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The Institute of Latin American Studies (LAI) is a research institute oriented towards investigation related to Latin America within the social sciences. The institute also disseminates information on current social conditions across the region, and provides teachers to university courses, primarily in Latin America studies. It also conducts a wide range of bibliographical and documentation activities.

The Institute was founded in 1951 as part of Stockholm School of Economics. In 1969, it became an autonomous institute charged with promoting Latin America studies in Sweden in general. Eight years later it was incorporated into Stockholm University.

In 2000 the Institute became part of the Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, and in 2013 it was merged into the new Department of Romance Studies and Classics. According to its statutes, the role of the Institute is to maintain contacts with institutions both within and outside Stockholm University, and to act autonomously in areas concerning research, documentation and international relations.

The Vice-Chancellor of Stockholm University appoints the board that governs the work of the Institute.
In 2015, the Institute of Latin American Studies continued its activities focusing on research, education, documentation and information on Latin America. Throughout the year some fifteen members of staff, including associated researchers, were engaged in these activities and in the administration of the Institute. The disciplines represented among staff were economic history, social and cultural anthropology, political science, media and communication, economy, sociology, and sociology of law. The Institute has well-established contacts with several other departments at Stockholm University, apart from its affiliation to the Department of Romance Studies and Classics.

Educational activities of the Institute continued with individual courses as well as the two bachelor programs *Latin American Studies with specializations in Spanish and Portuguese* (180 credits) and the *Master’s Programme in Latin American Studies* (120 credits). The Institute also became responsible for the course Global Markets at the program for Global Management at Stockholm Business School, and started a joint methods course at the masters level on area studies, together with the Department of Oriental Studies.

The Institute’s research seminars continued throughout the year, featuring both invited and the Institute’s own researchers. During the year, the institute continued to admit affiliate researchers, and twelve persons were granted such status. In addition, the institute continued to receive several guest researchers.

The public lecture series was continually successful and well attended. The themes of the lectures were, as always, varied and covered areas such as contemporary politics, religion, human rights and gender. During the year, the Institute co-arranged a number of events in order to reach new groups and networks. Co-arranged events took place with ABF, and the Cervantes Institute among others.

Finally, the members of the institute were frequently called upon by Swedish media to comment and to explain events and developments in Latin America.
Board and staff

BOARD

During 2015 there was an ongoing process of appointing new staff.

STAFF

Fredrik Ugglå, Director, Professor

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Maria Luisa Bartolomei, Associate Professor, Sociology of Law
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Enzo Nussio, PhD, Peace and Conflict Studies
Luz Paula Parra, PhD, Peace and Conflict Studies
Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, Associate Professor, Economic History

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Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science
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Virginia Melián, PhD, Media and Communication Studies
Manuela Nilsson, PhD, Peace and Development Studies
Luz Paula Parra, PhD, Peace and Conflict Studies
Asli Postaci, Ph. D., Political Science.
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Anne-Cathrine Laurell, Educational Administrator

Library
Mirtha Osorio, Librarian Assistant

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Mona Rosendahl, Professor, Social Anthropology
Susann Ullberg, PhD, Social Anthropology
Research activities

Research on Latin America and the Caribbean at the Institute of Latin American Studies (LAI) is an interdisciplinary enterprise with a social scientific thrust. The research seminars at LAI provide a forum for researchers from different disciplines with various theoretical interests who are engaged in conducting empirical research on Latin America. In previous periods, a number of research projects typically focused on issues related to history, economic integration, commerce, labour-market questions and globalisation. These questions are still important, but during recent years research the Institute has broadened its scope considerably. Today, some of the most important research projects are dealing with questions of decentralisation, inequality, ethnicity, gender, migration, poverty and social movements. Our research on economic, cultural, and social issues utilises different perspectives and draws on examples from different parts of Latin America. PhD students in Political Science, Social Anthropology and Economic History participate in the activities of the institute.

LAI arranges conferences and seminars on specific topics that bring together Swedish researchers with their counterparts from other countries. The Institute has well-developed contacts with researchers and institutions in Latin America and throughout the world. The following is a list of the research projects conducted by LAI researchers.

Research projects

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<th>Project title</th>
<th>GENDER AND POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN ARGENTINA (1970-2014): SUBJECTIVITY, GENDER AND CITIZENSHIP</th>
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<td>Maria Luisa Bartolomei</td>
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<td>Summary</td>
<td>During the state terrorism in Argentina (1976-83), many women activists were tortured, raped or disappeared. This policy was permeated by cultural norms and political gender discourses which continued after the dictatorship (Sutton 2010). The restoration of democracy after 1983 signalled a move towards a rights-based discourse by women’s movements, addressing citizenship and gender equality (Jelin 2012). The research examines the relationship between citizenship and the sexual/reproductive rights of women. It includes the pre-military Junta period and the role of women’s participation and citizens’ rights, from then on. The work focuses on the struggle of women’s movements and</td>
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gender political discourses during three periods: the democratic struggles of the 1970’s, the military dictatorship 1976-83 and the restoration of democracy after 1983. It looks at continuity and change in the political gender discourse of the State and the Catholic Church. This also includes political parties and the attitude of the military toward women’s sexuality and citizenship. The project examines the role of family, kinship and maternal images as the central source of legitimacy in the behavior of socially accepted gender stereotypes (wives, mothers and homemakers). This is in contrast to the concept of ‘citizen’ and the construction of a social and political citizenship.

How was the gender discourse of the ideal family and sexual equality defined by the State; before, during and after the military government? How did the Catholic Church, the military and political parties shape discourses on gender equality? The project takes Santos’s concept of inter-legality and legal pluralism (2007); Yuval Davis’ concept of Intersectionality (2009) and Fraser’s theory on gender justice (2008).

**Keywords**
Argentina, gender, political discourses, citizenship, sexuality, sexual and reproductive rights, women’s human rights, intersectionality, inter-legality.

**Status 2015-12-31**
Project in progress

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**Project title**
*THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF VENEZUELA SINCE CHÁVEZ*

**Project leader**
*Weine Karlsson*

**Project period**
2007-

**Summary**
The aim of the project is to compare the pattern of economic development in Venezuela before and after Chávez. The fate of the dominant oil industry and the changing oil policy is examined as well as changes in the country’s international economic relations.

**Keywords**
Socio-economic development, economic relations, integration, liberalization, nationalization

**Status 2015-12-31**
Project in progress

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**Project title**
*DELIBERATIVE OCCUPANTS: RURAL CONFLICT AND DIALOGUE IN POST-WAR GUATEMALA*

**Project leader**
*Magnus Lembke*

**Financing**
*Sida*

**Project period**
2010-ongoing

**Summary**
The project focuses on Guatemalan landless peasants, their movements, and their land occupation strategy. In Guatemala, the unequal distribution of land is a fundamental cause of
rural unrest and the struggle to obtain it includes class as well as ethnic dimensions. Recently, some arenas for deliberation have been formed where public servants, peasants and landowners have met to present claims and perspectives. Yet, as long as agrarian power structures remain intact, large numbers of landless peasants still opt for land occupations. The aim of the study is to identify the conditions when confrontational political activism produces dialogue and more equal forms of participatory deliberative democracy. Focusing on the department of Alta Verapaz, the following questions are asked. Does engagement in land occupations produce further political marginalization or a stronger position in arenas of public deliberation? How do ethnicity, class and the balance of local forces affect the relation between confrontational activism and public deliberation? Does participation in social movements increase the readiness of landless peasants to integrate arenas of public deliberation? Do land occupants argue that the occupation produces a setting more conducive for political dialogue?

