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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.1 About the Network**

*desiguALdades.net* is an interdisciplinary, international, and multi-institutional research network on social inequalities in Latin America supported by the Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research) in the frame of its funding line on area studies. The Lateinamerika-Institut of the Freie Universität Berlin (LAI, Institute for Latin American Studies of the Freie Universität of Berlin) and the Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut of the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (IAI, Ibero-American Institute of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation) are overall in charge of the research network.

The objective of *desiguALdades.net* is to work towards a shift in the research on social inequalities in Latin America in order to overcome all forms of 'methodological nationalism'. Intersections of different types of social inequalities and interdependencies between global and local constellations of social inequalities are at the focus of analysis. For achieving this shift, researchers from different regions and disciplines as well as experts either on social inequalities and/or on Latin America are working together. The network character of *desiguALdades.net* is explicitly set up to overcome persisting hierarchies in knowledge production in social sciences by developing more symmetrical forms of academic practices based on dialogue and mutual exchange between researchers from different regional and disciplinary contexts.

### **1.2 Core Institutions**

The overarching responsibility for the research network rests with the Lateinamerika-Institut (LAI) and the Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI) as executive institutions. In addition, two other institutions with long experience in research and policy advice combined with an outstanding regional expertise on Latin America are at the core of the research network: the Deutsche Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE, German Development Institute) in Bonn and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) in Hamburg. The Executive Secretary of *desiguALdades.net* is located at the Freie Universität Berlin, Boltzmannstr.1, D-14195 Berlin.

#### **Lateinamerika-Institut (LAI)**

Founded in 1970, the Lateinamerika-Institut (LAI) is an interdisciplinary Central Institute of the Freie Universität Berlin for research and teaching and one of the leading European institutions in the field of Latin American Studies. The institute is composed of six disciplines offering discipline-specific, regional, and interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise: political science, sociology, economics, history and anthropology of the Americas, Latin American literature, and cultural studies. The LAI offers a Master's Program in Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies, which includes the participation of all LAI disciplines. On the level of doctoral studies, the LAI offers a structured Doctoral Program 'Latin American Studies from a Comparative and Transregional Perspective' with the International Research Training Group 'Between Spaces, Movements, Actors, and Representations of Globalization', supported by

the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), accredited by the Dahlem Research School (DRS) of the Freie Universität Berlin.

### **Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI)**

The Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI) is an interdisciplinary center for academic and cultural exchange between Germany and Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal. It is home to the largest European library for the Ibero-American region. The institute is also a place of knowledge production, exchange, and cultural translation. Combining an information center, a research center, and a cultural center, the IAI is both a platform for cooperation and a catalyst for intercultural and transcultural dialog. The IAI was founded in 1930 and is today located in the Berlin Kulturforum complex on Potsdamer Straße. It has been part of the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation) since 1962.

### **Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)**

Based in Bonn, the Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is one of the leading think tanks for development policy world-wide. The unique research profile of the DIE is the result of the cooperation between research, consulting and professional training. DIE is building bridges between theory and practice and works within international research networks. Every year, the DIE advises the network at policy level and carries out a development policy related seminar.

### **German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)**

The German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), formerly the Deutsches Übersee-Institut/German Overseas Institute, is a Hamburg based research institute focused on political, economic, and social developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America, North Africa, and the Middle East. Through a unique combination of area and comparative area studies, the GIGA examines not only the issues and challenges facing these specific regions but also new developments in North-South and South-South relationships. The GIGA is the largest German research institute for area and comparative area studies. It is also among the largest in Europe. For *desiguALdades.net*, the GIGA is one important interface at policy level. The GIGA supports *desiguALdades.net* by policy oriented papers on issues related to the research foci of the network.

## **1.3 Research Focus**

*desiguALdades.net* addresses phenomena of social inequalities that are embedded in transregional social configurations and that need to be analyzed within theoretical and methodological frameworks going beyond the nation state. By putting the emphasis on the interdependencies between different world regions, *desiguALdades.net* aims at overcoming the methodological nationalism that until now has dominated research on social inequality.

From such a perspective, Latin America is a highly interesting and relevant region to be studied. First of all, Latin America has been characterized by severe and highly persisting forms of social, economic, cultural, and political inequalities throughout its history. Simultaneously,

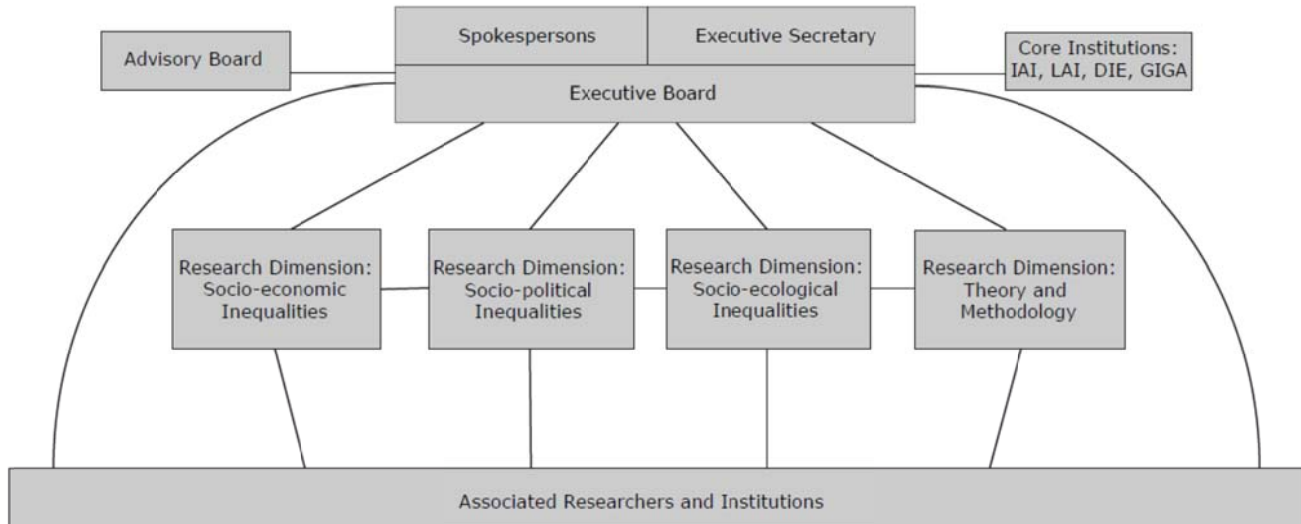
the subcontinent as a whole and the phenomena of social inequality in particular are affected by profound dynamics of transregionalization, which are related to different phases of globalization.

