

Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference Program

March 28-30, 2024

Hybrid Event



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For information on each panel, times, and registration, click on the corresponding list below—All events are presented in hybrid mode; we ask that you please register, whether you are attending in-person or virtually. All panels are in Pittsburgh (Eastern USA Daylight Savings Time, equivalent to GMT -4).

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Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

The **Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS)** as part of the **University Center for International Studies (UCIS)** at the **University of Pittsburgh** welcomes faculty and students to the **Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP) Conference**. For over 25 years, we have welcomed researchers from around the world to discuss social and public policy in Pittsburgh. Creating spaces where the scientific community can discuss the past, present, and future of Latin America, Caribbean and its Diasporas is always important; it seems even more crucial these days.

During the LASPP conference participants will benefit from CLAS' extensive international network and in-house scholars. This assures that authors and presenters collect insightful feedback benefitting from top researchers in Latin American Studies. Moreover, in order to become ever more inclusive and lower barriers for scientific exchange, papers may be presented in English, Spanish, and/or Portuguese.



Thursday, March 28th, 2024

4:00 – Welcome: Dr. Manuel Román-Lacayo, *University of Pittsburgh*
Room: 4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

4:10-6:10 P.M.

Dignity, Justice, and Solidarity: The Past, Present, and Future of Sex Workers' Labor and Human Rights

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4fy2b82s>

Amalia Cabezas, UC Riverside

Leah LaGrone, Weber State University in Ogden, UT

Olivia Snow, UCLA

Discussant: **Eladio B. Bobadilla, *University of Pittsburgh***

The Working Class History Seminar and the Center for Latin American Studies
at the University of Pittsburgh present:

**"Dignity, Justice, and Solidarity: The Past,
Present, and Future of Sex Workers' Labor and
Human Rights Organizing"**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

4 - 5:30 PM

4130 Posvar Hall



Panelists Olivia Snow, Leah LaGrone, and Amalia L. Cabezas will discuss sex workers' historical and contemporary struggles for labor and human rights. Bridging academic and activist perspectives, this panel will invite conversations about the past, present, and future of sex workers' rights in the United States, Latin America, and beyond. Co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies, the panel will be included in the Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference.

Friday, March 29th, 2024

8:30-9:30 A.M. Breakfast

9:30-11:00 A.M. Challenges in Education (English/Spanish)

Room: SOE - 4310 & 4316 CUE Commons/Conference Rooms

Zoom link: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94899719014>

- **Angel Deroncele-Acosta**, *Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (PERU)*
“Educational Innovation with ICT in Latin American Universities: Towards a sustainable education policy”
- **Paula Maguina-Ugarte**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“Comparative analysis of the regulatory framework of inclusive education in higher education in Latin America”
- **Ena Ysabel Kitsutani Barrenechea**, *Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (PERU)*
“El Sentido De Comunidad Contribuye Para La Adaptabilidad En La Escuela Virtual”

Discussant: **Jorge Delgado**, *University of Pittsburgh*

11:05 A.M.–12:05 P.M. – Policy Networks and Political Actors (English/Portuguese)

Room: SOE - 4310 & 4316 CUE Commons/Conference Rooms

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- **Vinicius Moraes da Cunha**, *Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo da Fundação Getulio Vargas (BRAZIL)*
“Agrarian Elite in the Brazilian National Congress: Patterns of Organization and Political Intervention”
- **Carlos Aurelio Pimenta de Faria**, *Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais (BRAZIL)*
“Mapping and characterization of transnational policy networks that operate in Latin America”
- **Alisson Droppa**, *Departamento Intersindical de Estatística e Estudos Socioeconômicos (BRAZIL)*
“El fenómeno de la tercerización y las respuestas del Poder Judicial: los casos de Argentina y Brasil”

Discussant: **Javier Vázquez-D'Elía**, *University of Pittsburgh*

11:05A.M.–12:05 P.M.– Extractivism and Development (English)

