In the second half of the 20th century, the concept of sustainability came to the fore in political, economic, social, and scientific discussions. The climate crisis, population growth, the depletion of non-renewable natural resources, among other factors, led all sectors of society on a global scale to ask themselves: how to satisfy the needs of our species in the present, without irreversibly affecting our planet or the quality of life of future generations. The discourses and practices of sustainability were nourished by contributions from different disciplines and geographical contexts. The discourses and practices that have emerged in Latin America have brought about a whole current of proposals to approach but also to question notions of sustainability and, particularly, sustainable development. During this workshop, various aspects of the discourses and practices of sustainability in Latin America will be discussed in a local, national, and global context.
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Thursday, May 25, 2023

13:15 – 13:30   Opening Remarks
                Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges (University of Bern)

13:30 – 14:30   Just transition in food systems – the concept and its meaning in different contexts
                Dr. Theresa Tribaldos (University of Bern)
                Moderation: Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges

14:30 – 15:30   New Languages of Sustainability in Contemporary Chilean and Peruvian Art
                Dr. Paul Merchant (University of Bristol)
                Moderation: Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges

15:30 – 16:00   Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00   Developing a common language for the study of socio-environmental entrepreneurship in the Brazilian Amazon (via Zoom)
                Ass. Prof. Dr. Vanessa Boanada Fuchs (University of St. Gallen)
                Moderation: Dr. Melina Teubner

17:00 – 17:40   Aerial photography - the dialectic in the struggle of Brazil's indigenous tribes
                PhD Student Marcella Marer (University of Zurich)
                Moderation: Dr. Melina Teubner

17:40 – 18:00   Coffee Break

18:00 – 18:40   Environmental conflicts and political coalitions. Why do actors with different visions act together?
                PhD Student Lucas Figueroa (Geneva Graduate Institute)
                Moderation: PD Dr. Matias Dewey

18:40 – 19:15   Discussion on Perspectives of Cooperation SSLAS – SLAS
                Moderation: Dr. Rocío Robinson

19:30   Conference Dinner
        Restaurant Beaulieu
        Erlachstrasse 3, 3012 Bern
Friday, May 26, 2023

9:00 – 9:40  Ontological sustainability and international environmental discourse
PhD Student Sarah Capes (University of London)
Moderation: PD Dr. Matias Dewey

9:40 – 10:20  Legal and policy frameworks for sustainability governance: the case of Peruvian Swiss cacao and chocolate value chains
Research Ass. M.A. Jimena Maria Solar Alvarez (University of Bern)
Moderation: Dr. Rocío Robinson

10:20 – 11:00  Industrial Tourism in Patagonia: History, Practice, and Sustainable Futures
Ass. Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Chant (University of Warwick)
Moderation: Dr. Valeria Wagner

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:10  Articulating the contradictions of sustainable energy development in Ecuador: A case study of the Coca Codo Sinclair Hydroelectric Project
PhD Student Joanna Morley (University of Liverpool)
Moderation: Dr. Valeria Wagner

12:10 – 12:50  Pensar la montaña: discourses and practices of sustainable development in the Colombian CAC bioreserve, within the framework of UNESCO’s Man and Biosphere programme.
PhD Student Iván Buelvas (University of Bern)
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Thomas Grisaffi

12:50 – 13:30  Searching for the Petro-Iguana: The Oil City as an Archive
PhD Student Lukas Becker (University of Geneva)
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Thomas Grisaffi

13:30 – 13:45  Final Remarks
Prof. em. Dr. Yvette Sánchez (University of St. Gallen)
Dr. Rocío Robinson (University of St. Gallen)

13:45  Lunch Networking
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Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern
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2. Bus stop on the right side of the street. Take bus no. 20 in the direction of Länggasse.
3. Bus stop Universität
4. UniS main entrance
5. You can also get to Welle 7 directly from the Plattforms. From here it is a 3 minute walk up Schanzenstrasse.
6. Restaurant Beaulieu (Erlachstrasse 3, 3012 Bern – 2 minutes from UniS)

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