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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. in Human Geography, King's College London
2010 M.S. in Social Anthropology, Universidad Iberoamericana de México
2005 B.A. in Sociology, concentration on Latin American Studies, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador
B.A. in Liberal Arts, concentration in Philosophy and Literature, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 + Assistant Professor of the Departments of Anthropology and Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2021- 2022 Junior Professor "Migration and the Americas", Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies, University of Heidelberg. Affiliation: Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, Institute of Geography. Co-operation with the Heidelberg Center for American Studies.
- 2020-2021 Post-doctoral fellow researcher, Department of Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2016 *Frontera Sur Chiapaneca: el muro humano de la violencia. Análisis de la normalización de la violencia hacia los migrantes indocumentados en tránsito.* México: Universidad Iberoamericana de México y Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS. (*Chiapas' Southern Border: The Human Wall of Violence. An analysis of violence normalization towards undocumented migrants in transit.* México: UIA, CIESAS).

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- 2012 Álvarez Velasco, Soledad y Sandra Guillot Cuéllar (2012). Entre la violencia y la invisibilidad. Análisis del proceso de migración indocumentada de la niñez y adolescencia ecuatoriana a Estados Unidos. Quito: SENAMI. (*Between Violence and Invisibility. An analysis of Ecuadorian unaccompanied children and adolescents in the migratory process to the U.S.*).
- 2014 Álvarez Velasco, Soledad y Santiago Ortiz Crespo (coordinadores) (2014). *Memorias del Seminario Internacional sobre el Legado Intelectual y Político de Fernando Velasco Abad*. Quito: FLACSO. (*The Intellectual and Political Legacy of Fernando Velasco Abad*).

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- 2024 Álvarez Velasco, S., & Bayón Jiménez, M. (2023). “Por trocha”: Circumventing the Episodical Criminalization of Migration in the Andes. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 709(1), 24-45. Published in 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027162241245505>
- 2024 Achilli, L., Missbach, A., & Álvarez Velasco, S. (2023). Migration and crime in a divided world: Strategies, perceptions, and struggles. *The ANNALS of the American academy of political and social science*, 709(1), 8-22. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027162241251625>
- 2024 Gandini, L., Álvarez Velasco, S., & Feldmann, A. E. (2024). Más allá del Darién. Economía Política de la Migración en Tránsito por el Corredor Migratorio Región Andina-Centroamérica. REMHU: Revista Interdisciplinar da Mobilidade Humana, 32, e322030.
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- 2018 Carvajal, S. Z., Venegas, M. M., & Álvarez Velasco, S. Presentación del dossier. Hacia una reapropiación de la geografía crítica en América Latina. *Íconos- Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, (61), 11-32. <http://revistas.flacsoandes.edu.ec/iconos/article/view/3020> (*Towards a Re-appropriation of Critical Geography for Latin America Introduction to Dossier*). doi.org/10.17141/iconos.61.2018.3020
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<http://biblioteca.clacso.edu.ar/clacso/posgrados/20120420013415/Velasco.pdf>
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- 2020 (Im)Mobility in the Americas and COVID-19: a transnational collective project.
<https://mmlatinamerica.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/2020/12/15/immobility-in-the-americas-andhttps://mmlatinamerica.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/2020/12/15/immobility-in-the-americas-and-covid-19-a-transnational-collective-project/covid-19-a-transnational-collective-project/>
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(*Transiting in clandestineness: an analysis of undocumented migration in transit through the Mexican southern border*).

Forthcoming Scholarly

- Co-edited volume: *The Borders of America: Migration, Control, and Resistance across Latin America and the Caribbean* Edited by Soledad Álvarez Velasco, Nicholas De Genova, Gustavo Dias, and Eduardo Domenech. Duke Press (forthcoming, 2025).
- Co-edited volumes: *Luchas Migrantes en tiempos pandémicos y de crisis. Una mirada desde las Américas*, Edited by Soledad Álvarez Velasco y Amarela Varela Huerta. Editora Educación Emergente (forthcoming 2025)
- Miranda, B & Álvarez Velasco, S (forthcoming). “L’attente au long cours. Traversée des Amériques par les migrants sud-américains, caribéens et africains”. *Blocage et tri migratoire. Afrique, Amérique, Europe*, Boyer, F., Faret L., Lestage F. y MD Paris Pombo (coord.), Paris: IRD Éditions.
- Álvarez Velasco, S & Liberona, N (forthcoming). *Irregularized Transits to the South: A Social Force in the Cross-Border Spatial Dispute in South America*. Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Current Projects:

- Book project *Inhabiting the Transit: Migrant Spatial Struggles from Global South America to the U.S.* (2025-26)

This book examines the transnational journeys of 14 forcibly displaced migrants from Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Andes, as they navigate both physically and digitally through South American countries and traverse the Andean Region-Central American migratory corridor en route to the U.S. Their mobility is an ongoing experience of inhabiting transit, shaped by violence, uneven development, and exclusionary border regimes. Trapped in

perpetual motion, they resist through spatial and digital strategies, where digital space becomes a lifeline. However, they face precarious circumstances that force them to navigate unequal access, oscillating between digital connection and disconnection—a central dynamic in their social and digital struggles, and the core focus of this project. Drawing on multi-sited and digital ethnography, historical research, and a migrant-centered approach, the book reconstructs the journeys of migrants from Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Cuba, Colombia, and Venezuela, whom I met between 2016 and 2023 in Quito, Metetí, and Houston. The fieldwork investigates their initial transits to Ecuador, Brazil, and Colombia, how their lives unfolded there, and what provoked their subsequent northward journeys to the U.S. It explores how these migrants understood and lived their transit trajectories physically and digitally, deploying social, economic, material, and digital strategies of survival in a relentless spatial struggle to stay alive. The manuscript's eight chapters present the central argument, outline my digital and in-person encounters with the migrants, reconstruct the history of transit migration across the Andean Region Central American corridor, and follow their journeys as they leave their countries of origin, digitally select destinations, navigate mobility infrastructures, attempt to insert themselves in hostile spaces, and ultimately restart their transits north via complex routes. Adopting the *autonomy of migration thesis*, this book contributes to the understanding of migrant struggles, particularly those of forcibly displaced people from Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Andes, and the pivotal role that digital space and (dis)connection play in these struggles.

- *Mobilities, Control and Spatial Struggles across the Americas in a (post) pandemic context* in collaboration with CAMINAR-Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (2024-26)

Based upon the findings of the digital transnational trilingual project [\(Im\)mobility in the Americas and COVID-19](#), which compares the dynamics of mobility and control across 19 countries (Canada, the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia and Brazil) this collaborative project continues to deepen how the pandemic has brought 1) spatial and temporal interconnections between northbound and southbound migratory corridors across the Americas; 2) the aftermaths of the devastation of migrants' living conditions and the exacerbation of undocumented transits through both corridors; 3) regional socioeconomic and political pressure that these transits place on societies and States along both migratory corridors; 4) new ways in which the U.S. externalizes its borders across the Americas; 5) reinforcement of the heterogeneous Latin American migratory control regime and its damaging effects on the migrant population; and 6) forms of migrant resistance and survival during crossing and waiting times in a highly hostile, racist and xenophobic environment.

Online Research Multimedia Projects

2020 *(Im)Mobility in the Americas and COVID-19* (www.inmovilidadesamericas.org)

I am the founder and co-coordinator of this trilingual digital hemispheric initiative. Following the shutdown of borders across the Americas, more than 45 researchers – from diverse disciplinary social sciences and humanities backgrounds and affiliated to various universities and research centers from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean–, organized virtually to gather mainly press information about the particular situations of millions of regional and extracontinental undocumented migrants and asylum seekers currently residing in or transiting across the continent. Based on the collected data, the research team created an online digital repository which resulted in the online web archive: *(Im)mobility in the Americas and COVID-19* (www.inmovilidadesamericas.org). As of July 2021, the web-page is tilingual (English/Spanish/Portuguese) and gives an account of the situation in the following 19 countries: Canada, the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua,

Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia and Brazil.

Together with Dr. Ulla Berg, Associate Professor of Latino & Caribbean Studies and Anthropology, Rutgers University, we have been granted a \$10,800 fund from *Rutgers Global (2020-2021)* to develop the project's virtual platform and virtual teaching modules to be taught in Spring 2021.