Last but not least, it is the dynamism of Latin American research on social inequality itself that makes Latin America a privileged region for developing a network on transregional phenomena of social inequalities. Concepts such as *dependencia* and marginalization contributed significantly to a global debate on interdependent social inequalities. Today, new perspectives on social inequalities are being developed in Latin American social sciences. On a theoretical level, they combine structure and power-oriented approaches as well as knowledge and culture-oriented approaches in order to overcome the dualism of structure and agency. The current Latin American debates focus on (1) the phenomenon of ongoing persistence and even accentuation of socio-economic inequalities despite a general economic growth, (2) a shift from a purely economic understanding of social inequality towards one that acknowledges the multiple forms of power asymmetry by integrating non-economic dimensions of social inequality, such as culture, ethnicity, 'race', and gender, and (3) the link between the question of social inequality and the growing relevance of environmental issues for social inequalities at a global level. *desiguALdades.net* aims at connecting these different research lines within a comprehensive research design on interdependent social inequalities in Latin America.

It is a major objective of *desiguALdades.net* to promote a systematic transatlantic dialogue between different epistemic communities. Thus, the basic impetus of *desiguALdades.net* is not only to push for a shift in the research on social inequalities by including transregional interdependencies, but also to create networks and interlinkages between different, formerly separated or only loosely connected research threads. This contributes to the development of new theoretical and methodological perspectives on the research of social inequalities.

## 1.4 Operative Structure and Management

The overall governance of the network relies on the Advisory Board and the Executive Board. For the daily management of the network the Spokespersons and the Executive Secretary play a key role. The following figure synthesizes the network structure.



### Advisory Board

The Advisory Board advises the network's Executive Board and Spokespersons on all scientific academic matters. Regarding the further development of the research program, the Executive Board bases its decisions on the recommendations of this internationally composed body. Members of the Advisory Board are:

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## **Executive Board**

The Executive Board of *desiguALdades.net* is composed of eight members who jointly monitor the activities of the research network. Each research dimension of the network is represented in the Executive Board by two of its Principal Investigators. The main role of the Executive Board is to facilitate the work of *desiguALdades.net* and to support the network in important decision making processes.

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## **Project House**

*desiguALdades.net* is situated in a representative Villa in the heart of Berlin-Dahlem and is the executive office of the project. The Villa was built in 1914 – 1916 by the Architect Ernst von Ihne (who also built the Bode Museum) together with Mr. Boltzmann. Later the Villa was used by Professor Correns, who was the Director of the Biological Department of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft (later Max-Planck-Society). In 2009 the building was completely refurbished thanks to the engagement of the Chair of the Freie Universität Berlin, who provided funds for the renovation of the Villa. The Villa now offers 35 workplaces for scholarship holders and network members (Docs, Postdocs, Fellows, and Principal Investigators), with modern technical and communication facilities as well as a library and seminar rooms.

## **1.5 Instruments**

In order to develop and carry out its research agenda the network can rely on a broad spectrum of instruments.

It awards post-doctoral scholarships (6 to 24 months) as well as short-term doctoral scholarships (6 months) and long-term doctoral scholarships (up to 3 years). In addition it also offers fellowships for senior researchers (from 1 to 6 months).

The network organizes an annual conference to foster the exchange between area studies and research on social inequality. Yearly summer schools in Latin America are carried out by the Latin American partners in cooperation with *desiguALdades.net* Executive Board. Each



research dimension organizes workshops to coordinate the research activities within the dimensions and shape its scientific profile. The German Development Institute (DIE) carries out an annual development cooperation workshop in order to promote the exchange between the scientific community and practitioners in the field of development. In a weekly colloquium at the *desiguALdades.net* house the Doctoral and Post-doctoral Researchers, Fellows and Principal Investigators present and discuss their research projects.

The scientific outcomes of *desiguALdades.net* will be disseminated in a working paper series, monographs, edited books, journal articles, and dissertations.

## 2. RESEARCH AT *desiguALdades.net*

### 2.1 Research Concept

*desiguALdades.net* is guided by two central research questions:

- (1) To what extent is the distribution of resources and the access to aspired social positions in Latin America shaped by global and transregional interdependencies, in addition to local, regional, and national ones?
- (2) To what extent does the embeddedness of social inequalities in transregional interdependencies create enduring power differences and unequal opportunities for the social, economic, and political participation of the respective individuals, communities, or societies?

In order to work on these two central questions, *desiguALdades.net* analytically differentiates between three distinct dimensions of social inequality: socio-economic inequalities (Research Dimension I), socio-political inequalities (Research Dimension II), and socio-ecological inequalities (Research Dimension III). At the beginning, research in the network is organized according to these three dimensions, providing the network with a clear structure. In the course of the project, however, the analytical separation between the three dimensions will be given up in favor of a comprehensive perspective, focusing on the systematic interdependencies between the different dimensions of social inequality.

The research on **socio-economic dimensions of social inequalities** (Research Dimension I) takes a clear structural perspective. The basic approaches derive from political economics and sociology. However, the interdisciplinary design of *desiguALdades.net* explicitly welcomes contributions from history and legal studies as well.

The research on **socio-political dimensions of social inequalities** (Research Dimension II) takes a pronounced power-analytical perspective while addressing (trans)regional representations, experiences, and negotiation processes of social inequalities. This perspective is mainly inspired by contributions from political sciences, sociology, ethnology, social anthropology, history, and legal studies.

The research on **socio-ecological dimensions of social inequalities** (Research Dimension III) looks at the environment as the prism of social inequalities influenced by transregional interdependencies (as is, for example, the case with soybean production or globalized mining). The analysis of power and knowledge as pursued by approaches within social anthropology, human geography, and sociology is at the core of this research dimension.

Emphasizing the transregional interdependencies of social inequalities, each research dimension is confronted with theoretical and methodological challenges. These are systematically addressed in the **Cross-cutting Research Dimension: Theory and Methodology** (Research Dimension IV). Here, research is focused on new temporal configurations of social inequalities, be they synchronic or diachronic, as well as on new spatial configurations, be they local, national, regional, or global. The aim of the fourth research dimension is to systematize translocal and transregional entanglements in the field of social inequalities. On a methodological level, the fourth research dimension aims at developing new research designs and methodological approaches for analyzing transregional flows and connections that shape local phenomena of social inequality in Latin America such as multi-sited research, comparative research, or global ethnography. These

approaches must be able to systematically integrate both structure as well as agency-related dimensions of globalization and transregionalization. This is realized by an active participation of all three other research dimensions and all disciplines involved in the network.

## 2.2 Research Dimensions

### 2.2.1 Research Dimension I: Socio-economic Inequalities

The research on socio-economic dimensions of social inequalities (Research Dimension I) takes a clear structural perspective. The basic approaches derive from political economics and sociology. However, the interdisciplinary design of *desiguALdades.net* explicitly welcomes contributions from history and legal studies as well.