Keywords
Guatemala, deliberative democracy, the land occupation strategy, landless peasants, social movements, indigenous people

Status 2015-12-31 Project in progress

Project title REMIT: BORDER URBANIZATION AND DURABLE ECONOMIES OF TRANSFER IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Project leader Staffan Löfving

Financing Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm university (Initiation grant)

Project period 2015-2016

Summary This project is initiated in collaboration with Universidad Centroamericana, UCA, in Managua, Nicaragua and Universidad de San Carlos in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. It investigates the expansion of urban regions close to borders in Central America where processes of urbanization are funded by a simultaneous out-migration of parts of the families to the US, Europe and to countries in Latin America. By exporting labour and importing money, people seek to safeguard their livelihood at the consequence of an urbanization unmanaged by the state. In order to be able to study its social and economic dynamic we conduct a comparative ethnography of border cities in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras. They share the characteristics of an economy of the border with a conspicuous flow of migrants and of goods and of the markets that emerge in their wake, but they also represent the differences between the national contexts in which the drug economy, migration, aid and corruption work differently in creating, sustaining and transforming an urban middle class.
These economic practices are conceptualized in terms of transfer economies which we take to mean economic relations where the gift of money is conditioned on social or behavioural changes. The project explores the interrelation of such transfers on the one hand, and their impact on urbanization at the borders on the other.

Keywords
Monetary transfers, urbanization, borders, household economies, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras

Status 2015-12-31
Project in progress

Project title
DIGITAL MEDIA AND PROTEST

Project leader
Virginia Melián

Project period
August 2013-ongoing

Summary
The goal of this project is to analyse the digital media practices of activists in non-Western countries to organize and disseminate national protests as well as to bypass and influence mainstream media coverage. So far studies about protests in outside Europe and the US have focused on how digital media may have empowered activists living in Western countries to disseminate protests and secure global media coverage. Much less has been done to understand the role of the digital media practices of local activists and the circulation of counteractive information within the national public sphere. Activists’ media practices in countries where there are no strong traditions of investigative journalism or where social concerns raised by social movements are rarely considered in the journalistic agenda may play a role in the formulating of civil society concerns and creating opportunities for debate, bypassing submissive journalistic coverage often strongly controlled by political and economic powers. Quantitative analysis of online activist-generated material and semi-structured interviews with key activists in three national protests in Brazil, Chile and Uruguay as well as semi-structured interviews with key journalists of national mainstream media will be employed on three cases of significant protests in these countries in the last three years.

Keywords
Social movements, Latin America, digital media, public sphere

Status 2015-12-31
Project in progress

Project title
IMPLEMENTING THE SECURITY-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS: COLOMBIA’S RECONSTRUCTION POLICIES

Project leader
Manuela Nilsson

Financing:
Linnaeus University funds for international research

Project period
2013-ongoing

Summary
This study examines the strategies used to address both
security and development concerns in peacebuilding amidst violence. While this continues to be one of the core questions within the security-development nexus debate, no practical models have been developed so far on how to achieve a balance between security and development policies on the ground. In the absence of clear international guidelines, state governments often opt primarily for security-first approaches, while development considerations continue to be relegated to the post-conflict phase. The project uses the case of Colombia to illustrate this dilemma, looking particularly at civil-military relationships and the newest government policies to implement peacebuilding activities while at the same time negotiating peace in Cuba.

Keywords: Security, development, Colombia, civil-military relations

Project title: APPLYING THE SECURITY-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS ON THE GROUND: LAND RESTITUTION IN COLOMBIA

Project leader: Manuela Nilsson

Financing: STINT initiation grant

Project period: 2014-2016

Summary: The general consensus on the security-development nexus is that both are key to achieving sustainable peace in war-torn societies. However, this debate has largely taken place among actors at the international level, with little empirical evidence about how security and development policies and activities relate on the ground. The current paper examines the security-development nexus applied to a local case of land restitution in Colombia. Following decades of internal armed conflict, in 2012 the national government passed sweeping land restitution legislation. Through in-depth interviews and focus groups with multiple actors, ranging from international organizations to national government units, from regional institutions to local communities involved in this process, the paper analyses the objectives, impact, challenges and opportunities for land restitution related to security and development. A lack of coherence in the integration of security and development priorities limits the extent to which either supports, or is promoted by, land restitution efforts in Colombia. The paper concludes with reflections on how the security-development nexus may promote peacebuilding in other contexts of protracted conflict.

Keywords: Land restitution, security, development, Colombia

Status 2015-12-31: Project in progress
## IN STATEBUILDING AREAS VIA TEXT MESSAGES

*Enzo Nussio, co-researchers: Miguel García, Universidad de los Andes, Ben Oppenheim, New York University*

### Project leader
Enzo Nussio, co-researchers: Miguel García, Universidad de los Andes, Ben Oppenheim, New York University

### Financing
World Bank

### Project period
2013-

### Summary
Trust in state institutions is a key ingredient for prosperity and democracy. However, little is known about how to build trust, especially for low-trust societies. In the present project, we examine a communication strategy to build trust in conflict-affected areas of Colombia currently involved in a statebuilding program. Based on earlier research, we expect that transparent and accountable communication between the government and citizens may improve the citizens’ view of the state and thus increase their trust levels. We test this expectation with a field experiment, using text messages as communication channel. A sample of 1024 inhabitants of statebuilding areas were randomly divided into three groups. The first group received an SMS chain including an invitation to participate in a vote about the most pressing needs in their municipality. The second group received information via SMS about ongoing statebuilding activities in their area, and the third constituted the control group. Attitudes towards the state were measured in pre and post-intervention surveys and compared to the control group. The effect of the two types of SMS communication depended on the recipients’ disposition towards the reception of such messages. Participants who liked receiving the messages improved their trust levels, while trust eroded dramatically in participants who disliked receiving them.