2020 *Ethnographic Mosaic of Migrant Children Across the Americas* [Children On The Move An Ethnographic Mosaic of the Americas.](#)

I was the co-coordinator of this bilingual digital humanities project which won a grant from the National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration. It was created by *Colectiva Infancia*, an international research network specialized in analysing the dynamics at work in present day children migration through the extended migratory corridor Andean Region-Central America-Mexico- U.S. I am member of *Colectiva Infancias*. Based on ethnographic research in Ecuador, I developed the following sections: "Los que se quedan" y "Las Cuidadoras". Voces, Memorias e Imágenes de la Niñez y Adolescencia migrante y sus cuidadoras en la dinámica migratoria Ecuador- Estados Unidos, "Los que se quedan" and "Las Cuidadoras". Voices, Memories and Images of Migrant Children and Adolescents and their Caregivers in the Ecuador-United States Migratory Dynamics.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022-2024 Fellow of the ZIF Research group, University of Bielefeld, *Internalizing Borders: The Social and Normative Consequences of the European Border Regime* ([https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/ZiF/FG/2023InternalizingBorders/Members/](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/ZiF/FG/2023InternalizingBorders/Members/)).
- 2020 Track Chair, "Migration and Refugees". Latin American Studies Association, LASA 2021, Crisis Global, Desigualdades y Centralidad de la Vida. <https://lasaweb.org/en/lasa2021/program-tracks/>
- 2019 Jury member of the "Municipal Art and Science Awards" of the Metropolitan District of Quito. Category "Manuela Saenz: best essay or scientific gender research". <https://www.quitocultura.info/convocatoria-premios-municipales-2019/>
- 2018 Invited to assist at the United Nations "Expert Meeting" on migrants smuggling and human trafficking, at the University of Qatar-Doha, discussing the case of Ecuador Qatar, 8-10 Mayo 2018. <https://www.unodc.org/dohadecoration/en/news/2018/05/new-unodc-university-modules-to-teach-about-trafficking-in-persons--a-crime-that-violates-fundamental-human-rights.html>
- 2010 M.S Thesis in Social Anthropology, *Chiapas' Southern Border: the human wall of violence. An analysis of the normalization of violence against undocumented transit migration in the border space Tecún Umán-Ciudad Hidalgo-Tapachula-Huixtla- Arriaga*, obtained honorary mention and recommendation for publication, Universidad Iberoamericana de México, August 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate seminars at the University of Illinois Chicago

- 2025 Social and Cultural Theory II (501)
Spring/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours

- Child Migration across the Americas (491)
Spring/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- 2024 Critical Ethnographies (594)
Fall/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- Mobility and Control across the Americas (501)
Fall/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- 2023 Social and Cultural Theory II (501)
Spring/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- Child Migration across the Americas (491)
Fall/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- Undergraduate seminars at the University of Illinois Chicago*
- 2023 Global Migrations across the Americas (291)
Spring/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- Digital and Mobile Ethnographies (271)
Fall/ Teaching hours total: 45 hours
- Graduate seminars at the University of Heidelberg*
- 2022 Cultures of Diasporas across the Americas
Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies
April 2022 – August 2022 / Teaching hours total: 45
- Migration, Border Regimes and Language Identity:
Theories, Methodologies and Current Debates
Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies
April 2022 – August 2022/ Teaching hours total: 45
- 2021 Migration across the Americas
Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies
October 2021– February 2022/Teaching hours total: 45
- Undergraduate joint course University of Houston-Rutgers University*
- 2021 Covid-19 and (Im)Mobility in the Americas
Department of Comparative Cultural Studies
Spring/Teaching hours total: 45
- Graduate seminars at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador*
- 2021 Social Research Methodology Workshop
Specialization in Migration and Human Rights
Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
May 2021-January 2022/ Teaching hours total: 45
- 2019 Globalization and Inequalities
MS in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
October 2019- December 2019/ Teaching hours total: 45

- 2018 Migrant Smuggling, structural causes, history and contemporary dynamics,
Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
June 2018- July 2018/ Teaching hours total: 28
- 2016 Multiple dimensions of Migrants Smuggling
Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
April, 2016/ Teaching hours total:16
- 2012 Theoretical perspectives of international migration and globalization Specialization in
International Migration, Human Rights and Development 2012- 2013
Department of Sociology and Gender Studies
May 2012-July 2012/ Teaching hours total: 46

Graduate seminar at the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, CLACSO