- **Socio-economic inequalities in a globalized economy:** Since colonization, Latin America has always been part of an interdependent global economy. However, its position in the system of international division of labor has changed significantly throughout the course of its 'entangled history'. Besides research on the historical dimension, we focus on the recent reorganization of world trade. In many cases, this has led to an increase of socio-economic inequalities and to new interdependencies between economic processes in different world regions. Due to this reorganization, Latin America is integrated again into the global economy mainly as a provider of natural resources, carrying specific risks as well as opportunities to different social groups. In addition, new transregional interdependencies emerge, such as trans-pacific socio-economic interdependencies, constituting new systems of transregional inclusion and exclusion.
- **Socio-economic inequalities and financial crises:** Instabilities of the (global) financial markets have shaped the region's patterns of inequality to a significant extent. The continent looks back on a long history of financial crises, the current global financial crisis just being one of them. Financial crises have contributed to the high volatility of growth and income as well as to relatively low long-term growth rates when compared internationally. In that perspective, economic crises have strengthened the persistence and increase of poverty and inequality in Latin America.
- **Socio-economic inequalities and liberalization:** Latin America in the past decades has served as a laboratory for radical market-oriented reforms, with strong liberalization towards domestic and international markets. In this respect, one example of interdependent inequalities to be studied are price increases for relevant consumer goods and services in the context of foreign direct investments, causing a significant increase in costs especially for the poorer households.
- **Interdependent flows due to migration and remittances:** While Latin America has been a continent for immigration for centuries, the recent enormous 'export' of migrants to industrialized countries has caused a significant transnational redistribution in the last decades. This redistribution includes a large inflow of financial transfers with highly mixed effects, but also social remittances, understood as a complex set of ideas, practices, identities, and social capital. Both play a central role in reshaping local, communal, and individual configurations of social inequality. At the

same time, migration can also be understood as part of the formation of new transnational production chains. Family economies for example are transnationalized through their integration in transnational care economies, in which (mostly female) migrants from Latin America and other low income countries take over care work within families of high income countries.

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## **2.2.2 Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities**

The research on socio-political dimensions of social inequalities (Research Dimension II) takes a pronounced power-analytical perspective while addressing (trans)regional representations, experiences, and negotiation processes of social inequalities. This perspective is mainly inspired by contributions from political sciences, sociology, ethnology, social anthropology, history, and legal studies.

- **Social inequality and construction of otherness:** Since colonization, social exclusion in Latin America has been based on the construction of cultural, ethnic, and racialized otherness. Categories such as indio, mestizo, mulato, and criollo, as well as racialized gender and class constructs are at the core of social segregation and stratification processes, defining the position of different population groups in the social field. Moreover, these ethnicized, racialized, and genderized categories have influenced socially exclusive policies on education, welfare, urban development, poverty reduction, and the law, implemented by state and non-state actors. At the same time, however, these discriminating categories have been appropriated and positively redefined by social movements and form today the symbolic and discursive basis for new political identities and protests against social inequalities. It is obvious that these categories have been formed within complex transregional and global discursive spaces. It has to be asked how these globally constituted categories are negotiated in Latin America at local and regional level and how these negotiations shape processes of social segregation and exclusion.
- **Welfare state, social movements, and citizenship:** In Europe, working-class movements and other social movements have successfully worked towards the

institutionalization of social and urban projects. In the twentieth century, social guarantees were created, national legislations complemented with social legislations, and important welfare state institutions established. In contrast, in Latin America social movements were not always powerful enough to integrate their political struggles into the nation building project and could only establish fragile alliances and interfaces with the state. Due to this lack of legally guaranteed economic and social rights, which was further strengthened by the structural adjustment programs and state downsizings since the 1980s, non-governmental actors and organizations, among them different forms of community and neighbourhood (self-help) organizations and social movements, as well as international and transnational actors are increasingly involved in the delivery of education and other welfare and social services. Among these 'new' actors, a broad range of transnational actors, such as the Catholic Church, new evangelical communities, international think tanks, local/international non-governmental organizations, and transnational networks of migrants have come to play an important role in the negotiation of socio-political rights.

- **Public sphere and global communication:** Articulation and negotiation of inequalities passes through the public sphere. At the same time, access to the public sphere itself is marked by structural inequalities, giving different social groups different possibilities to raise their voice and make it heard. While the concept of public sphere has been developed as linked to the nation state, the increasing globalization of media and in particular the web-based digital technologies with global outreach have opened new dimensions for cross-border and transregional articulation. While this should not be too rapidly mistaken for a 'global public sphere', *desiguALdades.net* explores how this increased participation of transnational voices impacts on the inequalities in access to the public sphere as well as on the negotiation of inequalities.
- **Global legal structures:** In the late twentieth and the early twenty-first century, Latin America has experienced a wave of formal democratization, accompanied by constitutional reforms and the introduction of new social rights. However, it is questionable whether Latin American nation states have the capacity to actually implement these new rights. In this context, new forms of legal arrangements, which transcend national legal frameworks, increasingly function as legal and discursive sources for claiming rights and entitlements at a local level. This is true for the body of 'negative' civil rights which has been successfully anchored into a global human rights system. But also other, legally more fragile entitlements based for example on charters of social rights and development agendas of national and multilateral organizations increasingly influence globally interdependent legal arrangements. How these entitlements are negotiated locally and regionally and how they affect the inequality between different groups at national and regional level but also between different world regions has not been investigated sufficiently so far. *desiguALdades.net* puts the research focus on the interdependencies between the changed legal framework, redistributive battles on different levels, and different concepts and practices of citizenship such as *ciudadanía*, a concept that includes not only the complete range of social economic and cultural rights, but additionally integrates a subjective, agency-oriented perspective on rights.

- **State formation and international interventions:** Through the practices and policies of its institutions, the Latin American state has reinforced and frequently perpetuated rather than alleviated existing socio-political inequalities. This is due to the underlying social structures and resources that formed the basis of the regional state formation processes. In such a context, international interventions within the field of development cooperation, humanitarian aid, or transnational security arrangements ever since have had direct consequences for processes of (re)distribution of social, cultural, and economic resources at local level. Such interventions can reduce social cleavages, but may also contribute to their accentuation or even produce new ones. At the same time, Latin America has served, and still serves, as a laboratory for modernity in which specific political, institutional, and economic concepts and practices are tested and then re-imported.

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### **2.2.3 Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities**

The research on socio-ecological dimensions of social inequalities (Research Dimension III) looks at the environment as the prism of social inequalities influenced by transregional interdependencies (as is, for example, the case with soybean production or globalized mining). The analysis of power and knowledge as pursued by approaches within social anthropology, human geography, and sociology is at the core of this research dimension.