### Keywords
Trust, statebuilding, Colombia, text messages, field experiment

### Status
2015-12-31 Project in progress

## REDUCING CRIME WITH HOT SPOTS INFORMATION – A FIELD EXPERIMENT

### Project title
*REDUCING CRIME WITH HOT SPOTS INFORMATION – A FIELD EXPERIMENT*

### Project leader
*Enzo Nussio, Co-researcher: Ervyn Norza, Universidad de los Andes*

### Financing
Colombian National Police

### Project period
2013-

### Summary
How can the police reduce crime? A series of studies have shown that hot spots policing, the focused attention of police forces on specific high-crime areas, is an effective tool for crime reduction (Braga, Papachristos, and Hureau 2012). Arguably, the deterrent effect of police presence prevents crime in these areas. In this study, we test a novel intervention that is not based on additional police forces but on information about police effectiveness. According to Nagin (2013), deterrence is mostly influenced by the likelihood of

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being arrested, and not so much the severity of the punishment. Our intervention should thus raise the perceived likelihood of detention without using additional police forces like classical hot spots policing strategies. Beyond the contribution to the empirical literature on crime prevention, our intervention may also provide a low-cost alternative to actual hot spots policing. The study will be executed in Bogotá, a city with significant violence reduction over the past two decades, especially with respect to homicidal violence (Hoelscher and Nussio 2015), but still large problems with other forms of crime and widespread high perceptions of insecurity (Romero 2014).

**Keywords**
Police, crime reduction, hot spots, Colombia, field experiment

**Status 2015-12-31**
Project in process
especially for the case of protracted violence. In my research, I explore diverse cases in order to develop an evidence-based theory of protracted violence reduction. Where has protracted violence been reduced? What were the drivers of this reduction? What role do institutions play in these processes? These questions will be addressed in a) a fuzzy set qualitative comparative analysis (fsQCA) of Latin American countries on both the cross-national and sub-national level; b) a process tracing study of urban violence reduction in the unlikely success cases of Bogotá and Recife; c) a field experiment on the impact of transparent communication on institutional trust and violence in conflict-affected areas in Colombia; and d) a quantitative analysis of recidivism among a prototypical agent of protracted violence—ex-combatants.

### Keywords
Protracted Violence, Violence Reduction, Latin America, Trust, Institutions

### Status 2015-12-31
Project concluded

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### Keywords
Police, crime reduction, hot spots, Colombia, field experiment

### Status 2015-12-31
Project in progress
INSECURITY AS ANOTHER FORM OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITY: THE CASE OF MEXICO

Luz Paula Parra-Rosales

LAI

2015

The aim of the research is to understand the relationship between security provision and socio-economic inequality using the case study of Mexico, particularly the multiple citizens’ responses, organized and/or disorganized, to deal with insecurity depending on their socio-economic status.

Security, Inequality, social justice, urban violence and Mexico

Project in progress

STUBBORN REGIONALISM: UNDERSTANDING THE RESILIENCE OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

Ongoing

The aim of this project is to understand the historical resilience of regional integration processes in Europe and Latin America. There is an established consensus in that regional integration is a rather new phenomenon, with point of departure during the second half of the 20th century. Along this line, the European integration is also regarded as the dominating norm, in Europe, Latin America, and other parts of the world. As this project address, current theories on regional integration falls short of understanding regional integration due to an Eurocentric and an ahistorical bias, where the pros and cons behind integration are usually measured within the framework of current economic or political contexts. When these are negative, regionalism is often doomed as feeble and contingent. Hence, current theories have problems to explain the fact that instead of disappearing, regionalism has stubbornly remained, showing remarkable resilience and adaptability to different local conditions; particularly in Europe and Latin America. The main task of this project, is to analyse, for the cases of Europe and Latin America, why this is so? To answer that question, we turn to a long-term historical perspective and a comparative approach that shed light to general patterns and individual particularities.

Project in progress

BRIDGING LEFT AND RIGHT?: ELECTORAL
STRATEGIES UNDERLYING THE "LEFTIST TURN" IN LATIN AMERICA

Project leader: Fredrik Uggla
Project period: 2012 - ongoing

Summary: Various explanations have been offered for the current wave of electoral victories by leftist candidates in Latin America. While some observers have stressed socio-economic conditions, others have pointed to the importance of factors such as popular discontent with rightist incumbents and with previous economic policies. The rationale for this project is that in addition to such underlying factors, the recent successes of leftist candidates should also be viewed from the perspective of electoral strategies, and the ability of these candidates to broaden their electoral appeal to attract large groups of centrist voters. Thus, the supposed “left turn” in Latin American politics may also contain a substantial element of leftist candidates successfully wooing the political centre. The project studies if and how the campaigns of successful leftist candidates have managed to simultaneously attract leftist and centrist parts of the electorate by a mixture of policy proposals, alliances, and symbolic behaviour. In doing so, the project aims to develop a database that contains information on recent electoral campaigns by leftist candidates in Latin America. Juxtaposing this data with electoral results, the project aims to test the relative importance of electoral campaign tactics in accounting for leftist victories in Latin American elections during the last decade.

Keywords: Elections, Latin America, electoral campaigns, left-right placement.

Status 2015-12-31: Project in progress

POWER IN BOLIVIA

Project leader: Fredrik Uggla
Project period: 2015

Summary: The Embassy of Sweden commissioned a study of political actors and institutions as part of its preparations for elaborating a new cooperation strategy with the country. LAI cooperated with the research institute Ciudadanía in Cochabamba and independent researcher Virginia Beramendi in the performance of the project. The final report from the project noted several advances in Bolivian democracy, but also indicated a number of weaknesses, particularly related to lack of accountability, and power concentration to the inner spheres of the government.

Keywords: Bolivia, democracy, division of powers, accountability.
**Project title** | **MIRADAS LEJANAS: SWEDISH RESEARCH ON LATIN AMERICA**
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**Project leader** | *Fredrik Uggla and Maria Therese Gustafsson*
**Project period** | 2015-2016
**Summary** | CLACSO has asked LAI to prepare a volume that could present Swedish research on Latin America. It was decided to do this in the form of presenting eight recent doctoral thesis relating to Latin America. The volume also contains an introduction discussing Swedish research on Latin America and an annex that performs a statistical study on Swedish doctoral theses on Latin America during the period 2000-2015, compared to earlier periods.

**Keywords** | Latin America
**Status 2015-12-31** | Project in progress
Research seminars

The Latin American Research Seminar
Coordinator: Fredrik Uggla

January 30  
Alberto Naranjo (Universidad de la Sabana)
“The Drug Problem in the Americas”

February 13  
Luiz Pedone (UFF Brazil)
“Brazil’s strategic relations; defense projects and transfers of technology with developed countries”.

February 27  
Tania Espinoza:
“Nosotras, Roberto Arlt: libertad y terapêutica en las novelas de Roberto Arlt y la interpretación de Oscar Masotta”

March 27  
Staffan Löfving: (Associate researcher, LAI):
“Urbanization and Migration on the Borders of Central America”

April 14  
Diego Hernandes Nilson Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brasil):
“The discursive construction of Pan Americanism, the Bolivarianismo and the South-Americanism in the struggle for hegemony in Latin America in the early 21st century”

April 22  
Leigh Payne (University of Oxford)
Transitional Justice in Ongoing Conflict: The case of Colombia

April 24  
Matías Barberis Rami (Università di Ferrara)
¿Por qué migran los desplazados ambientales?

May 7  
Teivo Teivainen (Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies):
Dilemmas of Democracy in Transnational Social Movements: Toward a Global Theory of Non-State Representation

June 15  
Asli Postaci (LAI/SUITS associate, Yeditepe University)

June 16  
Marit Ursin Norwegian centre for Child Research (NTNU).
“A synopsis of a longitudinal qualitative study among boys on the verge of adulthood on the street in urban Brazil.”

September 11  
Charlotta Widmark (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University and affiliated researcher at LAI):
“Active Aymara Women Inside and Outside of Parliament”

September 18  
David Altman (Universidad Católica, Chile)
“Direct Democracy in Latin America: Mechanisms of political control or politically controlled mechanisms?”

September 25  
Kalinca Costa Söderlund (School of Philosophy and Art History, University of Essex)
“The Appearance of the MAM-SP on the Brazilian Cultural Map: Looking at the American Modernist Agenda for Brazil, and through Brazil”

October 9  
Johanna Söderström (Department of Government, Uppsala
Agnes Cornell (Aarhus University):
“The Resilient, the Remobilized and the Removed: Party Mobilization among Former M19 Combatants”

October 23

Florencia Enghel (Post-Doctoral Researcher Wahlgrensk & Helge Ax:son grantee):
“Bureaucratic Structures and Democratic Stability in Latin America”.

November 6

Bert Hoffmann (Senior Research Fellow at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA))
Bureaucratic Socialism in Reform Mode? The Changing Politics of Cuba’s post-Fidel Era

November 20

Tania González (Dept. of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University):
“Familias transnacionales y circulación de los cuidados entre Bolivia y España. Hacia una etnografía de (y con) los afectos”

December 4

Kenneth Roberts (Cornell University):
“Economic Crises, Populist Reactions, and Partisan De-alignment: Lessons for Europe from the Latin American Experience”. (co-seminar with the Department of Political Science)

December 6

Felipe Botero (Universidad de los Andes):
“Institutions and Democracy in Colombia”.
Other research activities

Brazilian Studies Group

The Brazilian Studies Group (BSG) was established in 2004 at the Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University. It is a multidisciplinary group of scholars that aims to co-ordinate advanced research on Brazil across the areas of social sciences and humanities. Along this line, the intention is to extend and strengthen academic links among scholars all over the world with an interest on Brazilian issues. The group proposes to encourage these scholars, intellectuals and policymakers to visit Sweden and present their work here. The BSG promotes a greater understanding of Brazilian society, history, culture, politics, economy, ecology, and international relations among Swedish scholars, through seminars, workshops and conferences.

NOLAN Conference in Helsingfors, June.

LAI arranged joint travel and lodging for the researchers and staff of the institute to the Nordic Latin American Network conference in Helsingfors, where several of them presented papers.

Reading group

Enzo Nussio and Staffan Löfving organized a reading group seminar series in the spring semester and with one seminar in the autumn. A group of ten researchers affiliated to the Institute gathered on March 6 and 20, April 2 and 17, May 12 and October 16 to discuss recently published articles in Latin American Studies journals. The aim of the series was to create a forum for interdisciplinary encounters and at the same time a shared frame of reference at the very frontline of our discipline.
Educational activities

The courses at the Institute of Latin American Studies consist of a basic course (Latin American Studies I), an intermediate course (Latin American Studies II), and a Bachelor’s Course, all of which are included in the Bachelor’s Programme in Latin American Studies with specialisations in Spanish and Portuguese and a Master’s Programme.

The Institute’s formal educational activities started in 1992 with a basic course which was given in cooperation with the Department of Economic History, Stockholm University. Since then it has been offered every year. The intermediate course started as an experiment during the academic year 1991/92 and since 2004/05 it has been offered once a year. A bachelor’s course started in the spring of 2004. All the basic courses are now included in the Bachelor’s Programmes in Latin American Studies with specializations in Spanish and Portuguese, respectively. In 2008 a Master’s Programme in Latin American Studies (120 credits) started and it is now given for the third time. During 2015, LAI started to participate in a joint network of masters courses in Latin American studies, led by Paris Sorbonne and Salamanca.

Also, LAI together with the Department of Oriental Studies during 2015 started a joint course on Area Studies as Theory and Method.

Staff from LAI was also responsible for the course Global Markets at the Program of Global Management, given at the Stockholm Business School.

The courses in Latin American studies are oriented towards students who are seeking in-depth knowledge of Latin America as well as towards people whose jobs bring them in contact with Latin America. They are especially suitable for students and teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, administrators, aid workers, and people employed by Swedish companies working in Latin America. The aim is to supply basic interdisciplinary knowledge and an understanding of civic life and political/economic development in Latin America.

The courses deal with general historical, political, economic, social and cultural phenomena as well as processes typical in the development of individual countries. The courses are taught through lectures and seminars. Examinations are held in connection with the courses.
Latin American Studies I (30 credits)

Teachers
Fredrik Uggla, Magnus Lembke, Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

Content
The course gives an introduction to the historical background of contemporary social conditions in Latin America. It deals with the colonial time, the first period of independency and the 20th century. It focuses on how social structures (class, ethnicity, gender) have originated and changed over time, how the idea of citizenship has been formulated and how it is implemented, the organization of economic production as well as the changing role of the state.

The course is divided into the following parts which can also be studied as autonomous courses:

Spring 2015:
Part 1: The History of Latin America, 10 credits
Part 2: Democracy and Citizenship in Latin America, 5 credits
Part 3: Inequalities, Gender and Power in Latin America, 5 credits
Part 4: Globalization and New Strategies for Economic Development in Latin America, 5 credits
Part 5: Introduction to Social Theory in Latin America, 5 credits

Autumn 2015:
Part 1: The Early History of Latin America, 7,5 credits
Part 2: Latin America from 1900, 7,5 credits
Part 3: Inequalities, Gender and Power in Latin America, 7,5 credits
Part 4: Globalization and New Strategies for Economic Development in Latin America, 7,5 credits
Latin American Studies II (30 credits)

Teachers  
*María Luisa Bartolomei, André Rivarola Puntigliano*

Content  
The aim of the course is to give a deeper knowledge of four broad topics whose basic configurations have been formed historically and which have been treated chronologically in the basic course: culture, social conditions, economy, and politics.

The course is divided into the following parts which can also be studied as autonomous courses, except for the special assignment:

*Spring 2015:*
Part 1: Latin America in the World, 10 credits
Part 2: Gender in Contemporary Latin America, 10 credits
Part 2: Democracy and Human Rights in Latin America, 10 credits

*Autumn 2015:*
Part 1: Latin America in the World, 10 credits
Part 2: Contemporary Latin America, 10 credits
Latin American Studies, Bachelor’s course (30 credits)

Teachers
Maria Luisa Bartolomei, (course coordinator)
Fredrik Uggla, Enzo Nussio

Supervisor
Maria Luisa Bartolomei

Content
The course consists of one part which focuses on interdisciplinary theory and methodology (7.5 credits) and another part focusing on thematic and regional specialization (7.5 credits) relating to the exam paper. A reading list is established and a short paper is written containing an account of previous research and an annotated bibliography. This part also gives in-depth knowledge of how to write a scientific exam paper. In the third part the student carries out a limited research task which is presented in the candidate exam paper (15 credits).

