



Second Annual Conference

# New Differences, Persistent Inequalities? Latin American Experiences

December 8 – 9, 2011

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**Social inequalities in Latin America** have been historically characterized by their intriguing persistence, their salient ethnic, racial and gender components and their interconnections with global processes.

Since the democratization wave during the 1980s, however, structures of inequalities in the subcontinent are undergoing extensive transformations. In this context, a plurality of new actors has emerged converting social ascriptions (as indigenous, as black etc.) into differences that articulate political agency. Consequently, legal frameworks and social policies have been broadly reconfigured in order to respond to claims for more racial, ethnic and gender justice. At the same time, leftist and center-leftist parties have assumed power in various countries transforming the appeal for social redistribution – beyond racial, ethnic and gender classifications – into a central component of democratic legitimization.

Both processes have ambivalent impacts on the patterns of social inequality observed in Latin America. On the one hand, new social policies may have produced in some countries a remarkable reduction of inequality. On the other hand, the distribution of social benefits according to gender, racial and ethnic criteria – certainly necessary to compensate existing inequalities – is producing new asymmetries in the access to political and social rights.

Following up on the first Annual Conference of *desiguALdades.net* (Berlin, December 2010) which focused on transregional interdependencies, with the second Annual Conference we will concentrate more on interdependencies between struggles for the reduction of inequality and articulations of differences.

## Thursday, December 8

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

### Welcome Address

*desiguALdades.net* Spokespersons

**Introduction: Marianne Braig** (Freie Universität Berlin)

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Session I: Whose Differences? Which Inequalities? Race and Gender Regimes

Chair: **Göran Therborn** (University of Cambridge)

Discussant: **Sérgio Costa** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Elizabeth Jelin** (CONICET/Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social, IDES): *The (re)organization of Care: Reinforcing Gender Inequalities or Restructuring Social Bonds?*

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. *Coffee break*

**Márcia Lima** (Universidade de São Paulo): *The Social Policies of Gender and Race: The Challenges of the Brazilian Agenda*

**Martina Sproll** (*desiguALdades.net*): *Transnational Production Networks and the Transformation of Labour- and Gender Regimes - The Case of Contract Manufacturing in the IT-Industry in Mexico*

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Lunch*

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Poster Session – Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers of *desiguALdades.net***

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Session II: Politics of Difference and Welfare Policies: A Difficult Balance

Chair: **Elisa Reis** (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)  
Discussant: **Marie Laure Geoffroy** (desiguALdades.net)

**Stephan Lessenich** (Universität Jena): *Welfare States and the Limits of Solidarity*

**André Cicalo** (desiguALdades.net): *Affirmative Action Between Class and Race: The Social Impact of Student 'black' Quotas in the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ)*

**Manuel Góngora-Mera** (desiguALdades.net): *Race-Based Affirmative Action in Latin America: Bad Policy or Panacea?*

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Coffee break*

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Keynote Speech

**Andrew Canessa** (University of Essex): *Conflict, Claim, and Contradiction in the New 'Indigenous State' of Bolivia*

Chair: **Barbara Potthast** (Universität zu Köln)

7:30 p.m.

### Reception

## Friday, December 9

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### Session III: Development for Whom? Economic Growth, Environmental Sustainability, Cultural Rights

Chair: **Imme Scholz** (German Development Institute)  
Discussant: **Barbara Fritz** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Hebe Vessuri** (Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas): *Development for Whom? Knowledge, Education and New Inequalities in Multicultural Societies*

**Barbara Göbel** (Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut): *Socio-Ecological Conflicts and Mining*

**Jairo Baquero** (desiguALdades.net): *Global Influences and Processes in Chocó and the Bajo Atrato. The Configuration of Inequalities*

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *Coffee break*

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Keynote Speech

**Juan Pablo Jimenez** (Comisión Económica para América Latina): *Declining Inequality in Latin America? The Role of Fiscal Policy*

Chair: **Bert Hoffmann** (German Institute of Global and Area Studies)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. *Lunch*

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Session IV: Entangled Inequalities: Arenas, Actors, Articulations

Chair: **Ingrid Kummels** (Freie Universität Berlin)  
Discussant: **Claudio Lomnitz** (Columbia University)

**Jan Hoffman French** (University of Richmond): *Legalizing Identities: Becoming Black or Indian in Brazil's Northeast*

**Gioconda Herrera** (Flacso Ecuador): *Migration, Gender and Local Development in Ecuador: Reinforcing Social Inequality or Democratizing Social Hierarchies?*

**Dominique Vidal** (Université Paris Diderot - Paris 7): *Bolivian Immigrants, Nordestinos and Paulistas. Ethnicity, Difference and Nativism in São Paulo*

**Simón Ramírez Voltaire** (desiguALdades.net): *Shifting Symbolic Representations of Equality and Inequalities in Refounded Bolivia*

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Coffee break*

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Conclusions and Closure of the Conference

Chair: **Hans-Jürgen Puhle** (Universität Frankfurt)

**Sérgio Costa** (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Elisa Reis** (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)

**Göran Therborn** (University of Cambridge)

### Registration

To attend the conference, please fill in the online registration form on our homepage: [www.desiguALdades.net](http://www.desiguALdades.net).

Registration ends on December 1.

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