- 2019 Contemporary migrations in Latin America: new dynamics, policies and citizenship
<http://clacsovirtual.org/2019/course/view.php?id=3¬ifyeditingon=1>
April- August 2019
Teaching hours total: 48 hours

Graduate seminars at University of Cuenca

- 2019 Migration and Human Mobility
MS in Contemporary Anthropology 2018-2020
January-February 2019
Teaching hours total: 32 hours
- 2016 Migration and Human Mobility
MS in Contemporary Anthropology 2015-2017
May-June 2016
Teaching hours total: 32 hours
- 2012 Contemporary Migration
M.S. in Migration, Human Rights and Public Policies 2012-2014 June
2012
Teaching hours total: 40

Graduate seminar at Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador

- 2016 Qualitative Research Methods
M.S. Research in Education 2015-2016
January 2016
Teaching hours total: 40

Undergraduate seminar at Universidad Central del Ecuador

- 2004 Socio-anthropological theories
Faculty of Medicine
September 2004- September 2005
Teaching hours total: 96

MENTORING & ADVISING

I was/am part of the following doctoral committees:

- 2024- present Principal supervisor of Kayli Harshbarger, PhD student in the Department of Anthropology UIC (2024-2030) and Inmagela Rivas, PhD student in the Department of Anthropology UIC (2024-2030).
- 2020- present. Benemerita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, México. Dunia Jara. La espera en la migración cubana en tránsito.
- 2023-present. Universidad de Tarapacá. Sius-geng Salinas. Reconocimiento de subjetividades en infancias y adolescencias migrantes en tránsito por Tarapacá.
- 2020- 2023. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, México. Edgar Córdova. Border Struggles for the Search of Missing Migrants: A Transoceanic Ethnography of Political Subjectivities, Justice and Violence in Mexico's Southern Border and the Central Mediterranean Route".
- 2019-2022. Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Tijuana-México. Carolina Stephanie Aguilar Román. Transformación y radicalización de jóvenes Dreamers-Undocumented: un análisis feminista interseccional.

I was part of the following master studies committees:

- 2022. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Ecuador. Rodyka Enríquez. El trabajo de niños, niñas y adolescentes migrantes venezolanos en Tulcán-Ecuador.

I am part of the following post-doctoral committees:

- 2021- present. Universidad de Córdoba and National Scientific and Technical Research Council. Carina Trabalón. Argentina como país de “tránsito”. Disputas fronterizas, ilegalización e (in)movilidad haitiana en el espacio transnacional de Chile-Argentina-Brasil en tiempos de Covid-19.

Qualifying Research Proposal at Doctoral programs

2022	Sius-geng Salinas, Reconocimiento de subjetividades en infancias y adolescencias. Ph.D in Social Sciences, Universidad de Tarapaca, Chile.
2021	Dunia Eduvijes Jara Solenzar, Los Proyectos Migratorios De Los Cubanos En Tránsito Por México Como País Confín En El Siglo XXI. Department of Sociology. Benemerita Universidad Atunónoma de Puebla, BUAP, México.
2020	Edgar Córdova, Luchas fronterizas por la vida, ante la desaparición y la muerte: una etnografía transoceánica sobre subjetividades políticas, justicias y movilidades en la frontera sur de México y en el Mediterráneo Central (2017-2021). Centre for Research and Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS) Mexico City.

Qualifying Research Proposal at MS programs

2019	Janeth Poma, Inclusión socio – educativa de niños y niñas venezolanas, en dos escuelas de la ciudad de Cuenca, durante el año lectivo 2019-2020, Specialization in Migration, Development and Human Rights. Department of Sociology and Gender Studies, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador.
2019	Johana Acosta, Análisis de los procesos de reunificación familiar de inmigrantes venezolanos en Tulcán, en el periodo 2018 – 2019, Specialization in Migration, Development and Human Rights. Department of Sociology and Gender Studies, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador.

- 2016 Andrée Ménard-Marleau, ¿Irse o quedarse? La migración senegalesa y el tránsito migratorio en Ecuador, MS in Sociology. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSOEcuador.
- 2015 Juan Camilo Vargas, El centro histórico en resistencia. Acciones colectivas frente a procesos de gentrificación en Bogotá DC-Colombia, MS in Urban Studies. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador.
- 2013 Alana Ackerman, La Ley, el orden y el caos. Construcción social del Estado y del sujeto migrante. MS in Anthropology, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSOEcuador.