Bachelor Program in Latin American Studies with Specialization in Spanish or Portuguese (180 credits)

Content
Latin American Studies I, 30 credits
Latin American Studies II, 30 credits
Spanish/Portuguese for Professional Purposes I, 30 credits
Studies or work practice in another country/optional courses at a Swedish university, 30 credits
Latin American Studies, Bachelor’s course, 30 credits (exam paper)
Spanish/Portuguese for Professional Purposes II, 30 credits
Latin American Studies, Master Program (120 credits)

Teachers  
*Maria Luisa Bartolomei, (program coordinator), Enzo Nussio, Luz-Paula Parra, Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, Fredrik Uggla*

Content  
The program provides a deeper understanding of current social scientific research on Latin America. The relationship between area studies and interdisciplinary studies is especially emphasized in the theoretical and methodological module. An opportunity to stay one semester at a Latin American university is also offered. The final paper provides an opportunity for emphasizing thematic and regional issues.

The program includes the following courses:
1. Contemporary Research on Latin America, 15 credits
2. Science and Research Ethics (Faculty of Humanities), 7.5 credits
3. Theory and methodology, 7.5 credits
4. Regional studies, 15 credits
5. English for Academic Research (Faculty of Humanities), 7.5 credits
6. Optional course, 7.5 credits
7. Studies, internship or fieldwork in Latin America or optional courses, 30 credits
8. Independent project, 30 credits

During 2015 the following course was offered, apart from individual tutoring:

*Regional studies, 15 credits*  
Teachers: *María Luisa Bartolomei, Enzo Nussio, Luz Paula Parra, Andrés Rivarola* (course coordinator),

*Contemporary Research on Latin America, 15 credits*  
Teachers: *Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano* (course coordinator),  
*María Luisa Bartolomei*

The course deals with the current social science research with its point of departure in the activities which are pursued at the Latin American Institute, Stockholm University. The content of the research is present in the lectures and the current debates
that continuously contribute to staking of new lines. The students are guided in reading the latest literature, using both books and articles.

**Gender, globalization and human rights in Latin America**, (optional course), 7,5 credits
Teacher and course coordinator: Maria Luisa Bartolomei

The course explores the connection between gender, human rights discourse and globalisation, through the application of socio-legal feminist theory and methods. It includes an analysis of the public/private characteristics in both national and international law, as well as, in legal plurality and globalization. The course also highlights the complex interaction in gender, race and ethnicity, class and sexual orientation, through the correlation of existing power hierarchies and its implementation in the analysis of legal writings and practice.

It also addresses the way in which women have been mobilising for change, particularly in the use of language of rights and the concept of citizenship, and how women's movements have developed within and beyond borders. Finally, it is hoped that the course will open up discussion and debate around the issues regarding 'multicultural', 'global' and 'post-colonial' studies.

**Theory and methodology, 7,5 credits**
Teachers: Maria Luisa Bartolomei (course coordinator), Enzo Nussio

The course gives a profound knowledge in theoretical and thematic lines, within the area of Latin American. In addition, the course presents and examines the interdisciplinary perspective, as well as, the theoretical and methodological approaches, within a number of the social science research perspectives.

**Latin American Comparative Regional Integration Studies, 7,5 credits**
Teachers: Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano (course coordinator),
the intra-regional (micro level) and inter-regional dimensions (macro level). The comparative approach is an essential methodological tool in order to analyze elements of coincidence and difference across regions. The students will receive a thorough preparation in research methodology as well as in empirical elements that shall be applied in their final work.

*Independent project, Master thesis, 30 credits, Spring 2015*

Course responsible: *María Luisa Bartolomei*

Supervisor: *María Luisa Bartolomei, Andrés Rivarola, Enzo Nussio*
Other teaching activities

Luz Paula Parra-Rosales
- Visiting Lecturer for the course Geopolitics and Humanitarian Action for the Master of Humanitarian Action (NOHA) at Uppsala University, November
- Visiting Lecture for three sessions of the course "Sustainable Natural Resources Management" at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Uppsala, 7, 8 and 10 of December
- Visiting Lecture at the Postgraduate Program on Human Rights and Peace Education at Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.
- Visiting lecture in the community mediation module for the Master Program of Humanistic Psychology and Peace Education at the Autonomous University in Ciudad Juárez Chihuahua, México. From September 9 until 13th
- Academic coordinator of the Diploma on Negotiation, Mediation and Building Consensus at the Center for Teaching and Researching in Economics (CIDE) from February to August

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano
- Teaching at course ‘Area Studies: Theory and Method’, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies. Advanced Level, autumn semester 2015, Two lectures: ‘Cases from the Americas’ and ‘Comparative area studies’
- Teaching at course ‘Global development’, Företagsekonomi, Stockholm University, Two lectures: ”Commodity Chains: Latin America and the world market” and “The shaping of trans-ocean markets: states, business and societies”

Fredrik Ugglia
- Teaching at Middle East and North African studies.
- Teacher at the masters course Area Studies: Theory and Method.
- Teacher and responsible for the course “Global Markets” at Stockholm Business School.

Minor Field Studies (MFS)
The Swedish Council for Higher Education granted three Minor Field Studies (MFS) Scholarship to the Institute of Latin American Studies, 2015. There were two applications with very high quality.
The Library of the Institute of Latin American Studies

The Library of the Institute of Latin American Studies specialises in documentation on Latin American and Caribbean social, political and economic development. This extensive collection of social scientific literature on Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the biggest in Scandinavia. The Library houses approximately 50,000 books, in addition to a wide range of scientific periodicals, news bulletins and reports from various research centres in USA, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. It also holds a collection of Latin American fiction.

As a branch of the Stockholm University Library, the Institute’s Library also has a large number of databases and electronic journals. Among the databases, the HAPI-Online is of particular interest. This database contains bibliographical citations to articles, book reviews, documents and other materials appearing in more than 500 key social science and humanities journals published throughout the world. The database Latin American Intelligence Service is another valuable resource.

The Library is affiliated to REDIAL (Red Europea de Información y Documentación sobre América Latina), a network of European libraries specializing in Latin America. The webpage of REDIAL offers access to several European databases on Latin American information and investigation. European dissertations, including Swedish ones, on Latin America can be searched in the REDIAL Tesis database.

During 2015 new acquisitions to the library amounted to around 210 volumes.