Room: 4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

Zoom Link: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94941278389>

- **Dafne Murillo**, *Columbia University (NY)*
“Commodity Booms, Local State Capacity, and Development”
- **Lakshmi Mosquera Herrera**, *Trinity Washington University (DC)*
“Economic Extractive Activities and Displacement Dynamics: A Deep Dive into the Afro-Colombian Communities of Chocó”

Discussant: **Nuno Themudo**, *University of Pittsburgh*

The Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Keynote Speaker

Dr. Carissa Schively Slotterback

*Dean of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
(GSPIA)*

Advancing Interdisciplinary and Engaged Research in the Urban Amazon

Friday, March 29, 2024

12:30—1:45 P.M.

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

Zoom Link: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/97458693918>

Lunch will be provided.



Dr. Carissa Schively Slotterback is Dean and Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Since arriving at the University of Pittsburgh in October 2020, she has led major efforts in the school around strategic planning; diversity, equity, and inclusion; development and alumni engagement; research capacity building; and enhancing student experience. She is a widely published scholar in the areas of stakeholder and public engagement and decision-making related to environmental and land use policy and planning. She has a particular interest in how stakeholders perceive impacts and use information in making decisions, focusing on impact assessment and collaborative decision-making approaches.

Prior to joining the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Slotterback served as a faculty member and program director in urban and regional planning, as well as Associate Dean, in the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. She led several initiatives focused on interdisciplinary and engaged research and education, including in her prior roles as director of research engagement in the Office of the Vice President for Research and as co-founder and director of the Resilient Communities Project.

Dr. Slotterback currently serves as Chair of the Dean's Summit, member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs Executive Committee, and member of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Executive Council. She has held multiple leadership positions with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, including as Vice President and was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2018.

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2:00 – 3:05 P.M.– Care and Reproductive Rights (English/Spanish)

Room: 4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

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- **Rebecca Smyth**, *Birmingham City University (ENGLAND)*
“*Abortion and Human Rights: Lessons from El Salvador*”
- **Hannah Latif**, *Berkeley Preparatory School (FL)*
“*Unseen Mothers: The Hidden Struggles of Prenatal Care for Undocumented Latina Women*”
- **Silvia Lilian Ferro**, *Universidade Federal da Integração Latino-Americana (BRAZIL)*
“*Transición demográfica, movilidad humana y cuidados. Una mirada a la crisis global del cuidado desde el sur.*”

Discussant: **Laura Lovett**, *University of Pittsburgh*

2:00 – 3:05 P.M.– Social and Political Movements (English/Spanish)

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- **Mauricio Zavaleta**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“*Revolutionary origins of ethnic politics in the Central Andes*”
- **Ana Marrugo Gomez**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“*Beyond the Ballot: Tracing the Legacy of Colombia's 2021 National Strike*”
- **Aico Sipriano Nogueira**, *University of São Paulo (BRAZIL)*
“*Degrowth, agroecology and the construction of new social institutions: technical and political training in agricultural units with and without leadership of the Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST) in Greater São Paulo, Brazil*”

Discussant: **Javier Vázquez-D'Elía**, *University of Pittsburgh*

3:10 – 3:55 P.M. – Political Corruption (English)

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- **Heidi Jane M. Smith**, *Universidad Iberoamericana (MEXICO)*
“*Financial Condition in the Context of Corruption. The Case of Local Governments in Mexico*”
- **Laura Beghini Chelidonopoulos**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“*Retrospective voting in corrupt contexts: A multilevel analysis of incumbent punishment*”

Discussant: **Javier Vázquez-D'Elía**, *University of Pittsburgh*

Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:30-9:30--Breakfast

9:30 – 11:00 A.M. **Políticas Públicas y Sociales para la convulsa Centroamérica de ayer y hoy** (Spanish)

