



# Social Inequalities in Latin America

## Desigualdades sociales en América Latina

**Virtual Workshop by the Swiss School of Latin American Studies**  
**September 17-18, 2020**

As a result of the European conquest, strong social inequalities were established in Latin America, which persisted beyond the independence of the Latin American states in the 19th century. The current COVID-19 pandemic makes it all too clear that more than 500 years after the conquest, the subcontinent continues to be characterized by diverse structures and processes of social inclusion and exclusion. In many places, the global pandemic is hitting an inadequate public health system, and in the Amazon region, for the second time in history, the existence of various indigenous groups is threatened by imported pathogens. Social inequality in Latin America is characterized by different, often interwoven structures, discourses and practices of discrimination. The socio-economic situation, gender, ethnicity, and other factors continue to determine the highly diverse life chances of the Latin American population. The workshop will address various aspects of social inequalities in Latin America in their local, national and transnational context.

Como resultado de la conquista europea, se establecieron fuertes desigualdades sociales en América Latina, las cuales continuaron reproduciéndose después de la independencia de los Estados latinoamericanos en el siglo XIX. La actual crisis provocada por el COVID-19, deja entrever que a más de 500 años después de la conquista, Latinoamérica sigue caracterizándose por diversas estructuras y procesos de inclusión y exclusión social. En muchos lugares, la pandemia ha afectado a los sistemas de salud pública deficientes y por segunda vez en la historia, la existencia de diversos grupos indígenas en la región del Amazonas se encuentra amenazada por patógenos externos. La desigualdad social en América Latina se caracteriza por distintas y a menudo entrelazadas estructuras, discursos y prácticas de discriminación. La situación socioeconómica, el género, el estatus étnico y otros factores siguen determinando las diversas posibilidades de vida de la población latinoamericana. En el workshop se abordan diversos aspectos de las desigualdades sociales en América Latina en su contexto local, nacional y transnacional.



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The Workshop will be held virtually on zoom.

Link to join the session on **Thursday**

<https://unibe-ch.zoom.us/j/94674100323?pwd=YnFZNiBrV-WRxYk0yMXZRWFcxK2pGdz09>

Meeting-ID: 946 7410 0323  
Password: 653024

Link to join the session on **Friday**

<https://unibe-ch.zoom.us/j/94063146428?pwd=bVFOa0Zx-Q242UCt3VUhLa1hrNFIEZz09>

Meeting-ID: 940 6314 6428  
Password: 603469

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**Thursday, 17.09.2020, 16:00h**

**Introduction**

*Prof. Dr. Yvette Sánchez (University of St. Gallen)*

*Prof. Dr. Christian Büschges (University of Bern)*

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**Keynote lecture, 16:10**

**Inequality and Covid-19 in Brazil**

*Dr. Laura Barbosa de Carvalho (University of São Paulo)*

**16:40**

**Discussion**

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**17:10-17:20**

**virtual coffee break**

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**17:20**

**In Between Walls and Fences – Exclusion and Insecurity in a City Shaped by Gated Communities**

*David Kostenwein (ETH)*

**17:40**

**Discussion**

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**Friday, 18.09.2020, 16:00h**

**La Paradoja del Género en los Pueblos Indígenas**

*José Meléndez Duarte (University of Bern)*

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**16:20**

**Gender inequality in Latin American legislation regarding violence against women (1993 -2020)**

*Nancy Madera (Universidad de San Martín)*

**16:40**

**Discussion**

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**17:30-17:40**

**virtual coffee break**

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**17:40**

**International Business and Human Rights in Brazil: An Institutional Perspective**

*Sandra Souto (University of St. Gallen)*

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**18:00**

**International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime's Inequalities: the haves & have nots**

*Leticia Tostes Ortega (University of Bern)*

**18:20**

**Discussion**

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**19:15**

**Announcements & curiosities**

*Dr. Rocío Robinson (University of St. Gallen)*