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INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

The many-faceted Independence

The 1821 Independence of Central America in retrospective

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of Central American Independence (1821-2021)

October 14-16, 2021

University of Vienna & University of Graz, Austria

On September 15, 2021, five of the seven Central American Republics will celebrate the 200th anniversary of their independence (*bicentenario*) from the Spanish Crown in 1821. The process of political emancipation was complex and had multiple effects for the historical development of this cultural and ethnic enormous heterogeneous region, the multidimensionality of the process requires a profound and interdisciplinary review.

Therefore, researchers have emphasized a profound change of perspective. New and accessible archival sources as well as interdisciplinary research methods, demand a critical reflection on the traditional historiography of the region. Recently, Global History studies have contributed to our better understanding of the Central American region which is in the center of this academic encounter.

This colloquium brings together a group of international scholars, including historians, anthropologists, and political scientists, to reflect on the global and transnational perspectives of the independence of Central America in 1821 and its impact until today. This means including Central American visions, motivations, and perspectives in the face of global changes, transcending into the 21st century. Above all, the event seeks to increase knowledge about the history of Latin America in general and Central America in particular in Austria.

Registration: office@konak-wien.org

ORGANIZATION AND FORMAT

Organized by the *Forschungsschwerpunkt Globalgeschichte* (FSP Global History of the University of Vienna), the *Center for Inter-American Studies* (University of Graz) and the *Department of Romance Studies* (University of Vienna). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the colloquium is organized as hybrid event. It will be possible for the invited participants to attend on-site as well as online. The later will be offered for those who cannot travel to Austria. In case of deteriorating circumstances and new restrictions related to the pandemic, the colloquium will be held only online. We kindly ask persons interested in participating online, to send an email to register for the event to: office@konak-wien.org (free registration).

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THURSDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2021 – VIENNA

Guided tour Vienna, 10:00-12:00, CET

Organized by the *Austrian Latin America Institute*, the on-side participants will discover the footprints of Latin America in the city center of Vienna. The tour is organized in Spanish and guided by **Jenny Marcela Torres Heredia** (University of Vienna).

Lunch (optional) *Bierheuriger zum Gangl*; Alser Straße 4, 1090 Vienna (Campus)

SITZUNGSAL, DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

HOUR CST	HOUR CET	
6:30-7:30AM	13:30-14:30	Welcome and opening His excellency Alejandro Solano Ambassador of the Republic of Costa Rica in Austria Thomas J. Resch on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Vienna Dr. Michael Ludwig Juliane Schiel FSP Global History, University of Vienna Roberta Maierhofer Center for Inter-American Studies, University of Graz Jörg Türschmann Department of Romance Studies, University of Vienna Alexandra Ganser Department of English and American Studies, University of Vienna <u>Opening remarks:</u> Noam Chomsky University of Arizona/MIT
7:30-9:30AM	14:30-16:30	Panel 1: Independency movements, restauration, and the Independence of 1821 Chair: Patricia Zuckerhut, University of Vienna <i>Early US interests on the Mosquito Shore at the time of the American Revolution and the failed invasion of Nicaragua in 1780</i> Paul Lovejoy York University, Canada Karl Offen Oberlin College <i>Bodies of the polity: Territorial conceptions and ideologies in Central America from colonial roots to the modern nation state</i> Werner Stangl University of Graz <i>La vía conservadora de la independencia centroamericana</i> Sergio Guerra Vilaboy Universidad de La Habana <i>¿Soberanía de quién? Indígenas en el Caribe de la actual Costa Rica al momento de la Independencia</i> Alejandra Boza Universidad de Costa Rica
9:30-10:00AM	16:30-17:00	Coffee Break (sponsored by the Embassy of Costa Rica in Austria)
10:00-12:00PM	17:00-19:00	Panel 2: Between separatism and unification. Socio-political Concepts and utopia during the Federal Republic of Central America (1823-1841) Chair: Tobias Boos, University of Vienna <i>"Lecciones de derecho": La ciudadanía virtuosa, la esfera pública y los límites del republicanismo radical en Nicaragua tras la independencia</i> Justin Wolfe Tulane University <i>El impacto del Congreso de Panamá para el desarrollo del federalismo centroamericano</i> Michael Zeuske University of Bonn

Centroamérica y su geopolítica durante la República Federal (1823-1840)

Johnathan Ordoñez Gaitán
UAM, Managua

México, Colombia y Centroamérica en la independencia temprana de Cuba y Puerto Rico (1820-1827)

Hernán Venegas Delgado
Autonomous University of Coahuila, Mexico

12:00-1:00PM 19:00-20:00 **Dinner** (Catering)

1:00-2:30PM 20:00-21:30

SPECIAL PANEL EVENT:

The Consolidation of the nation states in the times of imperialism (1841-1870)

Chair: Werner Mackenbach, Universidad de Costa Rica

"Laws as Old as the Creation": Manifest Destiny and Racism in U.S.: Imperialism towards Central America in the 19th Century

Stefan Rinke, FU Berlin

Independencia, disputas conceptuales e identidades en el trópico. Centroamérica, 1800-1870

