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**DAY ONE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

1:00–6:00 P.M.  
REGISTRATION AND WELCOME, TCC 1.126

7:00–9:00 P.M.  
OPENING PLENARY, TCC AUDITORIUM 1.110
Carlos Mauricio, Executive Director, Stop Impunity Project  
Sergio Ramírez, Former Vice President of Nicaragua

9:00–10:00 P.M.  
RECEPTION, TCC LOBBY

**DAY TWO: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

8:30–9:00 A.M.  
BREAKFAST, TCC 1.126

9:00–10:20 A.M.  
SESSION 1  
*History; Art in Brazil; Art and Art History*

10:30–11:50 A.M.  
SESSION 2  
*Migration; Sexuality; Human Rights in Latin America*

12:15–1:15 P.M.  
BROWN BAG LUNCH, LLILAS, SRH 1.320  
Carlos Mauricio, Executive Director, Stop Impunity Project

1:30–2:50 P.M.  
SESSION 3  
*Brazilian Politics and Public Policy; Economics, Trade, and Development; Women's Studies in Latin America*
ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

CARLOS MAURICIO, a Salvadoran torture survivor and human rights activist, is Executive Director of the Stop Impunity Project. A former professor at the University of El Salvador, Mauricio was kidnapped by Salvadoran death squads in 1983. In 2002, he won a lawsuit brought by the Center for Justice and Accountability against Salvadoran General Vides Casanova. Since then, Mauricio has led human rights awareness campaigns with the School of the Americas Watch.

SERGIO RAMÍREZ, Vice President of Nicaragua from 1985–1990, is the former head of the National Council of Education under the Junta of the Government of National Reconstruction, which came to power following the triumph of the Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional in 1979. After breaking with the Sandinista party, Ramirez formed a dissident party and ran unsuccessfully for president in 1996 before retiring from politics to focus his efforts on writing full time.

MARISELA YNIESTA REYNOso is Project Director of the Fondo Pro Cuenca in Valle de Bravo, Mexico. Yniesta Reynoso heads a watershed remediation project in the Valle de Bravo area. Under her leadership, the Fondo Pro Cuenca leads workshops to teach families to construct ecological wood-saving burners, composting bathrooms, organic bathrooms, and rainwater-catching systems. Her work has helped more than one thousand marginalized families in the valley through projects on sustainable development and has been recognized with a Kyoto International Award.
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ILASSA30 Conference Coordinators: Colleen McGue, Emily Spangenberg, Nicholas Woodward, and Samantha Serrano 
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9:00–10:20 A.M. SESSION 1

PANEL 1: HISTORY, TCC 1.124
MODERATOR: JONATHAN BROWN, UT DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Policy, Power, and Ritual: Spanish-Mapuche Conferences as Spaces of Cultural Hybridity, 1536–1683
   Francis Goicovich, Universidad de Chile

Monarchs, Subjects, Masters, and Slaves: Power in the Spanish Lower Mississippi Valley, 1786–1803
   Peter Weiss, University of Texas at Austin

Performing Reform: The Bourbon Quest for Refinement, Decency, and Good Taste at Mexico City’s Royal Theater, 1752–1821
   Susan Zakaib, University of Texas at Austin

Republican Experience: The Texture of the Political Community in Early-Nineteenth-Century Colombia
   Franz Hensel, University of Texas at Austin

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - CONTINUED

10:30–11:50 A.M. SESSION 2

PANEL 2: ART IN BRAZIL, TCC 2.108
MODERATOR: OMONIYI AFOLABI, UT DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

History, Community, Corporeality: Uses of Capoeira for Two Groups of Practitioners
   Caitlin McClune, University of Texas at Austin

Peripheral Modernism as Corrective Modernism: A Study in Lina Bo Bardi’s Museu de Arte de São Paulo
   Alexis Salas, University of Texas at Austin

Texts, Sounds, and Images of a Dictatorship: Memory and Nostalgia in Brazil through Rebel Years
   Leo Cardoso, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 3: ART AND ART HISTORY, TCC 2.110
MODERATOR: JULIA GUERNSEY, UT DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY

The Trauma of Dislocation and the Development of Abstraction: Renegotiations of Space, Experience, and Identity in the Work of Gertrude Goldschmidt and Mira Schendel
   Abigail Winograd, University of Texas at Austin

Frames of Control: Gonzalo Díaz’s History of 1980s Chile
   Doris Maria-Reina Bravo, University of Texas at Austin

