

The Oxford Berlin Latin American Graduate Conference

Day 2: 'The State in Latin America: An Interdisciplinary Exploration'

31 May 2022

Latin American Centre, Oxford

10:00am – 10:30am Opening remarks

Stefan Rinke, Institute for Latin American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

10:30am – 12:00am Dimensions of the State: Historiographical and Sociological Approaches

Rights and the State in Latin America: A Historiographical View

Juan Neves-Sarriegui, History, University of Oxford

For a Multidimensional Analysis of State Action in Latin America: A Sociological Contribution from the Entangled Inequalities Perspective

Elis de Aquino, Sociology, Freie Universität Berlin

Discussion

Eduardo Posada-Carbó, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

12:00am – 1:00pm Lunch (LAC)

1:00pm – 2:30pm Governance, State Institutions and Personnel

What is the State? Rethinking statehood from a territory of the Colombian Amazon. Colonization and governance in Caquetá, 1950-1980

Alejandra Ciro, History, Freie Universität Berlin (presentation in Spanish)

Social Assistance as a Lens for Exploring State-Society Relations in Latin America: Insights from the Bolsa Família Program in Brazil

Kimberly Bolch, Department of International Development, University of Oxford

Studying the State through the Lens of Expertise: Economists and Technocracy in Latin America

Andrés M. Guiot-Isaac, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

2:30pm – 3:00pm Coffee break

3:00pm – 4:30pm The Edges of the State

Democratization from below: Citizen-activated participatory institutions in Colombia
Jamie Shenk, Sociology, University of Oxford

State accountability and crimes against humanity: The case of the US Mexican border
Sara Belleza, Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin

The Crumbling State. Breakdown and Water Infrastructures in Buenaventura, Colombia

Felipe Fernández, Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin

