

Gemeinsam mit Expert:innen aus der EAA-Kommission werden Historiker:innen und Literatur- und Kulturwissenschaftler:innen mehrerer Disziplinen (Romanistik, Anglistik, Amerikanistik, Komparatistik) und Linguisten, neben Vertreter:innen der Philosophie, Musikwissenschaft, Politikwissenschaft, Geographie, *Kulturanthropologie, Entwicklungsforschung, Architekturgeschichte und Soziologie sowie der Wirtschaftswissenschaft wichtige Themen in dem Verhältnis zwischen Europa und dem Globalen Norden auf der einen Seite und Lateinamerika inklusive der Karibik auf der anderen aus verschiedensten Blickwinkeln betrachten. In den Vorträgen der Referent:innen aus zehn Ländern diesseits und jenseits des Atlantiks, aus Europa, den USA und Lateinamerika, besonders aus Brasilien, Argentinien, Kolumbien und Chile, wird in einer Zeit des grundlegenden Wandels in den internationalen Beziehungen und des neuen Interesses anderer Mächte am Globalen Süden, die eine multipolare Welt anstreben, der intensive historische, demographische und kulturelle Austausch zwischen Europa und Lateinamerika erörtert werden. Neben der Auseinandersetzung mit den unterschiedlichen philosophischen und politischen Modellen wird in den Vorträgen und interdisziplinären Diskussionen auch die wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit über den Atlantik eine wichtige Rolle spielen.

The members of the EAA-commission who are experts on Latin America will be joined by international scholars in the fields of history, literary and cultural studies (Romance Studies, English and American Studies, Comparative Literature) as well as linguistics, philosophy, musicology, political science, geography, cultural anthropology, development studies, history of architecture, sociology, and economic studies in considering from different perspectives important topics in the relationship between Europe and the Global North, on the one hand, and Latin America, including the Caribbean, on the other. In the lectures by speakers from ten countries on both sides of the Atlantic, from Europe, the USA, and Latin America, especially Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, and Chile, the intensive historical, demographic, and cultural exchange between Europe and Latin America will be discussed in a time of a fundamental change in international relations and of a new interest of world powers, who advocate a multipolar world, in the Global South. In addition to the debate of different philosophical and political models the economic collaboration across the Atlantic will also play an important role in the presentations and interdisciplinary discussions.



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Program

WEDNESDAY, 9.12.2026

14.00 – 14:30

Welcome Address and Introduction

Waldemar Zacharasiewicz

14:30 – 16:00

Keynotes

Introduction: Christopher Laferl, Universität Salzburg and OeaW
Gabriella Pellegrino Soares, Universidade de São Paulo
Nature, “Forest Peoples” and the UN Brundtland Commission: Cultural and Political Negotiations for “Our Common Future” (1980s)

Introduction: Melanie Unseld, Universität Wien and OeAW
Wolfgang Rathert, LMU München
Lost Traces: The Challenge of South American Music

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00

Migration and Escape Routes into Exile over the Atlantic

Chair: Ursula Prutsch, LMU München

Axel Borsdorf, Universität Innsbruck and OeAW
Migration as a Feature of Demographic Trends in Latin American Countries: The Case of Chile

Antolin Carlos Sanchez Cuervo, Spanish National Research Council CSI

The Intellectual Legacy of the Spanish Exile of 1939 and, its Projection in Latin America

Jörg Türschmann, Universität Wien
1934, 1976, 2001, 2023: Argentine Exiles in Screen Fiction

18:15 – 19:30

Panel Discussion Rethinking the World: Decolonial Perspectives from Latin America

Chair: Ulrich Brand, Universität Wien

Marcela Torres Heredia, Universität Wien
Sabrina Fernandes, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, São Paulo
Ana Esther Ceceña, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

THURSDAY, 10.12.2026

09:30 – 11:00

Europe and Latin America in the Era of Geopolitics

Chair: Ulrich Brand, Universität Wien

Werner Raza, Österreichische Forschungsstiftung für Internationale Entwicklung, Wien
Latin American and the European Union: Neo-Mercantilism and Resource Extraction, or Cooperation on Equal Terms?

Ana Esther Ceceña, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Geopolitical Keys to the Redefinition of the Balance of Forces and the Territorial Redesign

toward a New World Order

Michael Saxl, Bundeswirtschaftskammer Wien
EU–Latin America Trade Relations in a Changing Geopolitical Environment

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Democracy and Authoritarianism in Latin America

Chair: Daniela Paredes Universität Wien

Sabrina Fernandes, Universidad Estudial de Campinas, São Paulo
Green Shades of Authoritarianism: The Normalization of Sacrifice Zones across the Political Spectrum

Tobias Boos, Universität Wien
Authoritarian Tendencies in Latin America: The Brutalization of the Capitalist Promise

Simon Lobach, Swiss National Science Foundation and Universität Wien
Industrialization and Reprimarization in Chile’s Copper Sector

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:30

Latin American Philosophy, Challenging Eurocentrism, Machismo

Chair: Herta Nagl-Docekal, Universität Wien and OeAW Wien

Hans Schelkshorn, Universität Wien
In Search of a “Place” in Eurocentric Global Modernity: A Short Look at the History of Latin American Philosophy

Amos Nascimento, University of Washington -Tacoma
Cosmopolitan Links between Europe and Latin America: Affirming Human Rights and Peace beyond Geopolitical Polarizations

Maria Isabel Peña Aguado, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile
Subversive Thought: Feminist Philosophy in Contemporary Chile

Marcela Torres Heredia, Universität Wien
The Role of Knowledge and Epistemology: Between Colonial Reproduction and Socioecological Alternatives

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 – 18.30

Latin American striving for Autonomy

Chair: Kirstin Rüther, Universität Wien

Ursula Prutsch, LMU München
Leopoldina of Habsburg and the Battles for the Independence of Brazil (1817 - 1822)

Yvonne Völkl, Universität Graz
El senador megicano (1836) and the Construction of Republican Citizenship through the Epistolary Form

Christopher Laferl, Universität Salzburg and OeaW
Literary Programmatic Statements on Europe from Latin America. Rereadings of three Canonical Manifestos from the Period before the End of the

Cold War: Manifesto Antropófago, Discours sur le Colonialisme, Calibán

FRIDAY, 11.12.2026

Institut für Romanistik der Universität Wien Universitätscampus Courtyard 8, Access via Garnisonsgasse 13, 1090 Wien

9:30 – 11:30

Transatlantic Exchange and Inspiration in Literature and Culture

Chair: Christopher Laferl, Universität Salzburg

Michael Rössner, LMU München and OeAW
Transatlantic Translatio/ns: Reciprocal Perceptions of Europe and Latin America in Literature

Marcio Correia Campos, Universidade Federal da Bahia
Alterity in Modern Architecture: Oscar Niemeyer in Berlin

Moira Fradinger, Yale University
Thinking from Latin America: With and Against Europe

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00

Exchanges between Latin America and North America as well as Africa

Chair: Alexandra Ganser, Universität Wien

Christian Mair, Universität Freiburg and

OeAW Wien
World Languages in Competition: Towards a New Linguistic Geography of the Atlantic Region

Carmen Birkle, Universität Marburg
Moving North and South: Connecting Geographies in Latin American Women’s Writing

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 17:00

Cultures in the Caribbean and in Central America

Chair: Jacques Pothier, University of Versailles Saint Quentin en Yvelines and Paris

Laurin Blecha, Universität Salzburg
Colonialism without Colonies: Central America and the Informal Imperialism of the Habsburg Monarchy

Petr Kylousek, Brno University
Quebec, Martinique, Haiti: Three Case Study Examples of the Center-Periphery Dynamic and Deperipheralization in Relation to Paris

Ralph Ludwig, Universität Halle-Wittenberg
The ‘Literature of the Creole Worlds’ and New Evolutions of Writing in Guadeloupe, Martinique and Haïti

17:00

End of Conference