The Library is open to students, researchers and the public. The online catalogue can be accessed at Stockholm University Library’s web page: http://su.se/biblioteket/. The titles are also entered in the union catalogue for the Swedish university libraries, LIBRIS: http://www.libris.kb.se. Borrowing libraries can place their orders in the interlibrary loan system of Libris.
Statistics for 2015

Book loans: 771
Renewals loans: 672

Interlibrary out:
Sweden: 116
Nordic Library: 15
Total: 131

Book donations: 125
Purchase of books: 86
The journals growth in cm: 277
Visitor statistics: 311

Book loans
Renewals loans

Interlibrary out-Sweden
In the spring of 2015, Mirtha Osorio continued the Library and Information Science Studies at the Library University of Borås, obtaining 60 HP.
Staff from Stockholm University Library
Elizabeth Edling, Gustav Zimmermann, Jasmin Belmar Shagulian and Mika Zimmermann, employees from Frescati Library (Stockholm University's main library), are part of the staff of the Latin American Institute library (LAI). The personal worked four hours per day, per employee. Cataloguing librarian is Tomas Kertesz (8 hours/week).

New Opening Hours
Monday – Thursday 12-16
Friday 12-16 (even weeks)
Friday 12-14 (odd weeks)

Data collection: Mirtha Osorio staff of the Latin American Institute library.
Public activities

LAI regularly arranges public seminars and panel discussions with Swedish and foreign researchers and experts on economic, social, cultural and political development in Latin America. The Institute also assists researchers, officers in public administration and business, news media and the public with information.

Magnus Lembke was responsible for the information service.

Public seminars

January 14
"Kuba och USA; vad sker nu?"
Pierre Schori, former EU parliamentarian and Ambassador to the UN.
Erik Jennische, Civil Rights Defenders.
René Vázquez Díaz, novelist and journalist.
Discussant: Fredrik Uggla, Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies

February 4
“Derechos Humanos y la Defensoría del Pueblo en Bolivia”
Rolando Villena Villegas, Defensoría del Pueblo, Bolivia.
Discussant: María Luisa Bartolomei, associate professor, Institute of Latin American Studies

February 23
Presentation of the book “Minnet och Elden”
Pierre Schori, former EU parliamentarian and Ambassador to the UN.
Discussant: José Goñi, Ambassador of Chile
The lecture was organized in collaboration with Instituto Cervantes and the Swedish Institute

March 4
"Medborgarjournalistik och statlig styrning: Hot och möjligheter för traditionell latinamerikansk massmedia”
Virginia Melián, PhD in Media and communication science
Erik Jennische, Civil Rights Defenders
Johanna Kvarnse1: journalist at Transportarbetaren.
Discussant: Magnus Lembke, Institute of Latin American Studies, The lecture was organized in collaboration with the Workers’ Educational Association (ABF)

March 9
"El Crimen en las literaturas del Cono Sur”
Mirian Pino, Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina.
Discussant: Débora Rottenberg, Department of Romance Studies and Classics.

**March 17**

“México y la geopolítica de América Latina”
*Leopoldo González Aguayo*, UNAM, Mexico.
Discussant: *Andrés Rivarola*, associate professor, Institute of Latin American Studies.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with the Mexican Embassy.

**March 23**

“La plurinacionalidad como reto para la democracia”
*Floresmil Simbaña*, abogado de la Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador (CONAIE).

**March 25**

“Fotboll – Överklassporten som blev det brasilianska folkets stora passion”
*Fredrik Ekelund*, författare.

**April 14**

“Colombia: Ending the Forever War”
*Stefan Aström*, Folke Bernadotte Academy.
*Camilla Riesenfeld*, gender expert at Indevelop.
*Michael Jonsson*, PhD, Uppsala University.
Discussant: *Enzo Nussio*, PhD, Institute of Latin American Studies.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with the Folke Bernadotte Academy.

**April 21**

“Pingströrelsen: En maktfaktor i brasiliansk politik”
*Kajsa Norell*, journalist, Sveriges Radio.

**April 28**

Presentation of the film “Quinoa: El mejor alimento del mundo”
*Nils Boel*, director of the film
*Ulf Jonsson*, professor in Economic History, Stockholm University
*Francisco Contreras*, vice Director of Latinamerikagrupperna
Discussant: *Fredrik Uggla*, director of the Institute of Latin American Studies.

**May 4**

“Poverty and Inequality in Latin America: A Parenthesis in History or the Road Ahead?”
The conference was organized in collaboration with the Swedish Development Forum (FUF) and the International
May 7
“In Recent Struggles for Radical Democracy in Latin America”
Teivo Teivainen, professor, University of Helsinki.

May 11
“El tejido de la rebelde ¿Qué es el feminismo comunitario?”
Julieta Paredes and Adriana Guzmán, Feminismo Comunitario, Bolivia.
Paulina de los Reyes, professor in Economic History, Stockholm University.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with Feministas Migrantes Latinoamericanas en Suecia.

May 18
“Kvinnor som förändringsaktörer i konfliktdrabbade Colombia”
Olga Amparo Sánchez, former director of the National Council of Equality, Colombia
Mary Ovidia Palechor Anacona, Leader of the indigenous group Yanacona, Cauca, Colombia.
Patricia Ariza Flores, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Discussant: Maria Luisa Bartolomei, associate professor, Institute of Latin American Studies.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with Colombiagruppen and Diakonia.

May 20
“La historia de América Latina desde abajo”
Hernán Horna, professor in History, Uppsala University.

August 27
“The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America: between Development and ‘Buen Vivir’”
José Aylwin, lawyer and member of the National Council of the National Institute for Human Rights, Chile.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with Svensk-Chilenska Kulturinstitutet (SCHIK).

September 10
“Las mujeres y el proceso de paz en Colombia”
María Paulina Riveros Dueñas, member of the Colombian governmental delegation to the peace negotiations in Havana.
Rosa Emilia Salamanca, member of Red Nacional de Mujeres de Colombia
Discussant: Enzo Nussio, PhD, Institute of Latin American
Studies.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with Sida.

**September 22**

“30 años de retorno a la democracia en Uruguay: proceso dictatorial-Uruguay actual”
The lecture was organized in collaboration with the Embassy of Uruguay and Instituto Cervantes.

**October 7**

“Towards Real Change in Guatemala?”
Panel: Doctor Virgilio Álvarez, student Isadora Bennet and associate professor Staffan Löfving
Discussant: Magnus Lembke, Institute of Latin American Studies.

**October 12**

“Chavismo efter Chávez: Venezuelas bolivarianska revolution valåret 2015”.
Iselin Åsedotter Strønen, Christian Michelsen Institute, University of Bergen
Magnus Lembke, Institute of Latin American Studies
Fredrik Uggla, professor and Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with the Workers’ Educational Association (ABF)

**October 22**

“Inequality in the Americas: An International Perspective”
Andrés Solimano, PhD and founder and President of the International Center for Globalization and Development in Santiago, Chile.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with Svensk-Chilenska Kulturinstitutet (SCHIK).

**October 29**

“Illicit Networks and Politics in Latin Americas: Achievements and Challenges”
Catalina Perdomo and Catalina Uribe from the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).
Discussant: Nubia Evertsson, PhD at the Department of Criminology, Stockholm University.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).