- **Environmental conflicts in a globalized economy:** The natural resource question is not a new one for Latin America. Since colonization, Latin America has been the arena of severe conflicts on the access, use, and distribution of natural resources. Today, however, these conflicts have gained a new quality, since an increasingly de-territorialized and interdependent global economy has produced new and more complex settings and processes of actors, institutions and regimes involved in these conflicts. On the one hand, globalization has intensified the competition on scarce natural resources on a global, regional, and local level. For example, Latin America has gained importance as a provider of natural resources (e.g. soybeans, minerals) for the expanding Asian economies with strong impacts on local societies. On the other hand, through global discourses on environmental protection (e.g. climate change, biodiversity) and the transnationalization of indigenous rights, awareness on the cultural and social values of ecosystems has grown. Pressure is raised on national and local governments to protect environments as common goods. Conflicts on globalized mining and tourism are increasing as they put local patterns of resource use and resource rights at risk. Key issues are the unequal access to resources and the unequal distribution of resource values and gains. Therefore one research question of the network is whether the increasing transnational interdependencies of resource use lead to an intensification of economic, social, and cultural inequalities at regional and local level.
- **Unequal distribution of environmental risks and environmental costs:** Environmental risks and environmental costs are not socially neutral but have to be understood as the result of both political and economic structures, regulations, and negotiation processes. At present, they are even literally de-located to less powerful regions and more vulnerable social groups. The social (re)distribution of environmental risks and costs (e.g. local impacts of climate change; agro-export of virtual water and nutrients; local water depletion and land degradation by mining) needs further investigation. Which control mechanisms exist at different political and spatial levels and how do they affect the distribution of environmental risks and costs? It also has to be asked which clashes and social cleavages are related to the exploitation and valorization of natural resources on the one hand, and to the protection against natural catastrophes and the management of environmental risks

on the other. On the basis of local case studies, the network wants to analyze the unequal distribution of environmental risks and environmental costs. It also wants to gain a better understanding on the impact growing transnational interdependencies have on the unequal distribution of capabilities to handle environmental risks and recover from natural catastrophes.

- **Socio-ecological inequalities and knowledge:** If environmental problems and debates are seen as socially constructed and as embedded in transregional interdependent configurations of social inequality, power, and knowledge aspects have to be put to the center of analysis. The geopolitics of knowledge in relation to cultural, social, and economic appropriation of nature is a key issue of the network. For example, the impacts of transnational interdependencies on unequal access to environmental knowledge as well as the applicability of this knowledge are studied. Another key issue of the network is how profits, coming from the exploitation of natural resources, are socially distributed according to ethnic, gender, and class lines and how they are spatially distributed on local, regional, and transregional levels. In addition, it is analyzed how phenomena of social inequality are related to the social imaginary and to cultural practices —mobility, concepts of nature, local practices of using natural resources— of individual and collective social actors.

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**Research Project:** Desigualdades sociales y agronegocio de la soja en Argentina y Brasil

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**Research Project:** Uncertain 'Tropical' Grounds: Micro-politics of Knowledge in Latin American Earthquake Disaster Management

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**Research Project:** The Grassroots Movement of Mangrove People in Ecuador: It's Political Strategy as a Project of Colonial Difference

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**Research Project:** Autonomía cultural vs. conocimiento hegemónico en la amazonia peruana: El caso de una comunidad igualitarista frente a discursos globalizados sobre el desarrollo

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Scholarship: January 2011 – June 2011

**Research Project:** Appropriation-expropriation Processes and Generation of Socio-economical Inequalities in a Peripheral Agrarian Structure. The Case of Cotton Crisis and Soya Expansion in Chaco State (Argentina)

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**Research Project:** Protein from the Sea: the Industrialization of Southeast Pacific Fisheries and the Global Rise of Fishmeal

## **2.2.4 Cross-cutting Research Dimension IV: Theory and Methodology**

In addition to the three thematic research dimensions, a fourth research dimension concentrates on cross-cutting theoretical and methodological questions. The main objectives of the cross-cutting research dimension are a critical examination of:

- **Macro-sociological and historico-comparative approaches** to social inequalities. Especially those approaches have to be critically re-read that explicitly deal with the entangled character of social transformation processes in different world regions, and that highlight both connections and disconnections, junctures and disjunctures in global configurations of social inequalities. Additionally, the dimension focuses on creatively re-examining works from area and regional studies regarding their potential contribution to research on global interdependencies.
- **Current debates on social inequalities**, particularly of those approaches dealing with the transnationalization of social inequalities, with the aim to extrapolate their concepts of boundary making, social, political, and symbolic inclusion/exclusion, and social transformation.
- **Current debates on social inequalities in Latin America** by elaborating the ways how they integrate the transnational dimension of social inequality. The focus is on the connections that are drawn between transformation processes on a macro-economic, macro-political, and macro-societal level on the one hand, and the emergence of transnational constellations on the other.

Further objectives of the fourth research dimension are:

- **The elaboration of a theoretical and methodological framework** that is able to adequately grasp both the global and the historical dimensions of social inequalities in Latin America. A central question that needs to be addressed is how Latin America's particular position within global socio-economic and political contexts relates to the persistence and even to the growth of extreme forms of social inequalities.



- **A critical reflection on the basic categories of sociological thought and their methodological implications.** The notion of society, as used for a long time, has been related intimately to the idea of the unity of a territorially bounded nation state, a population living within this territory, and their distinctive and shared cultural identity and expressions. This 'container concept' of society has been challenged by the changes that globalization has brought about for the constitution of social formations and processes of identity construction. But also other concepts such as upward and downward social mobility as well as social inclusion and exclusion turned out to be based on problematic assumptions. They have mainly focused on formal sector employment, private property, and individual rights, thus having a specific gender, class, and ethnic bias. *desiguALdades.net* takes up the challenge of deconstructing the methodological nationalisms and the different biases inherent in these concepts for adequately describing and analyzing transnational, transregional, and multidimensional interdependencies of social inequality in Latin America.

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## 2.3 Associated Researchers

*desiguALdades.net* aims at building up an interdisciplinary and transnational epistemic community on interdependent social inequalities in Latin America. The group of associated researchers, being located in the Americas and in Europe, plays an important role in this community. With their expertise on different regional and interdisciplinary contexts, they bring new insights into the phenomenon of social inequalities in Latin America from a transregional and global perspective.

