

# Program

## INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

### **The many-faceted Independence.**

### **The emancipation of Central America revised.**

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

October 14-16, 2021

University of Vienna & University of Graz, Austria

#### **Concept and Coordination**

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Organized by the FSP Global History (University of Vienna), the Center for Inter-American Studies (University of Graz) and the Department of Romance Studies (University of Vienna).

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## **CONTENT**

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 multidimensionality of the process requires a profound and interdisciplinary review, because of the premise that the process of political emancipation was complex and had multiple effects for the historical development in a cultural and ethnic enormous heterogeneous region.

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Central American independency we want to invite in October 2021 a group of 25 to 28 experts, historians, anthropologists, and political scientists, to Vienna and Graz. The colloquium seeks to bring together internationally recognized academics as well as young researchers, to reflect on the global, international, and transnational perspectives on Central American independency and its impact until today. This means including Central and Latin American visions, motivations, and perspectives in the face of changes that transcend their effects on the societies in the region today.

Above all, the event seeks increase the knowledge about the history of Latin America in general and about Central America in particular in Austria. The event is organized threw a cooperation between the University of Vienna and the University of Graz and will be held between October 14-16, 2021.

### **Organization and format**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the colloquium is arranged as hybrid event. It will be possible to attend on-site as well as online, the later especially for those who cannot travel to Vienna and/or Graz. In case of deteriorating circumstances and new restrictions related to the pandemic, the colloquium will be held only online.

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2021 - VIENNA**

**GUIDED TOUR VIENNA, 10:00AM-12:00PM, CET**

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

**SITZUNGSAL, DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA**

<b>HOUR CST</b>	<b>HOUR CET</b>	
7:00-7:30AM	14:00-14:30PM	<b>OPENING</b>  <b>Juliane Schiel &amp; Elisabeth Röhrlich</b> (FSP Global History, University of Vienna) <b>Roberta Maierhofer</b> (Center for Inter-American Studies, University of Graz) <b>Jörg Türschmann</b> (Department of Romance Studies, University of Vienna) <b>Alexandra Ganser</b> (Department for English and American Studies, University of Vienna) <b>Thomas J. Resch</b> (City of Vienna) -tbc- Welcome remarks <b>Noam Chomsky</b> (MIT/University of Arizona)
7:30-9:30AM	14:30-16:30PM	<b>PANEL 1: INDEPENDENT MOVEMENTS, RESTAURATION AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF 1821</b> <b>MODERATION: PATRCIA ZUCKERHUT (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA)</b>  <i>Early US interests on the Mosquito Shore at the time of the American Revolution and the failed invasion of Nicaragua in 1780</i> <i>¿Soberanía de quién? Indígenas en el Caribe de la actual Costa Rica al momento de la Independencia</i> <i>Bodies of the polity: Territorial conceptions and ideologies in Central America from colonial roots to the modern nation state</i> <i>La vía conservadora de la independencia centroamericana</i> <b>Paul Lovejoy</b> York University <b>Karl Offen</b> Oberlin College <b>Alejandra Boza</b> University of Costa Rica <b>Werner Stangl</b> University of Graz <b>Sergio Guerra Vilaboy</b> University of Havana
9:30-10:00AM	16:30-17:00PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:00-12:00PM	17:00-19:00PM	<b>PANEL 2: BETWEEN SEPARATISM AND UNIFICATION. SOCIOPOLITICAL CONCEPTS AND UTOPIA IN THE AGE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF CENTRAL AMERICA (1823-1841)</b> <b>MODERATION: TOBIAS BOOS (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA)</b>  <i>El impacto del Congreso de Panamá para el desarrollo del federalismo centroamericano</i> <i>Centroamérica y su geopolítica durante la República Federal (1823-1840)</i> <i>México, Colombia y Centroamérica en la independencia temprana de Cuba y Puerto Rico (1820-1827)</i> <b>Michael Zeuske</b> University of Bonn <b>Johnathan Ordoñez Gaitán</b> UAM, Managua <b>Hernán Maximiliano Venegas Delgado</b> Autonomous University of Coahuila, Mexico

