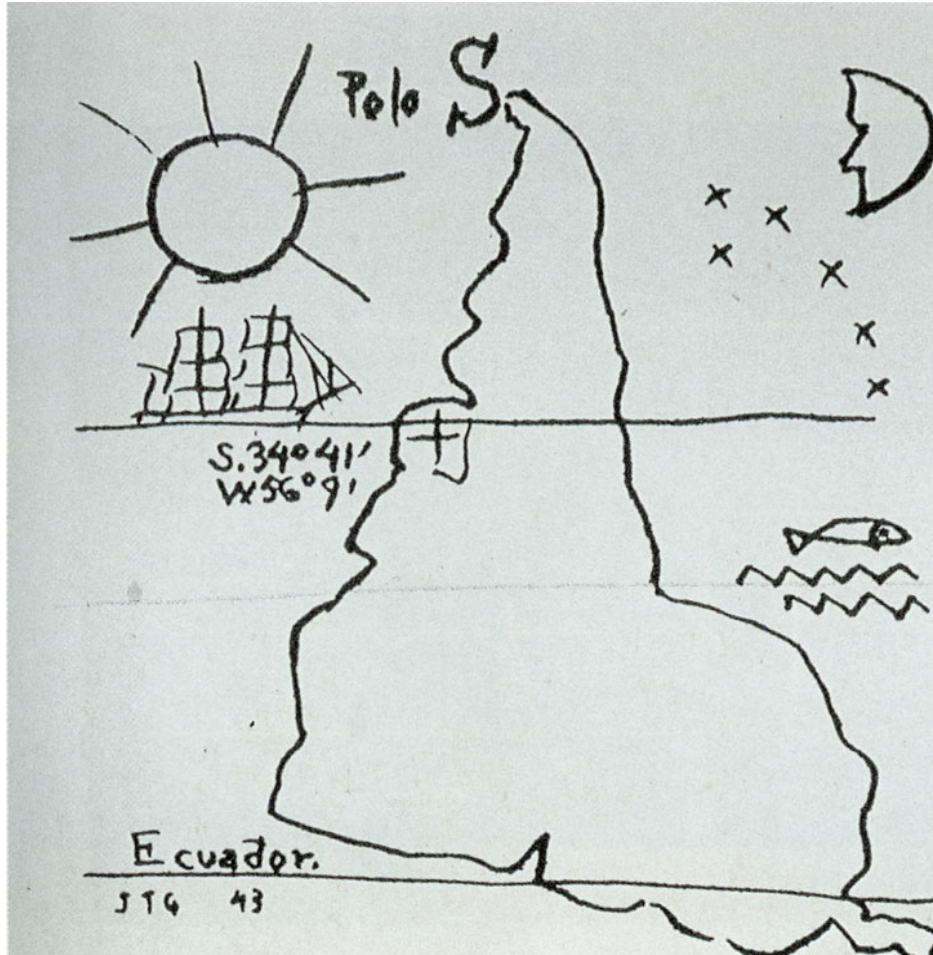


The Swiss School of Latin American Studies

invites you to the Workshop

# Mapping Territories: Space, Place, and Environment in Latin America

University of Bern, October 3 & 4, 2024, Mittelstrasse 43, Room 220



Joaquín Torres Garcías' 1943 cartographic reorientation *América Invertida* used the map as an abstraction to be manipulated. His new visual order sought to shift centre-periphery hierarchies by positioning South America as no longer subordinate to the North, but central to modernist abstraction. While Garcías' intervention is figural to the history of Latin American modernism, maps and more broadly matters of space have been a subject of analysis across different disciplines within the study of Latin America. Critical scholars have shown the violence performed through cartographic (neo-)colonial practices. In collaboration with social movements and activists, they have developed participatory and collective modes of counter-mapping their territories and political struggles. In the present, ever-shifting geopolitical and epis-

temological borders and increasingly fraught environmental conditions in Latin America recentre questions of space and place. Socio-territorial movements assert their rights to space and territory, with indigenous and feminist movements in particular highlighting the interconnectedness of their territories and their bodies. This 2-day workshop will bring together scholars working on (counter)mapping and a diverse set of spatial and environmental concerns in Latin American studies. Together we will discuss current trends within the field—exploring topics such as cartography, architecture and the built environment, urbanism, landscapes, environment, territories, borders, human-nature relations, place-making practices and cuerpo-territorio.

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## Program

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Thursday, October 3, 2024

- 13:15 – 13:30**      Opening Remarks  
Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges (University of Bern)  
Prof. Dr. Matías Dewey (University of St. Gallen)
- 13:30 – 14:30**      Territory, Extractivism, and Socio-Environmental Justice in Latin American Cities  
Dr. Monika Streule (London School of Economics / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México UNAM)  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Carolin Schurr (University of Bern)
- 14:30 – 15:30**      (Re)Making Modern Mexican Spaces: Monuments, Maps, and Memory  
Prof. Dr. Delia Cosentino (DePaul University)  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Elize Mazadiego (University of Bern)
- 15:30 – 15:50**      *Coffee Break*
- 15:50– 16:30**      Railroad Rehabilitation. Infrastructure, Development and the Beginnings of U.S.-  
Mexican Partnership during World War II  
PhD Candidate Olivier Keller (University of Zürich/München)  
Moderation: Dr. Rocío Robinson (University of St. Gallen)
- 16:30 – 17:10**      Bodies in Resistance at the Isthmus of Tehuantepec  
PhD Candidate Rosa Philipp (University of Bern)  
Moderation: Dr. Valeria Wagner (University of Geneva)
- 17:10 – 17:30**      *Coffee Break*
- 17:30 – 18:30**      Roundtable: *Research and Activism*
- 19:00**              *Conference Dinner*  
Restaurant InJera  
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Friday, October 4, 2024

- 9:30 – 10:30** Mapping the Margins: Gender Perspectives and Indigenous Knowledges in Scientific Expeditions to the Amazon  
Dr. Patricia Aranha (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Matías Dewey (University of St. Gallen)
- 10:30 – 11:30** Aproximaciones a una Cartografía Corpo-Hídrica: *Relaciones Entre el Cuerpo y el Agua en la Mucama de Omicunlé* (2015) de Rita Indiana, *El Rey del Agua* (2016) de Claudia Aboaf y *Sofoco* (2021) de Laura Ortiz  
Dr. Alejandro Adalberto Mejía (Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3)  
Moderation: Dr. Félix Terrones (University of Bern)
- 11:30 – 12:00** *Coffee Break*
- 12:00 – 12:40** Migración Forzada y Activismo Transnacional: el Caso de las Mujeres Colombianas en el Exilio  
PhD Candidate Gina Wirz-Suárez (Geneve Graduate Insitute)  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Adriana López-Labourdette (University of Zurich)
- 12:40 – 13:20** Indigenous Perspectives on Human-Jaguar Relations in the Ecuadorian Amazon  
PhD Candidate Lisa Alvarado Grefa-Lüscher (University of Bern)  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges (University of Bern)
- 13:20 – 13:35** Presentation of Leading House for Latin American Region Results  
Dr. Rocío Robinson (University of St. Gallen)  
Dr. Letícia Vargas (University of St. Gallen)
- 13:35 – 13:45** Final Remarks Dr. Rocío Robinson (University of St. Gallen)
- 13:45** *Lunch Networking*  
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