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2024-25 UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Diversity Initiative Award Program & LAS Advancing Racial Equity Award Program to develop the collaborative project *A Multilingual App: Disseminating Migrant Rights for an Inclusive Chicago*. Amount granted: US \$ 30.00.
- 2021-22 Fritz Thyssen Foundation and the ZIF, Bielefeld University's Institute for Advanced Study granted US\$ 40,000 to finance the international workshop *Moving in a Divided World - Transnational Crime, National Borders, and Irregularized Migration*. This event was held at Bielefeld University on July 11-13, 2022. More than fifteen researchers from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas participated. This is the link to the entire program: [https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/ZiF/AG/2022/07-11-Missbach_Platkat.pdf](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/ZiF/AG/2022/07-11-Missbach_Platkat.pdf). The proposal was elaborated and co-coordinated with Professor Antje Missbach from Bielefeld University and Dr Luigi Achilli from the European University Institute.
- 2018 National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration granted a fellowship of US\$ 30,000 to develop the multimedia project *Ethnographic Mosaic of Migrant Children Across the Americas*. This project was co-authored with Valentina Glockner, as part of the work we developed for *Colectiva Infancia*, an international research network specialized in analysing the dynamics at work in present day children migration through the extended migratory corridor Andean Region-Central America-Mexico- U.S. I am member of *Colectiva Infancia*.
- 2014 National Secretariat for Science, Technology and Higher Education, SENESCYT-Ecuador (for its Spanish acronym). Five years of postgraduate study fellowship for Ph.D. studies in the United Kingdom including tuition, health benefits, and a stipend of US\$ 37,000 average per year, 2014-2018.
- 2010 Latin American Council of Social Sciences, CLACSO (for its Spanish acronym), Complete scholarship funding tuition of postgraduate virtual course (August 2010–November 2010):
“Migratory processes in Latin America: strategies, cultures and politics. Contributions regarding a complex relationship between our region and in Europe.”
- 2007 National Council of Science and Technology, CONACYT-Mexico (for its Spanish acronym). Two years of postgraduate study fellowship for MS studies in Mexico including tuition, health benefits, and a stipend of US\$ 18,000 average per year, 2007-2009.
- 2007 Universidad Iberoamericana of Mexico. Two years tuition scholarship for M.S. in Social Anthropology US\$ 10,000 average per year.

2007 Fundación Carolina-Spain. Full scholarship for the Social and Political Analysis Program, June-July 2007, University of Salamanca, including tuition, air transportation, health benefits, and a stipend of US\$ 7,000 average.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS

2020 Coordinator of the research project “Ecuador’s Migratory Handbooks”. This project was prepared and funded by the GIZ- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Ecuador (FES-ILDIS).
<https://geografiacriticaecuador.org/justiciamigrante/>

2019 Researcher for the Social Observatory of Ecuador in the investigation “Child Labour in the Metropolitan District of Quito: Mobility, Dynamics and Public Policy Challenges”. This research project was prepared for and funded by the Consejo Metropolitano de Protección Integral a la Niñez y Adolescencia de Quito, September-December 2019.

2019 Member of the regional research team and researcher of the Ecuadorean chapter of the regional investigation: “Voces y experiencias de la niñez y adolescencia venezolana migrante en Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador y Perú”, (Spanish translation of: Voices and experiences of Venezuelan migrant children and adolescents in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru). This research project was developed for and funded by the Latin American Council of Social Sciences, CLACSO (for its Spanish acronym), March 2019-August 2019.

2018 Member of the consultancy team to design the complete curriculum for the future undergraduate career in Human Geography at the Universidad Central del Ecuador, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, January 2018-December 2018.

2017 Member of the research team and co-producer of the musicographic script of the temporary exhibition: Dreaming Up North. Children On the Move Across the Americas,
Museo El Barrio Nueva York. September 2017,
<http://www.elmuseo.org/dreaming-up-north/>.

2016 Researcher of the investigation: “Ecuador Public Policies around Human Trafficking and Migrants Smuggling”. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO- Ecuador (for its Spanish acronym), Latin American Observatory of Human Trafficking and Migrants Smuggling and Save The Children, May-August 2016.

2013 Researcher for the investigation “Critical Audiences, urban transformations, migration and social memory in the Metropolitan District of Quito”. This research project was developed by the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador (for its Spanish acronym), and funded by the Metropolitan District of Quito, June 2013 – December 2013.

