

International Conference and Summer School of the "BMBF-Research Network for Latin America"

"Mobilizing Ethnicity - Competing identity politics in the Americas: Past and Present"

**Conference: July 2nd to July 3rd 2012 in Bielefeld
Summer School: June 27th to July 6th 2012 in Bielefeld**

Within the context of the Quincentenary of the European expansion to the Americas in 1492, numerous indigenous groups throughout the continent mobilized to denounce the (post-) colonial legacy of present societies and to express their political, economic and cultural needs. The year 1992 can thus be related to a paradigmatic transition in ethnic identity politics. Traditionally restricted to local or national contexts, ethnic identity politics in the 1990s became much more globally connected, expanding into an increasing range of fields of social practice such as economy, law, academia, ecology and medicine. While social movements from a variety of ethnic backgrounds pushed for institutional change by appealing to the international attention markets, they were joined by a growing diversity of social actors in the re-negotiations of ethnicity and cultural difference in the public space. Both the Summer School and the International Conference address this prominent role of ethnic identity politics in the ongoing struggle for defining the principles and boundaries of social inclusion and political participation in the Americas with regard to the historical processes and present situations. The aim is to establish a balance of two decades of intensive and conflictive identity politics in the Americas and to identify new tendencies of the strategic use of ethnicity in politics, economics and culture.

The Bielefeld Summer School of the "BMBF- Research Network for Latin America" is based on three pillars:

First, we offer 8 workshops for graduate students and Phd candidates on specialized topics about mobilizing ethnicity. Each student of the summer school can choose two workshops during the course of the program. The workshops introduce the recent discussions and give methodological orientations in the research of ethnic dynamics in the Americas.

Second, we offer for all students of the summer school a media-practical unit. Here the students learn the technical and practical basics to produce a radio documentary. The radio-feature will be produced during the summer school.

Third, during the summer school, a conference on "Mobilizing Ethnicity" will take place. This conference will unite out-standing scholars to debate the ethnic dynamics in political, cultural and economic fields in the Americas.

Panels (Conference):

1. 1992-2012: Balancing Two Decades of Indigenous Movements
2. Debating the Future of Ethno-development
3. Ethnicity in Postmodern Mediaspaces
4. Ethnicity and Political Communication in Processes of State Formation in 19th Century Latin America
5. Inter-ethnic Perceptions of Nature Conservation Issues
6. Global Ethnicities
7. Gender and Ethnicity in the Indigenous Movement
8. Commodifying Ethnicity: The Strategic Use of Culture in Post-Fordist Economies

Workshops (Summerschool):

1. "Exigimos la devolución de nuestra imagen!" Indigenous Self Representation in Audiovisual Media
2. Indigenous Languages in Mexico and Central America
3. Ethnic Literatures in the Americas
4. Migration: Theoretical Questioning, Research Design and Case Analysis
5. Historical Justice: Politics of Memory and History in Latin America
6. Urban Ethnic Landscapes: Between Heritage and Hybridization
7. Ethnicity and Democracy. Challenging the Boundaries of the Political in Latin America
8. Ethnicity, Identity and Development

For the Conference please send proposals with not more than 200 words no later than **January 15th 2012** to summerschool-ethnicity@uni-bielefeld.de indicating the panel you like to speak in.

Registration

To attend the Summer School and the Conference, or just the Conference exclusively, please fill out the (following) registration forms:

www.uni-bielefeld.de/cias/summerschool/anmeldung.html

or

http://www.kompetenzla.uni-koeln.de/bielefeld2012_en.html

Summer School (including Conference):

Registration until **May 1st 2012**.

Conference:

Registration until **June 3rd 2012**.

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