Picturing a New Nation: Early Portraiture Practices in Nineteenth-Century Chile
   Josefina De la Maza Chevesich, State University of New York at Stony Brook

Recreating, Transcending, and Transforming: Marcos Ramirez, ERRE, Uses Art to Reshape the United States/Mexico Border
   Elizabeth Flesh, San Diego State University

In the Name of Geography: The Conceptual Maps of Anna Bella Geiger from O Novo Atlas
   Lindsey Herkommer, University of Texas at Austin
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - CONTINUED

1:30–2:50 p.m.  SESSION 3

PANEL 1: BRAZILIAN POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY, TCC 1.124
MODERATOR: WENDY HUNTER, UT DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Influence of the Brazilian Congress on the Public Health Legislative Output
Fabio Gomes, IUPERJ, Brazil

Medida de desempenho policial: Uma avaliação do treinamento da polícia militar de São Paulo
Tania Pinc, Universidade de São Paulo

The Emergence of Community Policing in Brazil
Carlos Timo Brito, University of Westminster

Panel 2: ECONOMICS, TRADE, AND DEVELOPMENT, TCC 2.108
MODERATOR: CHANDLER STOLP, UT LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Anthropogenic Variable in Hydro-meteorological Risk in the Dominican Republic
Mónica Bosquez, University of Texas at Austin

Energy Deficit in Peru and Its Implication for the Peruvian Economy
Grecia Chavez Urbina, Universidad de Lima

Mexico: Neoliberal Reform, Climate Change, and Rural Vulnerability
Eva Hershaw, University of Texas at Austin

Fair Trade and Gender Equity: Costa Rican Coffee Cooperatives
Amy Knop-Narbutis, University of Texas at Austin

Panel 3: WOMEN’S STUDIES IN LATIN AMERICA, TCC 2.110
MODERATOR: GLORIA GONZÁLEZ-LÓPEZ, UT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Visualizing Resistance in the Art of Rosana Paulino and Women of the African Diasporas
Kanitra Fletcher, University of Texas at Austin

Reducing Vulnerability to HIV/AIDS among Mature Women in a Large City of Brazil: The Role of Communication
Raquel Coutinho, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

12:15–1:15 p.m.  BROWN BAG LUNCH, LLILAS, SRH 1.320
Carlos Mauricio, Executive Director, Stop Impunity Project
Pamela Neumann, University of Texas at Austin

Women of Santiago: Gender Conceptions and Realities under Pinochet
Megan Kareithi, Tulane University

3:00–4:20 p.m.  SESSION 4

PANEL 1: MEDIA, TCC 1.124
MODERATOR: MERCEDES LYNN DE URIARTE, UT SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

The Coverage of the Indigenous Mobilization in Colombian Mass Media
Diego Cortes-Acacio, University of California, San Diego

Radio Insurgente: Comunicación desde la autonomía Zapatista
Azalia Hernández Rodríguez, Universidad Veracruzana

The Fracturing of Indigenous Imagery and Allegory within Mexico and the Nation
Erika Ramirez, University of California, San Diego

The Female Body and Women’s Print Media in Early 1960s Colombia
Sandra Sanchez-Lopez, State University of New York at Binghamton

PANEL 2: RELIGION, TCC 2.108
MODERATOR: TBA

Forgotten Spirits: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Mestiza Spirituality
Graciela Lopez, American University

Amparadas por la Iglesia: Maltrato conyugal y divorcio eclesiástico en Puerto Rico, 1820–1827
Cesar Salcedo, Universidad de Puerto Rico

Indigenizing the Catholic Church: The Enculturation Process in Chiapas, Mexico
Jorge Valtierra Zamudio, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social

7:00 p.m.  DINNER, CLAY PIT RESTAURANT, 1601 GUADALUPE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30–9:00 A.M. BREAKFAST, TCC 1.126

9:00–10:20 A.M. SESSION 5

**Panel 3: Inter-American Relations, TCC 3.120**

**Moderator:** TBA

*Immigration Detention, State Power, and Resistance: The Case of the 2009 Motín in Pecos, Texas*

  Kathleen Griesbach, University of California, San Diego

*Cold War and Contempt: The Lyndon B. Johnson Administration and Nicaragua*

  Dolph Briscoe, University of Texas at Austin

*The U.S., George Eder, and the Containment of the Bolivian Revolution*

  Kevin Young, State University of New York at Stony Brook

*Apuntes para un análisis de la ideología Elenista y Sandinista, enmarcada en la guerra irregular*