**November 4**

“Kubas framtid: Förbättrad relation till USA”
Thomas Gustafsson, journalist and author.
Maria Padrón Hernández, PhD, University of Gothenburg.
Pierre Schori, former Ambassador to the UN.
Discussant: Eivor Halkjaer, former Swedish Ambassador to
Nicaragua and Cuba.
The lecture was organized in collaboration with the Workers’ Educational Association (ABF).

**November 25**

“Dominican-Haitian Relations: Citizenship, Statelessness and Haitian Migrants”

*Kimberly Wynne*, PhD in anthropology, University of Oslo

*Mats Lundahl*, Professor Emeritus of Development Economics, Stockholm School of Economics.

*Leiv Marsteintredet*, associate professor in Latin American Area Studies, University of Oslo.

Discussant: *Fredrik Uggla*, professor and director of the Institute of Latin American Studies.

**December 3**

“Migranter i mellanrummet: Skildringar av papperslös migration till USA i samtida latinamerikansk litteratur”

*Fredrik Olsson*, PhD, University of Gothenburg.

Discussant: *Débora Rottenberg*, Department of Romance Studies and Classics.

**December 10**

“Student Protest and Social Citizenship in Chile’s Neoliberal Showcase”

*Kenneth Roberts*, Professor of Government at Cornell University.
Research contacts, membership of academic associations

The Institute has ongoing contacts with research institutes and universities in Latin America. The Institute has been a member of the collaborative European organisations CEISAL (Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales sobre América Latina), EADI (European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes) and ASERCCA (Association of European Research on Central America and the Caribbean) for many years. The Institute also collaborates with most of the other Latin American institutes in Europe.

A network for Nordic Latin American researchers, Nol@n, was founded in November 2002 during a two-day symposium held in Stockholm. It has bi-annual conferences.

Individual contacts and membership

María Luisa Bartolomei
- Collaborates with Head of Department, Criminal Law and Criminology, Prof dr. Stephan Parmentier, K.U. Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- Prof. dr. Virginia Maquieria, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Dpto. de Antropología Social, Instituto Universitario de Estudios de la Mujer. Directora de la Cátedra UNESCO/ Red Unitwin sobre “Políticas de Género e Igualdad de Derechos entre Mujeres y Hombres”. (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, Department of Social Anthropology, Institute of Women's Studies. Director of the UNESCO Chair / Network UNITWIN "Gender Policy and Equal Rights of Women and Men", Spain.
- Member of Board, Latin American Institute

Weine Karlsson
- Member of the board of “Svenska Stiftelsen Institutio Ekman”
- Member of the editorial council of Iberoamericana
- Member of Nationalekonomiska föreningen
- Member of Svenska Sällskapet för Antropologi och Geografi
- Collaborates with researchers and institutions in Venezuela

Magnus Lembke
- Member of the Politics of Development Group (PODSU), Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Staffan Löfving
- Universidad Centroamericana, Managua, Nicaragua
- Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Thaïs Machado-Borges
- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil, Núcleo de Análise de Discurso
- Instituto Nenuca de Desenvolvimento Sustentável – Insea
- Member of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)
- Member of the Swedish Association of Anthropologists (SANT)

Virginia Melián
- Member of the Association for Swedish Media and Communication Research (FSMK)

Manuela Nilsson
- Peace and Conflict Studies Advisory Board Member, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (USA)
- Member of the International Studies Association (ISA)

Enzo Nussio
- Research Associate, Dealing with the Past Program at swisspeace (Bern)
- Associate, Research Program on Armed Conflict and Peacebuilding (Conpaz) at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá
- Associate, Centro Latinoamericano-Suízo (University of St.Gallen)
- Research Group Member, Folke Bernadotte Academy – Peacekeeping Operations
- Affiliate, Household in Conflict Network (HiCN)
- Member, ECPR Standing Group on Political Violence
- Member, ECPR Standing Group on Organized Crime
- Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action – Peace and Recovery Program

Luz Paula Parra-Rosales
- Affiliated professor and researcher at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics in Mexico.
- Member of the Center for Urban Security and Prevention (CESUP), National coordinator of the Mediation and Peace Program.

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano
- Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay (UDELAR)
- Universidad de los Andes, Merida, Venezuela
- Universidade Federal Fluminense, Institute of Strategic Studies, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico D.F.
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, UNAM, Mexico D.F.
- Member of the Reference group for trade and investment issues in Latin America, at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Member of the Board at the labor union’s, Statstjänstemannaförbundet (ST), local unit at Stockholm University.
• Member of Stockholm’s the university faculty board of social science, and at the board of the area (områdesnämnden) for humanities, social science and juridical studies; as representative of ST.

**Mona Rosendahl**
- Member of the Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS)
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Flacso, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba
- Collaborates with Centro Juan Marinello, Habana, Cuba
- Collaborates with Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, University of Southampton, UK
- Collaborates with Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Florida International University, USA

**Fredrik Ugglö**
- Member of Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Cooperated with the Bolivian research institute Ciudadanía for the performance of a project.

**Charlotta Widmark**
- Collaborates with the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés and Universidad de la Cordillera, La Paz, Bolivia
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Participation in workshops, conferences and other events

Participation, Organization, Chairs

_Thaïs Machado-Borges_
- Convenor and Chair of Panel Session in collaboration with Charlotta Widmark: Antropollogiska dilemmaen i gränslandet mellan det lagliga, halvlagliga och det olagliga: moral och metod i det antropollogiska arbetet. Swedish Anthropological Association (SANT) Annual Conference, Uppsala University, April 17-19, Lund

_Staffan Löfving_
- Guatemala and Nicaragua, January and February, fieldwork.

_Luz Paula Parra-Rosales_
- "El impacto diferenciado de la inseguridad pública como otra expresión de la inequidad socio-económica: Una exploración inicial al caso mexicano”, Discussant: Enzo Nussio, LAI Seminar Friday August 28.,
- Conference in Gothenburg University (Göteborgs Universitet): La resistencia y defensa del territorio frente a la extracción minera: El caso de la Montana de Guerrero, México. 21 de Octubre

_Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano_
- Lecture at the Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos (INEST), vid Universidad Federal Fluminense (UFF). Title, ‘Geopolitics and regional Integration’. Lecture to master, PhD-students and scholars, in the frame work of my planning visit to Rio (see below) financed by STINT, April 30.
- Participate in panel: Latin America in global politics: out of the backyard – but headed where? Together with three other scholars, I was invited by the Oslo Academy of Global Governance, Norwegian Latin America Research Network (NorLARNet) and SUM Research School, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo. The panel took place at Litteraturhuset, in Oslo, April 9.
Fredrik Uggla
- Invited lecture at the Nolan Conference, Helsingfors, June 2015. “Poverty and Democracy in Latin America”.