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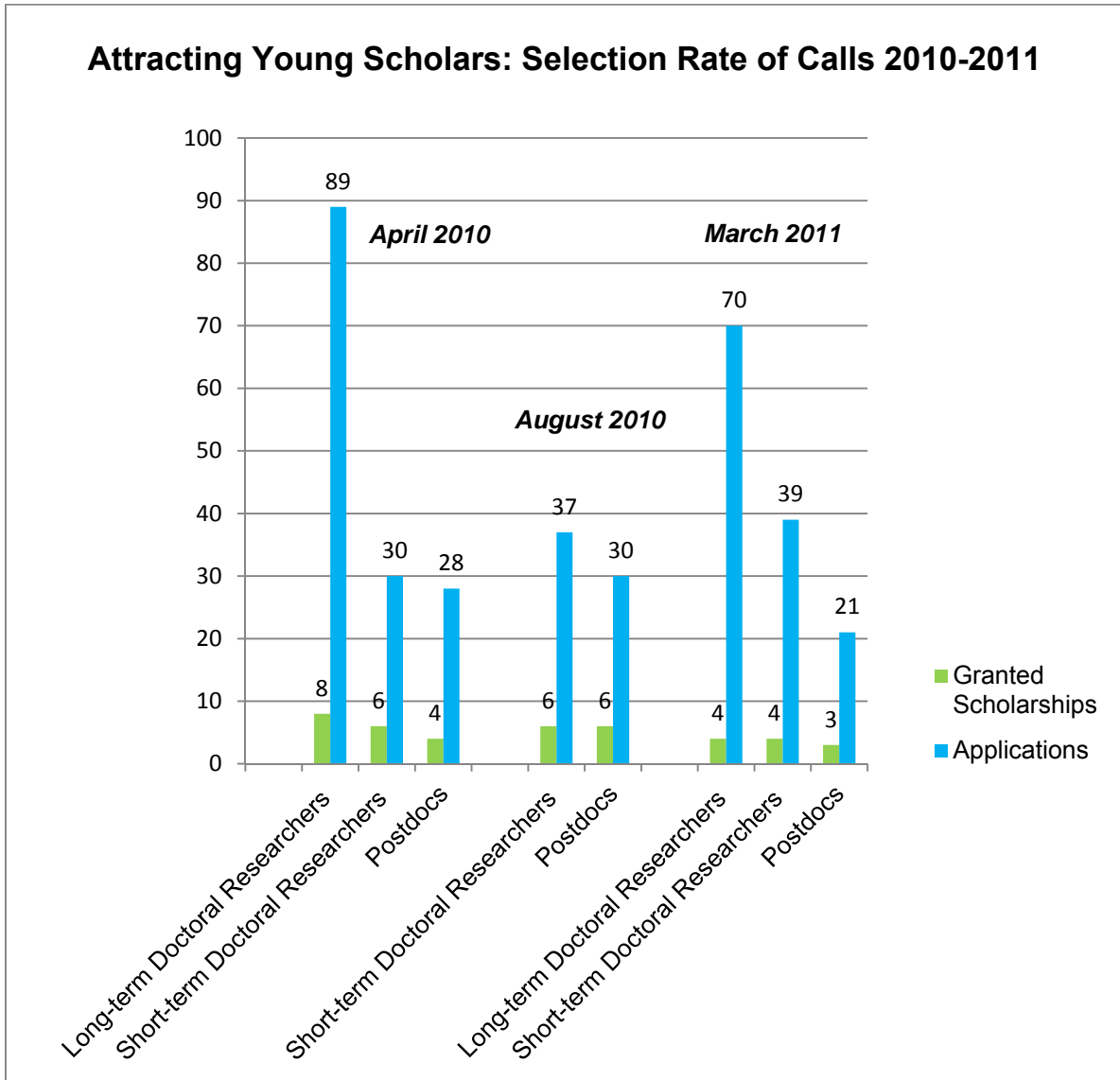
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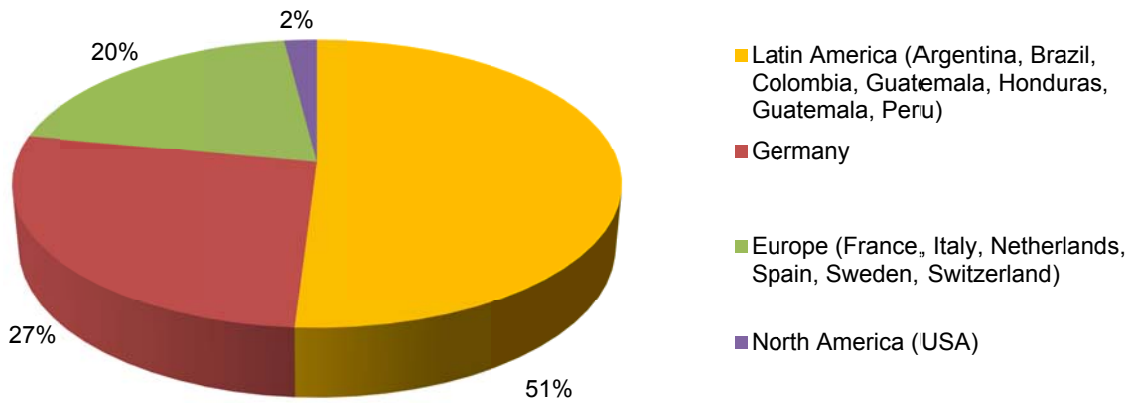
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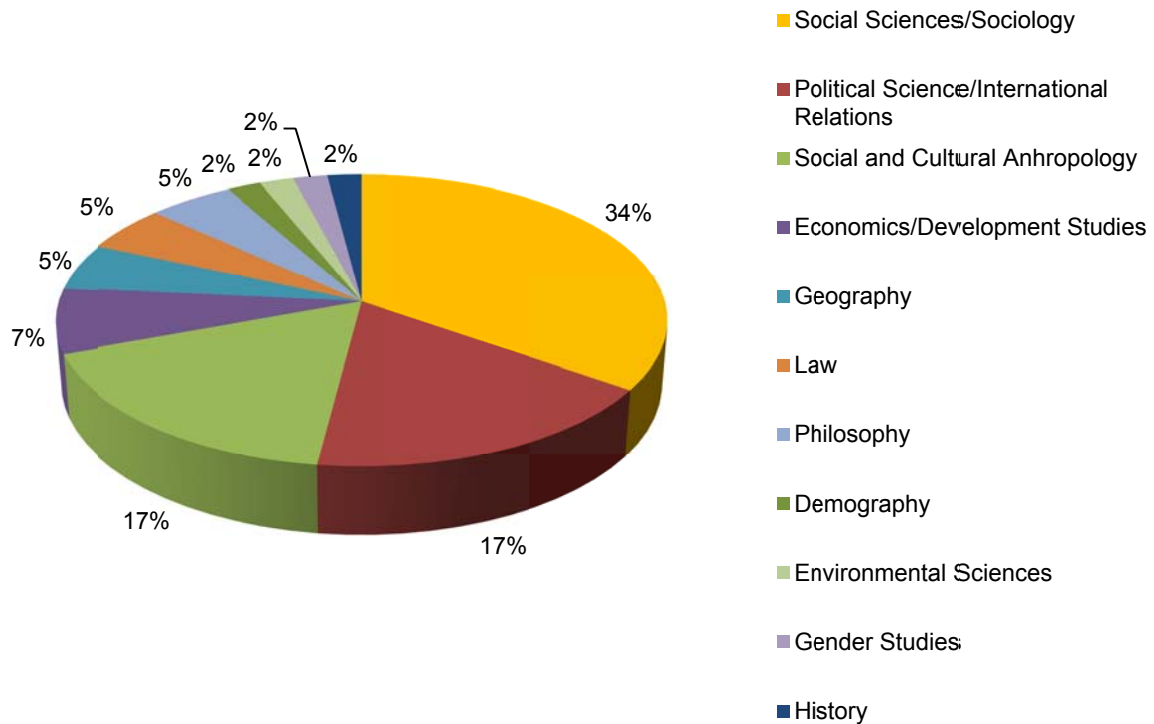
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### Nationalities of Doctoral and Post-doctoral Researchers 2010-2011 (total 41)



