

# Social Space, Memory and Conflict in Colombia

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## **Workshop**

### **Social Space, Memory and Conflict in Colombia**

**16.11.2018, 10.00-18.30**

**Museum der Kulturen Basel**

A joint event of the Seminar of Social Anthropology, University of Basel / Museum der Kulturen Basel and the Swiss Society of Americanists with the support of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Since the peace agreements, Colombia has become the focus of research related to conflict and postconflict situations and also receives a growing attention in public perceptions. The country has been frequently associated with endemic violence in the popular imaginary, in public media and academic research. Here, space has long been interpreted as contested in a physical sense that means as a territory over which is fought or where violence occurs. However, this perspective on space is limited to seeing it as a resource to be owned and exploited.

In contrast, the 'spatial turn' in the social sciences and humanities provides an opportunity to explore the relationship between social space (cities/ landscapes etc), conflict (dynamics, actors, urban resistance etc) and popular imaginations (memory/ narratives etc.) in much greater depth.

The workshop is thought as a platform for recent research projects about Colombia based in Switzerland. We propose to address these three overarching concepts of conflict, space and memory as a main window to allow for a broad scope of presentations that might be interlinked and speak to each other.

For this workshop, we intend to create connections and exchange within the Colombia-related academic world within Switzerland and abroad while bringing diverse disciplinary backgrounds, regional interests and historical and contemporary perspectives together.

**Friday, 16.11.2018**

10.00 – 10.30 Welcome Note and Introduction: **Anna Schmid** (Direktorin MKB), **Silke Oldenburg** (Ethnologisches Seminar) & **Alexander Brust** (MKB)

10.30 – 11.00 **Keynote Austin Zeiderman** (London School of Economics): Concrete Peace: Building Security in Colombia

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 **Session I: Conflict in Colombia**

**Adolfo León González** (Universidad del Valle): De la Negación a la Vergüenza: El Papel de las Autoridades Civiles y Militares durante la Expansión de las Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC) en el Valle del Cauca Colombiano

**Attilio Bernasconi** (University of Lausanne): The ELN as an Emancipatory Space? When the Guerrilla Plays the Role of the State

**Joakim Kreutz and Enzo Nussio** (ETH Zürich): Destroying Trust in Government. Effects of a Broken Pact among Colombian Ex-Paramilitaries

13.00-13.30 Coffee Break

13.30-15.00 **Session II: Memory in Colombia**

**Odile Cuénoud González** (University of Lausanne): La Nostalgia de las Armas: la Cuestión Identitaria y la Discriminación en el Proceso de DDR en Colombia

**Carlos Mario Jiménez Holguín** (Museo de Antioquia): De Salas de Exposición a Espacios de Hospitalidad: la Experiencia del Proyecto Museo + Comunidad

**Liliana Gómez-Popescu** (University of Zürich): The Landscape as Archive: Photography and Space in Narratives of (Post-)Conflict in Colombia)

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 **Session III: Space in Colombia**

**David Kostenstein** (ETH Zürich): In Between Walls and Fences. A City Shaped by Gated Communities

**María Ordóñez** (University of Zürich): Sujetos e (In)visibles. Paisajes, Cotidianidad y Efectos de la Desaparición en Colombia

**Laura Neville** (University of Lausanne): Politics of Waste and Place: Recyclers' Formalisation in Cartagena, Colombia

17.00-17.30 Coffee Break

17.30-18.00 **Closing Keynote Jaime Hernandez-Garcia**  
(Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá): **Post-Conflict  
and Informal Settlements in Colombia**

Roundup Discussion moderated by **Silke Oldenburg** and  
**Alexander Brust**

Ca. 19.00 Closing Dinner **Zum Isaak**,  
Münsterplatz 16, 4051 Basel

## Venue

Museum der Kulturen  
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