David Díaz Arias, Universidad de Costa Rica

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 15, 2021 – GRAZ

Bus tour from Vienna to Graz (via Eisenstadt) 8:00-13:00, CET

HÖRSAAL 25.11, UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

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7:30-8:00

14:30-15:00

Welcome and opening

Joachim Reidl -tbc-

Vice-Rector of the University of Graz

Alonso Jiménez-Arboleda -tbc-

Honorary Consul of the Republic of Colombia in Styria and Carinthia

Werner Anzenberger

Chamber of Workers and Employees, Styria

Roberta Maierhofer

Center for Inter-American Studies, University of Graz

8:00-8:30AM

15:00-15:30

KEYNOTE

El impacto de la Historia del Canal para la independencia de Panamá

Marixa Lasso

Centro de Investigaciones Históricas, Antropológicas y Culturales AIP, Panama

8:30-10:00:AM

15:30-17:00

Panel 3: Anti-imperialism in the age of dollar diplomacy and the big stick (1870-1941)

Chair: David Mayer, University of Vienna

Gente rebelde: revuelta social y violencia colectiva en Centroamérica, 1920-1945. El futuro en el espejo del pasado

Héctor Pérez-Brignoli

Universidad de Costa Rica

Independencia y nacionalismo (im)perfecto. Historiografía literaria y construcción de la nación en Centroamérica, siglo XIX

Werner Mackenbach

Universidad de Costa Rica

El papel de los historiadores en la elaboración de la historiografía nacional, siglo XIX. Una perspectiva centroamericana

Laurin Blecha
University of Vienna

10:00-10:30AM 17:00-17:30

Coffee Break

10:30-12:00PM 17:30-19:00

Panel 4: Dictatorship in Central America during World War II and the Cold War

Chair: Berthold Molden, University of Vienna

Las dictaduras en la novela histórica centroamericana y caribeña. Del boom económico al literario

Jorge Elias Caro
Universidad del Magdalena

Visión e historización de la independencia centroamericana en las guías de turismo entre 1920 y 1960

Antonio Monte Casablanca
FU Berlin

El proceso de paz en Centroamérica: ¿Responsabilidad internacional o proyecto neo-colonial?

Carlos Alberto Haas
LMU Munich

Bailar al borde del cuchillo. Nicaragua entre el populismo derechista y teoría de la conspiración izquierdista

Leo Gabriel
IGLA Vienna

20:00

Welcome reception by the mayor of the City of Graz

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 16, 2021 – GRAZ

Guided tour Graz, 10:00-12:00, CET

Organized by *KonaK Graz* in cooperation with the *Indigenous Rights Collective (InRiCo)*, the on-site participants will discover the footprints of Latin America in Graz. The tour is organized in Spanish and guided by **Fernando Espinosa (InRiCo)**.

HÖRSAAL 25.11, UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

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7:30-9:00AM

13:30-15:00

Panel 5: Revolution, democracy, and neoliberalism (1979 - 2009)

Chair: Linda Erker, University of Vienna

Central America at the Crossroads of Climate Change and Neoliberalism: Economic Development, Migration, and Remittances in the 21st Century

Aviva Chomsky
Salem State University

Políticas de la memoria como instrumento del neoliberalismo. La justicia transicional en Guatemala

Berthold Molden
University of Vienna

Guerra Fría, revoluciones e historiografía: a doscientos años de la Independencia de Centroamérica.

Manuel Chust
Universitat Jaume Castellón

Un balance de la democracia y el desarrollo en Centroamérica entre 1987 (Esquipulas I) y el 2010 con la firma del TLC con los EE. UU.

Edgar Solano
Universidad de Costa Rica

9:00-9:30AM

15:00-15:30

Coffee Break

9:30-11:00AM

15:30-17:00

Panel 6: Commemoration of the 200 anniversary of the Central American independence (Part I)

Chair: Kurt Hahn, University of Graz

A 200 años de la independencia, ¿cómo hemos construido las imágenes y representaciones de las poblaciones afro descendientes en el sistema educativo escolarizado?

Rina Cáceres
University of Costa Rica

La escritura de la Historia sobre la independencia de Centroamérica: valoraciones de una trayectoria

José Cal Montoya
USAC, Guatemala

De La Baliza a Belice: más de 200 años de luchas independentistas en América central y el Caribe Occidental

Christian Cwik
University of Graz

Historia e historiografía de las elecciones en Honduras, 1821-2021

Dario Euraque
Trinity College, USA

11:00-11:30AM	17:00-17:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:15AM	17:30-18:15	SPECIAL LECTURE <i>The Pact of Central American Union of 1921 as anti-imperialist strategy</i> Héctor Lindo Fuentes Fordham University
12:15-1:45PM	18:15-19:45	Panel 7: Commemoration of the 200 anniversary of the Central American independence (Part II) Chair: Jorge Elias Caro, Universidad del Magdalena
		<i>El resurgimiento indígena en las sociedades centroamericanas</i> Georg Grünberg University of Vienna
		<i>Los pueblos indígenas ante el Bicentenario de la Independencia Centroamericana: Nada que celebrar</i> Silvel Elías Gramajo USAC, Guatemala
		<i>Usos del pasado y memorias en Nicaragua: políticas, discursos, actores y artefactos</i> Juan Pablo Gómez Instituto Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Sociales de la UCA, Managua
		<i>No va a haber una generación del bicentenario. Política y memoria en Latinoamérica 2008-2021</i> Thomás Straka Andrés Bello Catholic University
1:45-2:45PM	19:45-20:45	CLOSING AND FINAL DEBATE (IN ENGLISH) <i>Challenges of Central American Independence in the 21st Century</i> Moderation: Roberta Maierhofer, University of Graz Discussants: Noam Chomsky, Marixa Lasso, Paul Lovejoy, Dario Euraque, Justin Wolfe and Karl Offen

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