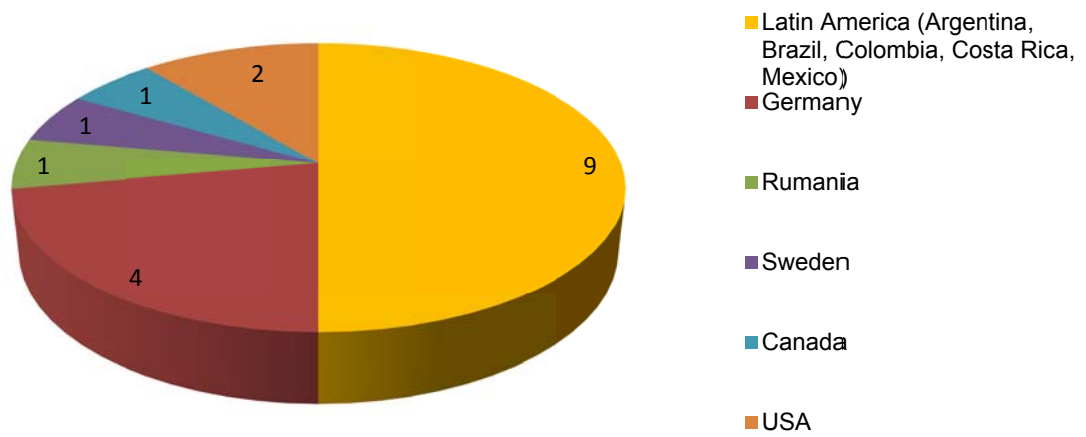
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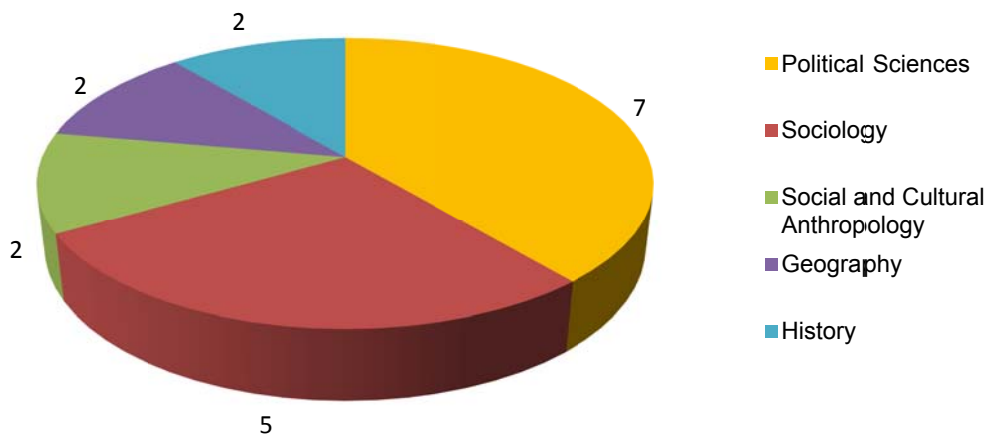


### 3.2. Fellows

**Nationalities of Fellows 2010-2011 (total 18)**



**Disciplinary Background of Fellows 2010-2011 (total 18)**



## 4. PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Therborn, Göran** 2011: *Inequalities and Latin America. From the Enlightenment to the 21st Century*
2. **Reis, Elisabeth** 2011: *Contemporary Challenges to Equality*
3. **Aguerre, Lucía Alicia** 2011: *Desigualdades, Racismo cultural y diferencia colonial*

### Planned Working Papers

4. **Korzeniewicz, Roberto Patricio** 2011: *Rethinking Historical and Contemporary Trends of Inequality in Latin America* (to be published 06/2011)
5. **Braig, Marianne/Costa, Sérgio/Göbel Barbara** 2011: *Social Inequalities and Global Interdependencies: Latin American Configurations* (to be published 06/2011)
6. **Acuña, Víctor Hugo** 2011: *Destino Manifiesto, filibusterismo y representaciones de desigualdad étnico-racial en las relaciones entre Estados Unidos y Centroamérica* (to be published 06/2011)
7. **Tancredi, Elda** 2011: *Asimetrías de conocimiento científico en proyectos ambientales globales: la fractura Norte-Sur en la Evaluación de Ecosistemas del Milenio* (to be published 06/2011)
8. **Gonzaga da Silva, Elaini** 2011: *Legal Strategies for Reproduction of Environmental Inequalities in Waste Trade: the Brazil – Retreaded Tyres case* (to be published 06/2011)
9. **Villa Lever, Lorenza** 2011: *Educación superior, empleo y exclusión en la era global* (to be published in 06/2011)
10. **Orozco, Teresa** 2011: *La trayectoria de paradigmas en los estudios sociológicos sobre desigualdad social. Una comparación entre la Revista Mexicana de Sociología y la Revue française de sociologie (1989-2005)* (to be published in 06/2011)
11. **Reboratti, Carlos** 2011: *Desigualdades sociales y agronegocio de la soja en Argentina y Brasil* (to be published in 07/2011)

