderator: **Marilia Mochel**

R. Spencer Foster (Sociology, University of Pittsburgh):

“The Influence of Gender and Race on Occupational Segregation in Urban Brazilian Workers”

Ligia Diaz-Román (Education, University of Pittsburgh):

“Racial and Gender Inequalities in Education, Urban São Paulo Workers, Brazil, 2000”

Verónica Lifrieri (Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh):

“Language at Work: English Proficiency among Hispanic Workers in the U.S.”

Jared Coopersmith (Sociology, University of Pittsburgh):

“Inequality among Professionals: The Case of Brazilian Schoolteachers”

Discussants: **G. Reid Andrews** (UCIS Research Professor of History) and **Peggy A. Lovell** (Associate Professor of Sociology)



Left to right: Verónica Lifrieri, Marilia Mochel, R. Spencer Foster, Ligia Diaz-Román, Jared Coopersmith, and Reid Andrews.

1:00 p.m.

Economic Integration

Moderator: **Laura Macia Vergara**

Justin M. Rivas (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “CAFTA and Central American Implications: A New Development Model, Trade Pact Changes, and Comparisons to NAFTA”

Ana Carolina Garriga (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh): “Latin America 1950-1979: A Corollary of ‘Autocratic Peace’”

Discussant: **James Cassing** (Professor of Economics)

Teresa Caldeira is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Irvine, and author of the award-winning book, *City of Walls: Crime, Segregation, and Citizenship in São Paulo* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000). In her research, Dr. Caldeira has addressed questions of (a) social discrimination, spatial segregation, and urban change; (b) urban violence; (c) citizenship, democracy, and individual rights; (d) social movements and popular political participation; (e) gender relations; and (f) youth cultures in the context of neoliberalism. She has carried out research on these topics through extended fieldwork projects in São Paulo, Brazil. Her work is notably interdisciplinary—combining methodologies, theories, and approaches from the different social sciences.



Professor Caldeira’s current research focuses on young men and women from all social classes living in São Paulo and investigates the paradoxical and unprecedented ways in which they are recreating gender roles. This recreation is paradoxical because it simultaneously breaks with past models and reproduces, in almost caricature fashion, some traditional attributes of these roles—especially male aggressiveness and female sensuality. The most emblematic expressions of these trends are, on the one hand, male involvement with guns, crime, and artistic-stylistic expressions valorizing risk and aggressiveness (such as hip-hop). On the other hand, these trends are present in young girls’ preference for styles and careers that valorize the exposure of a sexualized body. The recreation of gender roles is unprecedented because it articulates in explicit ways two issues that traditionally have been either silenced or disguised in Brazilian society—racism and class antagonism.



Left to right: James Cassing, Laura Macia Vergara, Ana Carolina Garriga, and Justin M. Rivas.



Left to right: Kavin Paulraj, María José Alvarez, Lars Peterson, Christina M. Robinson, Laura Wills, and John Markoff.

2:50 p.m.

Democracy: Stability, Reform and Crisis

Moderator: **María José Alvarez**

Laura Wills (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh): "Electoral Systems in Latin America: Explaining the Adoption of Electoral Proportional Systems during the 20th Century"

Lars Peterson (History, University of Pittsburgh): "Democracy in Question: Uruguayan Elite Discourse, 1966-1973"

Christina M. Robinson (University of Arizona): "Killing Injustice: Lynching Prevention Programs in Huehuetenango, Guatemala"

Kavin Paulraj (History, University of Pittsburgh): "How Liberationist Catholics Politicized the Countryside and Built the Brazilian Land Reform Movement, 1968-1988"

Discussant: **John Markoff** (Professor of Sociology, History and Political Science and UCIS Research Professor)



Left to right: Oscar de la Torre, Martha Mantilla, and Juan Zuluaga.

Friday, February 17

8:30 a.m.

Social Publications in Latin America (Roundtable Discussion)

Moderator: **Oscar de la Torre**

Juan Zuluaga (College of General Studies, University of Pittsburgh): "On the Frustrating State of Latin American Serial Publications and a Solution"

Discussant: **Martha Mantilla** (Assistant Librarian, Eduardo Lozano Latin American Library Collection)

9:30 a.m.