"Lecciones de derecho": La ciudadanía virtuosa, la esfera pública y los límites del republicanismo radical en Nicaragua tras la independencia

**Justin Wolfe**  
Tulane University

12:00-1:00PM 19:00-20:00PM

**Catering**

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

**MESA ESPECIAL:**

**LA CONSOLIDACIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS NACIONALES EN EL PERIODO DEL IMPERIALISMO (1841-1870)**

**MODERACIÓN: 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 Arías, Universidad de Costa Rica**

**FRIDAY**

**OCTOBER 15, 2021 - GRAZ**

**HÖRSAAL 25.11, UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ**

**HOUR  
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8:30-9:00AM

15:30-16:00PM

**KEYNOTE**

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

**Marixa Lasso**

Centro de Investigaciones Históricas, Antropológicas y Culturales AIP, Panamá

9:00-10:30:AM

16:00-17:30PM

**PANEL 3: ANTI-IMPERIALISM IN THE AGE OF DOLLAR DIPLOMACY AND BIG STICK (1870-1941)**

**MODERATION: 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**

University of Costa Rica

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

**Werner Mackenbach**

University of Costa Rica

*El papel de los historiadores en la elaboración de la historiografía nacional. Perspectivas desde Nicaragua, siglo XIX*

**Laurin Blecha**

University of Vienna

10:30-11:00AM

17:30-18:00PM

**Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30PM

18:00-19:30PM

**PANEL 4: DICTATORSHIP DURING WORLD WAR II AND COLD WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA**

**MODERATION: BERTHOLD MOLDEN (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA)**

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

**Jorge Enrique Elias Caro**

University of 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

20:00PM **Dinner**

## SATURDAY

### OCTOBER 16, 2021 - GRAZ

**GUIDED TOUR GRAZ, 10:00AM-12:00PM, CET**

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

## HÖRSAAL 25.11, UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

**HOUR  
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CET**

7:00-9:00AM

14:00-16:00PM

### **PANEL 5: REVOLUTION, DEMOCRACY AND NEOLIBERALISM (1979 - 2009)**

**MODERATION: 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

*La autonomía de la región atlántica en el contexto de la emancipación centroamericana*

**Bernadine Dixon**  
URACCAN

*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

9:00-11:00AM

16:00-18:00PM

### **PANEL 6: COMMEMORATION OF THE 200 ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE (PART I)**

**MODERATION: 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 Gómez**  
University of Costa Rica

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

**José Cal Montoya**  
USAC, Guatemala

*Más de 200 años de Independencias de España: el caso de Belice*

**Christian Cwik**  
University of Graz

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

**Dario A. Euraque**  
Trinity College

11:00-11:30AM 18:00-18:30PM **Coffee Break**

11:30-1:30PM 18:30-20:30PM

**PANEL 7: COMMEMORATION OF THE 200 ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE (PART II)**

**MODERATION: ROBERTA MAIERHOFER (UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ)**

*Los pueblos indígenas ante el Bicentenario de la Independencia Centroamericana: Nada que celebrar*

**Sivel Elías Gramajo**  
USAC, Guatemala

*El resurgimiento indígena en las sociedades centroamericanas*

**Georg Grünberg**  
University of Vienna

*Usos del pasado y memorias en Nicaragua: políticas, discursos, actores y artefactos*

**Juan Pablo Gómez**  
Instituto Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Sociales de la UCA, Managua

*No va a haber una generación del bicentenario. Política y memoria en Latinoamérica 2008-2021*

**Thomás Straka**  
Catholic University Católica Andrés Bello

12:00-12:30PM 21:00-21:30PM

**CLOSING AND FINAL DEBATE**

*Challenges of Central American Independence in the 21st Century*

**MODERATION:**

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