

**RELIGION AND DEMOCRATIC CONTESTATION IN LATIN AMERICA:
Rights and Justice Claims around the Environment and Gender/Sexuality**

A workshop organized by American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS)
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November 6-7, 2014

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday, November 6

08:30-09:00am Arrival and coffee

Gray Hall, Bentley Meeting Room

09:00-10:00am Welcome, introductions and framework

(Hershberg, Albro, Berry, Sáez)

10:00-11:15am Cross-thematic presentation and discussion

(Albro)

11:15-11:30am Break

11:30-1:00pm Panel discussion: Environment

Description: With attention to transnational movements dedicated to the environment and climate change, these presentations share a focus on the roles of religious groups, advocacy networks in which they operate, and the ways these variously articulate the global with the local.

Presenters: Evan Berry, Geir Aasmundsen, Guillermo Kerber

Discussant: Alexander Wilde

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:30pm Panel discussion: Gender/sexuality

Description: These presentations comparatively address ways in which religious doctrines, discourses and practices contribute to shaping public conceptions, political debates, and legal frameworks around gender, relationships between genders, and sexual identity in different national contexts.

Presenters: Paul Freston, Macarena Sáez, José M. M. Faúndes

Discussant: Mario Pecheny

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3:30-3:45pm Break

3:45-4:30pm Panel discussion: Synthesis and discussion

6:00pm Dinner: Bistrot Lepic & Wine Bar

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Day 2: Friday, November 7

8:30 – 9:00am Arrival and coffee

9:00 – 9:30am Discussion: Review and reflection

(Berry and Sáez)

09:30 – 11:00am Panel discussion: Environment

Description: These presentations share a concern with local religious and community – often but not always indigenous community – responses to challenges posed by state-driven policies and programs concerned with environmental conservation and the extractive economy.

Presenters: Tod Swanson, Kristina Tiedje, Carlos Monge

Discussant: Sandra Brunnegger

11:00 – 11:15am Break

11:15 – 12:45pm Panel discussion: Gender/sexuality

Description: With a focus on social mobilization around questions of gender and sexual identity and in efforts to articulate rights and to elaborate claims, these presentations comparatively explore alliances, fault lines, community challenges and responses, including the gendered forms these can take.

Presenters: Mario Pecheny and Cymene Howe

Discussant: Katherine Marshall

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12:45 – 1:45pm Lunch

1:45 – 3:30pm Concluding discussion: Emergent themes

4:30 – 6:00pm Public Forum (Letts Hall): “Religion, Sex and Nature in Latin America”

Letts Formal Lounge

Panelists: Cymene Howe, Kristina Tiedje, Evan Berry and Macarena Sáez

6:30pm Return to Holiday Inn-Georgetown (Shuttle Service Provided)

Participants:

Geir Aasmundsen (U of Bergen)
 Robert Albro (American U)
 Evan Berry (American U)
 Sandra Brunnegger (Cambridge U)
 José M. M. Faúndes (National University of Córdoba)
 Paul Freston (Wilfrid Laurier U)
 Bill Gentile (American U)
 Eric Hershberg (American U)
 Cymene Howe (Rice U)
 Guillermo Kerber (World Council of Churches)
 Katherine Marshall (Georgetown U)
 Juliana Martínez (American U)
 Carlos Monge (Natural Resources Governance Institute)
 Mario Pecheny (University of Buenos Aires)
 Macarena Sáez, American U)
 Tod Swanson (Arizona St. U)
 Kristina Tiedje (U of Lyon)
 Alexander Wilde (American U)

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