International Conference and Summer School 2012

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.

Call for Papers

For the Conference please send proposals with not more than 200 words no later than February 29th 2012 to summerschool-ethnicity@uni-bielefeld.de indicating the panel you would like to speak in.

Registration

To attend the Summer School and the Conference, or just the Conference exclusively, please fill out the registration forms on: www.uni-bielefeld.de/cias/summerschool/anmeldung.html or www.kompetenznetz-lateinamerika.de/bielefeld2012_en.html

Summer School (including Conference): Costs: 150€ (this includes participation in the Summer School, Conference and inaugural reception as well as lodging costs of a hostel). The participation for students of the Bielefeld University is free. Registration until May 1st 2012.

International Conference: Costs: 30€ general/5€ for students (this includes participation in the Conference and inaugural reception). The Network cannot contribute to cover the travelling and lodging costs of Conference participants. Registration until June 3rd 2012.

Please note that your registration is only valid if you transfer the Conference / Summer School fee within ten days after the online registration.

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Venues
The Summer School and the Conference will take place at the Bielefeld University and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) in Bielefeld. Please note that the workshops and the Conference will be held in English and Spanish. Students who want to apply for the Summer School must be fluent in one of these two languages. For students it is also possible to obtain credit points or a certificate.

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 outstanding scholars to debate the ethnic dynamics in political, cultural and economic fields in the Americas.

Workshops
Every participant can choose two workshops and can additionally attend the Media Praxis.

International Conference

Conference
July 2nd-3rd 2012
Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF)

Panel I
1992-2012: Balancing Two Decades of Indigenous Movements

Panel II
Debating the Future of Ethno-development

Panel III
Ethnicity in Postmodern Mediaspaces

Panel IV
Ethnicity and Political Communication in Processes of State Formation in 19th Century Latin America

Panel V
Inter-ethnic Perceptions of Nature Conservation Issues

Panel VI
Global Ethnicities

Panel VII
Gender and Ethnicity in the Indigenous Movement

Panel VIII
Commodifying Ethnicity: The Strategic Use of Culture in Post-Fordist Economies