Papers

Staffan Löfving
- Presentation of the paper: “The Gift of Labour: On the Paradox of Union Power in the Demise of the Swedish Car Industry” in the International Workshop on National Contexts for Unions, University of Iowa, Iowa City, August 5-9

Thaïs Machado Borges

Manuela Nilsson

Fredrik Uggla
- “From Runners-Up to Winners: How Leftist Candidates Won the Presidencies in Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Peru”, paper presented at the LASA annual meeting in Chicago, May.
- ”Peer-reviewer for Political Research Quarterley, Journal of Latin American Studies, Political Behaviour and British Journal of Political Science”
Lectures and presentations

Staffan Löfving
- Supervisor and contributor to essay seminars in the Master’s Program of the Institute of Latin American Studies, Spring term

Thaïs Machado Borges
Interactions with the community
- Two lectures on Contemporary Brazil (in Swedish). ABF, Senior University (November 19) and Folkuniversitet (December 10).

Lectures
- Lecture on “Ethnographic Method” part of the course “Method in Gender Studies,” Advanced Level, Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender Studies, Stockholm University.

Enzo Nussio
- Reincidencia de excombatientes. Presentation at Centro de Memoria Histórica conference on paramilitary DDR in Colombia, November 5, Bogotá.
- Understanding Unlikely Successes in Urban Violence Reduction. Presentation at EISA Conference, September 25, Giardini Naxos.
- Explaining Recidivism of Ex-Combatants in Colombia. Presentation at the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, June 24, Warwick University.
- Understanding unlikely successes in urban violence reduction. Presentation at Nordic Latin American Research Network Conference, June 11, University of Helsinki.
- The Effect of Perspective-giving on Post-conflict Reconciliation. Presentation at Folke Bernadotte Academy Research for Peace Conference, June 8, Stockholm.
- Perspectives on violence after a negotiated settlement. Public lecture at the conference “Colombia's Time for Peace”, Graduate Institute, May 19, Geneva.
- Bogotá as past success and future test case. Presentation at International Expert Forum on Peacebuilding in Cities (FBA, IDRC, IPI, ZIF and SecDev), April 17, Cape Town.
- DDR: Addressing Insecurity in Post-Conflict Situations. Lecture as part of the International Conflict Resolution Course, January 26, Uppsala University.
- Guarantees of Non-Recurrence. Lecture as part of the swisspeace peacebuilding training program, January 17, University of Basel.
Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

- The implications of different forms of corporate-community relations in the Peruvian mining industry”. Invited by the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University. Defense of the thesis, May 8
- Invited to give two lectures in the PhD course ‘Latin America in Global Governance’, 8-10 April. Titles of my lectures: 1) Geopolitics and integration: a South American perspective, 2) Latin American states and business in the new geopolitical context. The course was organized by the Oslo Academy of Global Governance, Norwegian Latin America Research Network (NorLARNet) and SUM Research School, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo. Besides the lectures, the 4 invited lecturers would also give tutorial for papers presented by the around 15 students that participated in the course.
- ’Geopolitik i Latinamerika: säkerhet, autonomi och utveckling’ February 25, Senioruniversitetet – Kurs: Spelet om kampen över marken, vårterminen 2015

Fredrik Uggla

- Lecture, Foro de Estudios Latinoamericano (FLAS) (Uppsala): “Estrategias electorales en América Latina”, March 26
- Lecture, Pensionärsuniversitetet in Växjö, March ”Augusto Pinochet: Kjellén-lärjungen som blev Chiles diktator”.
- Lecture, Swedish National College of Defence/Crismart, ”Latinamerika: framsteg eller déjà vu?”, June 5,
- Panelist at the Cervantes Institute on political developments in Uruguay September 22,
- Panelist at the Seminar, ”Internationellt bistånd till politiska partier: spelar det någon roll?”, Rosenbad, February
- Moderator in a panel on poverty reduction in Latin America, International IDEA, April
- Lecture and Panelist at a seminar in the Swedish riksdag on the future for democracy support (organised by the Christian democratic party): ”PAO-stödet; framgångar, svagheter och utmaningar” 26 November
- Lecture at the Swedish International Liberal Centre, breakfast seminar on Venezuela, December 10
- Lecture at Sida on Power and Politics in Bolivia, September 2015
- Lecture at Folkuniversitetet, October 1, ”A turn to the Left in Latin America”
- Lecture at Senioruniversitetet, ”Latin America Today”, November 5
- Interview in God morgon Världen i P1 (January)
- Interviewed by Göteborgsposten (April)
- Interviewed by P1 Morgon (August)
- Interviewed by SR P4 Malmöhus (September),
- Interviewed by Focus (November)
- Interviewed by TT (December).
- Participated in SvT ”Aktuellt” (November)
Academic assignments

Thaïs Machado Borges
- Board Member of the Swedish Society of Anthropology and Geography. SSAG (since 2012).
- Co-founder and organizer of the Brazilian Studies Group

Enzo Nussio
- Institute of Latin American Studies: Vice-Director, June-December

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano
- Member of the Academic Board of the Escuela de Políticas Públicas of the Círculo de Legisladores del Congreso de la Nación, Argentina
- Member of FOMERCO’s (Forum Universitário Mercosul) Editorial Commission. The Commission is responsible for the publications of FOMERCO
- Co-supervisor of Ph.D. student, Mario Leo Torres Jarrin from the ‘Programa de Doctorado del Posgrado Oficial en Estudios Europeos, de la Unidad Europea de la Universidad de Salamanca’, Spain, from April 22, 2010
- Co-founder and organizer of the Brazilian Studies Group
- Referee of article to the journal, Territory, Politics, Governance (Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group).
- Referee of article to the journal Iberoamericana, Nordic Journal of Latin American Studies.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the, “III Jornadas Académicas Alberto Methol Ferré: “La construcción de la ciudadanía suramericana y latinoamericana en el mundo multipolar del siglo XXI”. Held between 11-12 September at Universidad Nacional de Lomas de Zamora, Provincia de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Fredrik Uggl
- Discussant at a workshop arranged by the Institute of Turkish Studies, May.
- Member of the grading committee for Michael Jonssons dissertation, Department of Government, Uppsala, October.
- Peer reviewer for Political Behaviour.
Publications

Thaïs Machado Borges

- Peer-reviewed articles: 2015 (print) and 2014 (online). "Have you ever seen a thief wearing a uniform?" On bodies, borders and struggles to be seen as an honest worker in urban southeastern Brazil. *Ethnography*, published online 19 August 2014, DOI: 10.1177/1466138114547623. *Ethnography June 2015 vol. 16 no. 2 207-222.*

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Peer-reviewed articles

- Hoelscher, Kristian, and Enzo Nussio. 2015. “Understanding Unlikely Successes in Urban Violence Reduction.” *Urban Studies.* Online first. [http://usj.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/06/10/0042098015589892.abstract](http://usj.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/06/10/0042098015589892.abstract)
Fredrik Uggla

Financial Report 2015

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| Balance                           | 503 890     | 602 493     |
| Deduction fundings 2014           | -344 732    |             |
| Balance carried forward           | 6 082 421   | 5 923 263   |