  Leonardo Parra, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

**Panel 4: Democracy and Participation, TCC 3.108**

**Moderator:** Raúl Madrid, UT Department of Government

*Participatory Budgeting in Córdoba: Preliminary Results*

  Hadyn Kihm, University of Texas at Austin

*Fact or Fiction: Constructing “Truths” in the Transition from Violence to Democracy*

  Cristina Metz, University of California, San Diego

*Beyond Politics: The Cultural Significance of Indigenous Governance in Oaxaca, Mexico*

  M. Christine Wheatley, University of Texas at Austin

*Cultivating Insurrection: The Complexities of Popular Education and a Zapatista Community*

  Juan Gabriel Berumen, Indiana University

**Panel 5: Literature, TCC 3.110**

**Moderator:** Enrique Fierro, UT Department of Spanish and Portuguese

*Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca y la sombra del caminante*

  Daniel Astorga Poblete, Duke University

*Un enmujerado moderno: Análisis sobre el sujeto travestido en la novela Póstumo Envirginiado de Alejandro Tapia y Rivera*

  Juan López, University of Texas at Austin
THE TRUTH OF FICTION
Rebecca Thompson, University of Texas at Austin

De Venus a la Amazona: Diálogos de género en la poesía puertorriqueña y el reggaetón
Lorna Torrado, University of Texas at Austin

Transculturación en la obra de la puertorriqueña Karina Casiano Colonia 2007
Beliza Torres, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 1: MUSIC, TCC 1.124
MODERATOR: ANDRÉS R. AMADO, PH.D. CANDIDATE, BUTLER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Imagining the Past through Music: Drawing the Path of National Identity in the Music of the Costa Rican Band Malpais
Tania Camacho, University of Texas at Austin

An Empirical Study of Hispanic American National Anthems
Yu Chen, University of Texas at Austin

Recording the Cuban Transformation: From Socialist Nueva Trova to Contemporary Rap
Maria Quintero, California State University, Fullerton

PANEL 2: MAYAN STUDIES, TCC 2.108
MODERATOR: MEGHAN RUBENSTEIN, PH.D. CANDIDATE, UT DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY

The Ritual Participation of Elite Children in the Classic Maya Period
Kate Blankenship, University of Texas at Austin

Los asentamientos Maya-Motagua durante la época prehispánica en Guatemala
Edwin Roman-Ramirez, University of Texas at Austin

The Usurpation of Ancient Intellectual Property: The Restoration of Maya Sites and the Social Role of Archaeology in the Contemporary Scene
Anabella Coronado-Ruiz, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 3: VIOLENCE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING, TCC 3.120
MODERATOR: THOMAS PERKOWSKI, LLILAS M.A. CANDIDATE

La evolución del narcotráfico en México
Oscar Contreras Velasco, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

King(pin)s of the Drug World: How Bloodshed, Business, Corruption, and Washington’s War on Drugs Made Mexico’s Cartels All-Powerful
Monica Medel, University of Texas at Austin

(Narco) Violence in Monterrey
Melissa Avila, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 4: YOUTH AND EDUCATION IN THE AMERICAS, TCC 3.110
MODERATOR: FORREST NOYY, UT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Expressions of Maya Identity and Culture in Los Angeles: Challenges and Success among Maya Youth
Giovanni Batz, University of Texas at Austin

Indigenous Epistemology: Centering the Experiences of Maya Youth in Los Angeles
Floridalma Lima, California State University, Northridge

Nonprofit Literacy Programs Targeting Latin American Immigrants: A Waste of Potentially Powerful Good Intentions
Rolf Straubhaar, University of Texas at Austin

Perceptions of Education for Social Mobility. A Case Study of Youth in a Brazilian Favela
Jorge Valenzuela, Indiana University–Bloomington

12:00–1:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK (on your own)
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - CONTINUED**

1:30–3:30 P.M.  **CLOSING PLENARY, TCC AUDITORIUM 1.110**

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**
Gregory Knapp, UT Department of Geography and the Environment

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3:30–4:00 P.M.  **RECEPTION, TCC LOBBY**

4:00 P.M.  **BENSON LIBRARY TOUR**
Location: Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, SRH Unit 1

9:00 P.M.  **FIESTA DE DESPEDIDA**
Location: TBA
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