12. **Gras, Carla** 2011: *Agronegocios y agricultura transgénica en el Cono Sur. Actores sociales, desigualdades y entrelazamientos transregionales* (to be published in 07/2011)
13. **Lorenz, Stella** 2011: *Das Eigene und das Fremde – Zirkulationen und Entanglements zwischen brasilianischen und deutschen eugenischen Vorstellungen zu Beginn des 20. Jahrhunderts* (to be published in 07/2011)
14. **Mascareño, Aldo** 2011: *Entre la diferenciación y los individuos. Derechos fundamentales y las redes de la infamia* (to be published in 07/2011)
15. **Boatcă, Manuela** 2011: *Global Inequalities and Transregional Entanglements* (to be published in 08/2011)
16. **Ströbele-Gregor, Juliana** 2011: *Minería de litio en el salar de Uyuni (Bolivia): desigualdades sociales entrelazadas* (to be published 08/2011)
17. **Acuña, Víctor Hugo; Lorenz, Stella and Wörlein, Jan** 2011: *Theories of History and Inequalities beyond the Nation State* (to be published 08/2011)

## 5. ACTIVITIES 2010

### 5.1. Inaugural Conference

#### ***Social Inequalities and Global Interdependencies: Latin American Configurations***

Inaugural Conference of the Research Network on Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America

Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut , Berlin, Germany, December 2 – 4, 2010

### 5.2. Summer School

#### ***Summer School on Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America***

São Paulo, Brazil, November 1-5, 2010

Partner: Centre for Metropolitan Studies (CEM), São Paulo, Brazil

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### **5.3. Development Cooperation Workshop**

***Desigualdades socio-ecológicas en un contexto globalizado. Perspectivas desde la investigación académica y la cooperación para el desarrollo***

Bonn, Germany, September 28, 2010

Partner: Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

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### **5.4. Colloquium of *desiguALdades.net***

Project House, Berlin, Germany, Mondays 5-7 pm

**Participants:** all Executive Members, Principal Investigators from Berlin, Fellows, Post-doctoral Researchers and Doctoral Researchers of *desiguALdades.net*

## Lectures

### ***Destino Manifiesto, filibusterismo y representaciones de desigualdad étnico-racial en las relaciones Estados Unidos y Centro América***

Víctor Hugo Acuña (Universidad Centroamericana, Nicaragua)  
Project House, September 13, 2010

### ***Conflictos socio-ambientales y desafíos entre realidades locales y cambios globales***

Imme Scholz (German Development Institute)  
Project House, December 20, 2010

## 5.5. Workshops of Research Dimensions

### ***Introducción a la dimensión socio-ecológica de desiguALdades.net***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities  
UNT-ISES, San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina, September 11, 2010

### ***Socio-political inequalities from a transregional perspective***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, with Víctor Hugo Acuña Ortega (Universidad Centroamericana, Managua, Nicaragua), Project House, Berlin, Germany, October 20, 2010

### ***Researching Entangled Inequalities: Spatial Units and Stratification Categories***

Workshop of the Cross-cutting Research Dimension IV: Theory and Methodology  
LAI, Berlin, Germany, December 1, 2010

### ***Outlining Future Research Dimensions***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, December 6 – 7, 2010

### ***Focos temáticos de la dimensión socio-ecológica de desiguALdades.net***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities  
Project House, Berlin, Germany, December 8 and 10, 2010

### ***Inequalities, democracy and populism in Latin America***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, with Hans Jürgen Puhle (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), Project House, Berlin, Germany, December 8, 2010

### ***Desafíos teóricos y metodológicos del estudio de las desigualdades socio-ambientales***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, with Roberto Guimarães (Scientific Consultant, Rio de Janeiro), Astrid Ulloa (Universidad Nacional de Colombia) and Carlos Reboratti (Universidad de Buenos Aires), Project House, Berlin, Germany, December 13, 2010

## 5.6 Other Activities

### 5.6.1 Organization of Joint Conferences

#### ***Simposio de Ciencias Sociales Bicentenario DAAD: Medio ambiente y desigualdades sociales***

San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina, September, 8 – 10, 2010

Organizer: Barbara Göbel

Partners: Universidad Nacional de Tucumán and ISES-CONICET

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Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin, Germany

*Desigualdades entrelazadas en América Latina: Presentación de una red de investigación;*

*Minería transnacional y desigualdades socio-ecológicas en la Puna de Atacama*

##### **David Manuel Navarrete**

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*Crecimiento turístico y desigualdades en el Caribe mexicano*

##### **Roberto Pereira Guimarães**

Scientific Consultant, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

*Medio Ambiente y desigualdades socio-económicas en América Latina: Lineamientos para una agenda de investigación*

##### **Carlos Reboratti**

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Consecuencias sociales y ecológicas de la expansión de la soja*

##### **Dörte Segebart**

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

*Integrando conceptos de transregionalidad y desigualdades entrelazadas en estudios sobre cambio climático*

##### **Astrid Ulloa Cubillos**

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Bogotá, Colombia

*Geopolítica del conocimiento ambiental: El cambio climático y los efectos en los territorios indígenas en Colombia*

##### **Hebe Vessuri**

Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas, Caracas, Venezuela

*Desigualdad y conocimiento en tierra Pemón: desafíos para un nuevo modelo de manejo de fuego*

## 5.6.2 Panels at International Conferences

### ***LASA 2010: Crisis, Response, and Recovery, XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association***

*Panel: Entangled Inequalities in Latin America: New Perspectives*

Toronto, Canada, October 6 – 9, 2010

Organizer: Sérgio Costa, Freie Universität Berlin, Lateinamerika-Institut, Germany

Chair: Barbara Fritz, Freie Universität Berlin, Lateinamerika-Institut, Germany

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*Desigualdades socio-políticas en América Latina desde una perspectiva transregional*

##### **Sérgio Costa**

Freie Universität Berlin, Lateinamerika-Institut, Germany

*Entangled Inequalities in Latin America: Conceptual and Methodological Dimensions*

##### **Bert Hoffmann**

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Institute of Latin American Studies, Hamburg, Germany

*The Left in Power: Entangled Inequalities, Old and New*

##### **Elizabeth Jelin**

Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social, Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Clase, género y raza/etnicidad en la construcción de desigualdades. Perspectivas analíticas en el pensamiento latinoamericano*

##### **Carlos Reboratti**

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Instituto de Geografía, Argentina

*Natural Resources: From Natural Distribution to Uneven Social Appropriation*

### ***Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics: “Development Challenges in a Post-Crisis World”, World Bank***

*Panel: Which role for growth and resource efficiency in a low-carbon and green economy?*

Stockholm, Sweden, June 2, 2010

Organizers: Imme Scholz, Tim Jackson, Johan Rockström



### **5.6.3 Other Conferences**

#### ***Conference Area Studies Program by BMBF and PT-DLR***

Bonn, Germany, October 5 – 6, 2010

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## 6. ACTIVITIES 2011

### 6.1 Second Annual Conference

#### ***New Differences, Persistent Inequalities? Latin American Experiences***

Second Annual Conference of *desiguALdades.net*

Seminaris Campus Hotel, Berlin, Germany, December 8 – 9, 2011

### 6.2 Summer School

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Summer School: Desigualdades interdependientes desde una perspectiva global. Asimetrías de clase, género, raza y etnicidad en América Latina***

Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 31 – November 4, 2011

Partner: Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (IDES)

### 6.3 Development Cooperation Workshop

#### ***Interdependent Inequalities: Global Financial Climate Compensation, regional financial integration - Latin America in comparative perspective***

Project House, Berlin, October 20 and 21, 2011 (planned)

Partner: Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

### 6.4 Colloquium of *desiguALdades.net*

Project House, Berlin, Germany, Mondays 4-6 pm

**Participants:** all Executive Members, Principal Investigators from Berlin, Fellows, Post-doctoral Researchers and Doctoral Researchers of *desiguALdades.net*

#### **Lectures**

#### ***La catástrofe, el lakou y el logawo: los días que siguieron al terremoto de enero de 2010 en Haití***

Omar Ribeiro Thomaz (Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil)

Project House, January 24, 2011

#### ***Gênero, raça e trajetórias: Uma comparação entre Paris e São Paulo***

Nadya Araujo Guimarães (Center for Metropolitan Studies, São Paulo, Brazil)

Project House, January 31, 2011

#### ***Contextualizing social inequalities – Implications for empirical research***

Anja Weiß (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany)

Project House, February 14, 2011

#### ***Educación superior, desigualdad y exclusión en la era global***

Lorenza Villa Lever (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City)

Project House, March 28, 2011

***Mèt kò veye kò: Failures of International Aid following Haiti's Earthquake***

Mark Schuller (City University New York, USA)

Project House, April 18, 2011

***Frontera Agraria, Soja y Desforestación en Argentina***

Carlos Reboratti (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin, May, 17, 2011

***Del marxismo, posmodernismo y poscolonialismo a la perspectiva descolonial: divergencias en asuntos de la economía-política de la desigualdad***

Ramón Grosfoguel (University of California, Berkeley, USA)

Project House, May 23, 2011

***Ciudadanía política, igualdad y desigualdades en la formación de las repúblicas latinoamericanas***

Hilda Sabato (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin, May 26, 2011

***Integración subordinada? El futuro de la producción de la ciencia en Latinoamérica frente a la internacionalización y el surgimiento de mega-redes científicas***

Teresa Orozco (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) and Hebe Vessuri (Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas, Caracas, Venezuela)

Project House, September, 2011

## **6.5 Workshops of Research Dimensions**

***Agronegocio y desigualdades socio-ecológicas: El caso de Argentina***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, February 10, 2011

***Transnational socio-political Configurations***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, February 21 – 22, 2011

***Project Presentation Workshop***

Workshop of Research Dimension I: Socio-economic Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, February 23, 2011

***Discusión de proyectos de la dimensión socio-ecológica de desiguALdades.net***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, with Carla Gras (Universidad Nacional General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina), Project House, Berlin, Germany, February 25 – 26, 2011

***Social Network Analysis***

Young Researcher Workshop of *desiguALdades.net*, organized by Tabea Goldboom and Gustavo Herrarte, Project House, Berlin, Germany

February 28, 2011

***Project Presentation and Conceptual Workshop***

Workshop of Research Dimensions I and II: Socio-economic and Socio-political Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, March 9, 2011

***Medio Ambiente y Ciudadanía***

Workshop of Research Dimensions II and III: Socio-political and Socio-ecological Inequalities, with Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (IDES), Buenos Aires, Argentine, March 10 – 12, 2011

***Space Matters***

Young Researcher Workshop of *desiguALdades.net*, organized by Jerónimo Montero, Project House, Berlin, Germany  
March 11, 2011

***Desigualdades Sociales, Ciudadanía y Derecho en América Latina***

Workshop of the Cross-cutting Research Dimension IV: Theory and Methodology, Project House, Berlin, Germany, April 8, 2011

***Zentrum und Peripherie in der Weltgesellschaft***

Workshop of the Cross-cutting Research Dimension IV: Theory and Methodology, Project House, Berlin, Germany, April 18, 2011

***Discusión de proyectos de la dimensión socio-ecológica de desigualdades.net***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, May 2, 2011

***Taller sobre ciudadanía en perspectiva histórica***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, with Hilda Sabato, (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina), Project House, Berlin, Germany, June 6, 2011

***Taller sobre conceptos transdisciplinarios***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, with Carlos Reboratti (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina), Project House, Berlin, Germany, May 20 and 27, 2011

***Minería globalizada y desigualdades socio-ecológicas***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, June 9 and 10, 2011

***Thematic Foci and Theoretical Perspectives on Socio-ecological Inequalities***

Workshop of Research Dimensions II and III: Socio-political and Socio-ecological Inequalities, University of Innsbruck, Austria, June 16, 2011

***Transnational socio-political Configurations***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, August 1, 2011

***Discusión de proyectos de la dimensión socio-ecológica de desiguALdades.net***

Workshop of Research Dimension III: Socio-ecological Inequalities, Project House, Berlin, Germany, September 8, 2011

***Asimetrías de Conocimiento: Conceptos Claves***

Workshop of Research Dimensions II and III: Socio-political and Socio-ecological Inequalities, with Hebe Vessuri (Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas, Caracas, Venezuela), Project House, Berlin, Germany, September 22, 2011

***Concepts and methodological approaches***

Workshop of Research Dimension II: Socio-political Inequalities, with Teresa Orozco (Freie Universität Berlin), Project House, Berlin, Germany, September 2011

***Medio Ambiente y Ciudadanía***

Workshop of Research Dimensions II and III: Socio-political and Socio-ecological Inequalities, Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (IDES), Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 7, 2011

## **6.6 Other Activities**

### **6.6.1 Organization of Joint Conferences**

***Binational Workshop „Conceptualizar las desigualdades sociales: Configuraciones y perspectivas latinoamericanas“***

Santiago de Chile, Chile, March, 14 – 15, 2011

Organizers: Marianne Braig, Simón Ramírez-Voltaire

Partners: Proyecto Anillo Desigualdades (Universidad de Chile), Centro de Investigación en Estructura Social (Universidad de Chile)

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**International Symposium: „Socio-ecological Inequalities in Mountain Environments: The Andes and the Alps in comparative perspective”**

Universität Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, June 17 – 19, 2011

Organizers: Martin Coy, Barbara Göbel

Partners: Universität Innsbruck, alpS-Center for Climate Change Adaption Technologies, Austrian Academy of Sciences (OAW)

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## **6.6.2 Panels at International Conferences**

### **6<sup>th</sup> European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) General Conference 2011**

*Panel: "Towards Postliberal Democracy? Comparing contemporary trends in the transformation of Latin American democracies"*

Reykjavik, Iceland, August 25 – 27, 2011

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