

Oxford Latin American Graduate Network

Graduate Seminar Series

Hilary Term 2023

Monday, 6 February 2023, 5-6.30 pm
Latin American Centre, 1 Church Walk

“An Ecological and Cinematographic Reflection on the Representation of Indigenous Andean Worldviews in Oscar Catacora’s Wiñaypacha (2017)”

Speaker:

Anneli Aliaga, DPhil candidate,
University of Oxford

Discussant: Jamie de Moya-Cotter, PhD Candidate,
Latin American Literatures and Cultures, University of Wisconsin – Madison



Having recently completed an MPhil in Latin American Studies at the University of Cambridge, Anneli transferred to the University of Oxford to start a DPhil in Spanish. Anneli is a Bolivian/British first-year DPhil student in the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and is an awardee of the Magdalen College Graduate Scholarship. Her doctoral research understands cinema authored by Indigenous peoples as the epitome of both an epistemic and cinematic process of decolonisation. She plans to build on the existing scholarship on Indigenous film in Bolivia and Peru by investigating the political and ecological significance behind the rise of self-representative Indigenous filmmaking in the two nations. Anneli’s doctoral project will be carried out based on an array of low-budget, feature-length and short, fiction films authored by Quechua, Aymara, Ayoreo, Ticuna, and Mojeño filmmakers and communities. These films provide an original cinematic commentary on socio-political, racial, cultural, ecological, and territorial struggles in the Indigenous Bolivian and Peruvian imaginary.

Monday, 20 February 2023, 5-6.30 pm

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“Not reflective but intuitive: Explaining individual corruption behaviour”

Speaker:

Viviana Baraybar Hidalgo, DPhil candidate,
University of Oxford

Discussant:

To be confirmed.



Viviana is a DPhil (PhD) candidate in Politics at the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford. She is also a member of Nuffield College and a Clarendon Scholar. Before starting her DPhil Viviana completed an MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government) also at the University of Oxford, and a BA in Politics at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Her main area of interest is political behaviour at the individual level, with a focus on corruption. But she is also interested in the dynamics of grand scale corruption prosecution, among other related topics.

Monday, 6 March 2023, 5-6.30 pm
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“Conceptualizing Criminal Wars in Latin America”

Speaker:

Raúl Zepeda Gil, PhD researcher,
King’s College London

Discussant:

Mónica Serrano,
Senior Fellow at the Ralph Bunche Institute,
Senior Research Associate at the Centre for International Studies,
Oxford University



Raúl is a PhD researcher at the School of Security Studies in King’s College London, specialising in youth, crime, and violent conflict regarding the Mexican Drug War. He currently teaches at the War Studies Department and the School of Politics and Economics. Before his doctoral studies, Raúl earned a MA in Political Science from El Colegio de México and a BA in Political Science and Public Administration from the National Autonomous University of México. Currently, as a PhD Researcher, and before as a policy research on the Mexican Senate think tank, he has published numerous articles regarding drug policy, violence in Latin America, development, state-building, youth, crime, foreign policy, inequality, civil-military relations and Mexican politics. He also coordinated the Second National Conference on Violence and Peace, co-organised by El Colegio de México and the National Commission for Human Rights. Professionally, Raúl advised the transition team for the upcoming Mexican government in 2018 on legislative issues for the 2019 National Budget in the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit and was appointed Director General for Legislative Liaison for the Secretariat of Economy in 2019. As Director General, Raúl co-coordinated the legislative efforts to approve the new United States, Mexico, and Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA), the secondary legislation drafted for the new treaty, and the new food labelling legislation to tackle obesity. His first employment was as head of the department of peace and civil culture for the state government of Morelos, where he advised on crime prevention policy and democratic culture events and worked on the draft of the new Youth Law passed by the local congress.