Room: 4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

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- **Ajpub' Pablo García Ixmatá**, *Universidad Rafael Landívar*
“*Agua: lecciones de política pública desde la cosmovisión indígena para el desarrollo humano y una democracia sustancial*”
- **Sergio García**, *The University of Maryland*
“*Construir ¿Resiliencia o fragilidad? Patrones de resiliencia ante los desastres en Guatemala*”
- **Fabiola Morales y Walter López**, *Universidad Rafael Landívar*
“*Del buen diseño a los retos de la implementación: Estudio de caso de política pública en Chixoy*”
- **Mario Sánchez**, *Universidad Centroamericana El Salvador*
“*De las políticas populistas punitivas a la política autocrática en El Salvador*”
- **Kenneth Escorcía**, *Universidad Centroamericana – Managua*
“*Cierre de espacios de incidencia en políticas públicas en Nicaragua a raíz de la crisis sociopolítica en 2018*”

Discussant: **Sergio Cabrales Dominguez**, *University of Pittsburgh*

11:05 A.M. – 12:30P.M. **Gender and Human Rights** (English/Portuguese)

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- **Caelin Grambau**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“*Perceptions and Demographics Surrounding Narratives of Femicide in Valladolid, Mexico*”
- **Rosane Pereira Marques**, *Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (BRAZIL)*
“*Refúgio na Educação: Escritas migrantes e Escritas refugiadas de mulheres negras na diáspora*”
- **Peter Alexis Cruz Espinoza**, *Pontificia Universidad Católica (PERU)*
“*Challenges in the Identity of Intersex Persons in Peru: An Evolving Response from International Human Rights Law*”
- **Noah Manalo**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“*Inclusive Education in Latin America: A Systematic Analysis of Educating Students with Disabilities in the Region*”

Discussant: **Paola Calahorrano**, *University of Pittsburgh*

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:05A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Political Parties and Elections (English)

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- **Akira Pinto Medeiros**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“Public Financing to Political Parties across Latin America: a comparative approach using the Parties’ dependency score (on state funding) index”
- **Chuang Chen**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“Immigration, Party Identification, and Populist Right Surge in Latin America”
- **Akira Pinto Medeiros**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“Strategic Allocation of Resources by parties: the Case of Brazil”
- **Elias Chavarria-Mora**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“Social Media Campaigns in Central America”

Discussant: **Scott Morgenstern**, *University of Pittsburgh*

12:30-1:10 P.M. Lunch

1:20 – 3:00 P.M. – Informality and Environmental Challenges (English/Spanish)

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- **Vanessa Gonzalez**, *Princeton University (NJ)*
“Discrete Casitas, Continuously Fleeing Ecologies”
- **Tania Vásquez Luque**, *Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (PERU)*
“Three ways of informality in urban Peru: Implications of labor, housing and transportation informality on urban sustainability”
- **Sara Kathryn Heim**, *University of Pennsylvania*
“Vínculos entre estructuras informales y estatales en los contextos industriales del Norte Global y América Latina: Comparación del barrio Kensington, Filadelfia, Estados Unidos y barrio El Faro, Medellín, Colombia”
- **Sergio Miguel Cabrales Domínguez**, *University of Pittsburgh* and **Walter López Castillo**, *Universidad Rafael Landívar (GUATEMALA)*
“Una región en riesgo: oportunidades, vacíos y desafíos para la investigación social de desastres en Centroamérica.”

Discussant: **Roberta Mendonça de Carvalho**, *University of Pittsburgh*

Saturday, March 30, 2024

1:20 – 2:40 P.M. – Political and Technological Challenges with Healthcare *(English/Portuguese)*

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- **Itala Jeanette Laurente Grados and André Sica de Campos**, *Universidade Estadual de Campinas (BRAZIL)*
“A inteligência artificial na saúde pública brasileira: Conceitos chave, riscos, oportunidades e aspectos éticos”
- **Marcela dos Santos Camargo and Akira Pinto Medeiros**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“Strategic Mayors? The Consequences of Electoral Rules on Healthcare”
- **Marcela dos Santos Camargo**, *University of Pittsburgh*
“The Electoral Returns to Investing in Healthcare”

Discussant: **Barry Ames**, *University of Pittsburgh*



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