Political Institutions and Voters' Behavior in Latin America

Moderator: **Verónica Lifrieri**

Miguel García (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh): "On Bullets and Ballots: Political Violence and Electoral Turnout in Colombia, 1990-1994"

Marilia Mochel (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh): "The Stability of Party Identification in Less Institutionalized Party Systems: The Case of Brazil"

Amy Erica Smith (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh): "Democratic Legitimacy and Regime Stability: What is the Connection?"

Laura Coward (Georgetown University/Universidad Nacional de General San Martín, Argentina): "Clientelism in Argentina: A Bipartite Case Study From the 'Conurbano Bonaerense'"

Discussant: **Scott Morgenstern** (Associate Professor of Political Science)



Left to right: Laura Coward, Scott Morgenstern, Miguel García, Amy Erica Smith, and Marilia Mochel.

11:30 a.m.

Reforming Education in Latin America

Moderator: **Gabriela Núñez**

Yadira García (Education, University of Pittsburgh) and **Luis F. Vivaldi** (Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh): "Guatemalan Educational Policy since the 1996 Peace Accords"

Lucía Guerra Reyes (Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia): "Policies for People?: The case of the Peruvian National Sexual Education Program"

Matt Rhodes (Education, University of Pittsburgh): "Language Policy and Linguistic Minorities"

Discussant: **Clementina Acedo** (Assistant Professor of Administrative and Policy Studies, Education)



Left to right: Gabriela Núñez, Lucía Guerra Reyes, Clementina Acedo, Yadira García, Matt Rhodes, Luis Vivaldi.

2:00 p.m.

Assessing Public Policy Reform

Moderator: **Stuart Easterling**

Hernan Maldonado (Korean Development Institute School): "Anti-Drug Policies: On the Wrong Path to Peace"

Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference (continued)

Left to right: Patricia Skillin, Stuart Easterling, Liliana Cisneros, Noam Lupu, Hernan Maldonado, and Nuno Themudo.

Liliana Cisneros (University of Wisconsin-Madison):
“Fiscal Transfers and Decentralization in Nicaragua”

Patricia Skillin (Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh): “In Search of a Remedy: The Failures of Judicial Reform in Bolivia”

Noam Lupu (University of Chicago): “Critical Tolerance for Inequality: Explaining the Procyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Middle-Income Democracies”

Discussant: **Nuno S. Themudo** (Assistant Professor of International Affairs)

4:00 p.m.

2006 Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture

Introduction: **G. Reid Andrews** (UCIS Research Professor of History)

Lecture: “Re-Imagining Inequality: Hip-Hop, Periphery, and Spatial Segregation in São Paulo” by **Teresa Caldeira** (Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine)

Workshop on Alternative Politics and Epistemologies: Latin America’s Current Challenges to Globalization and Neoliberalism

March 20, 2006

Coordinators: **Elizabeth Monasterios** (Associate Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures) and **Gonzalo Lamana** (Assistant Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)



Left to right: Marisol de la Cadena, John Beverley, Mario Blaser, José Manuel Valenzuela, Marcello Fernández Osco, Elizabeth Monasterios, and Gonzalo Lamana.

In 2005, the CLAS Faculty and Student Advisory Committee recommended that the Center focus its conference, symposium, lecture, and publication activities over the next few years on the overarching theme of *Globalization and Diversity/Inequality in Latin America: The Challenges, Opportunities, and Dangers*. This workshop represented the first step in a conference and publication program devoted to the theme.

Unfortunately, the participants from Bolivia were not present. Dr. Magdalena Cajias had to cancel because of duties related to her role in the new administration of President Evo Morales. However, she might not have been able to attend the workshop even if her schedule permitted, because Professor Raúl Prada was denied permission to travel to the United States despite the fact that he held a diplomatic and a tourist visa. This echoes, and regrettably appears to extend to other non-U.S. scholars, the policies that the current U.S. administration has been applying in relation to academicians from Cuba. The papers by Drs. Cajias and Prada were read by the conference coordinators.