2013 Co-coordinator of investigation “Critical studies on the intellectual and political legacy of the Marxist Ecuadorian thinker Fernando Velasco Abad”. This research project was developed by the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador (for its Spanish acronym), and funded by National Secretariat of Planning and Development SENPLADES, (for its Spanish acronym), December 2012-December 2013.

- 2013 Principal researcher of the project “Historical, social and political approximations to economic migrations (qualified and non-qualified) in the new Latin American migratory map”. This research project was funded by Organization of Ibero-American States, OEI (for its Spanish acronym). It consisted in two parts: 1) sistematizing the main results of the research in a working document, and, 2) imparting two conferences about the same topic to officials of Ministries of Education, Labour and Foreign Affairs from Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Peru, Spain and Dominican Republic in a three day workshop in Antigua – Guatemala, April 2013
- 2013 Principal researcher of the investigation “Higher Education and Gender Inequalities in Ecuador”. This research project developed for and was funded by the Council for the Evaluation, Accreditation and Assurance of Higher Education, CEAACES (for its Spanish acronym), September 2012- May 2013.
- 2012 Principal researcher of the investigation: “State of the Art of Ecuadorian Migratory Studies 2008-2012”. This research project was developed by and funded by the Department of Sociology and Gender Studies of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSOEcuador (for its Spanish acronym), March 2012- August 2012.
- 2012 Researcher for the project: “Childhood, migration and frontiers: an approach to children’s life in the northern and southern Ecuadorian frontiers”: development of research methodology and theoretical approach. This research project was developed by the Social Observatory of Ecuador and funded by Save the Children. January 2012-February 2012.
- 2012 Researcher in investigation: “Migration in numbers. A socioeconomic and demographic analysis of the quintuple Ecuadorian migratory condition”. Multivariable analyses of the situation of Ecuadorian migrant’s in the USA, Italy, Spain, Mexico, United Kingdom, Argentina, Chile and Colombia. This research project was developed by and funded by the National Institute of Advanced Studies, IAEN-Ecuador (for its Spanish acronym), January 2012- May 2012.
- 2012 Principal researcher for the design of a management model for the House: diagnosis of the migratory dynamics in the Metropolitan District of Quito; diagnosis of the House and proposal of new management model. This project was funded by the Metropolitan House of Human Mobility (unit for the assistance of migrants of the Social Inclusion Secretariat) of the Metropolitan District of Quito. November 2012- February 2013.
- 2011 Principal researcher for designing four research projects in the Human Mobility Research Line: Migration in numbers; Border Studies; State ethnography and Migration Policies. This project was developed by the School of Foreign Affairs “José Peralta” and funded by the National Institute of Advanced Studies, IAEN-Ecuador (for its Spanish acronym), September 2011-December 2011.
- 2011 Principal researcher in the project: “Diagnosis of the situation of Ecuadorian unaccompanied children and teenagers in the process of migration to the U.S.” This project was funded by the National Secretariat of the Migrant, SENAMI (for its Spanish acronym) Quito-Ecuador, March 2011-May 2011.
- 2011 Coordinator of the research project: “Situation and Assessment Analysis of Children, Adolescents, and Women in Aruba” and General research coordinator of the research project

“Situation and Assessment Analysis of Children, Adolescents, and Women in Curacao and Sint Maarten”. This research project was developed by the Social Observatory of Ecuador and funded by UNICEF-TACRO, January 2011– August 2012, <http://www.unicef.nl/wathttp://www.unicef.nl/wat-doet-unicef/koninkrijkskinderen/childrights/doet-unicef/koninkrijkskinderen/childrights/>.

- 2010 Researcher for the project: “Professional’s migrations: opportunities for a shared development European Community- Andean Region 2010”: development of research methodology, theoretical approach and data processing. This project was developed by the Social Observatory of Ecuador and funded by World Health Organization; Pan-American Health Organization; European Community; Andalusian School of Public Health, EASP, January 2010- December 2010. <http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php>.
- 2010 Researcher for elaborating the article: “Among the sortie, the arrival and the transit. An analysis of the situation of children and adolescents in the contemporary Ecuadorian migratory context”. Article written for UNICEF’s Migration and Social Protection Nexus Workshop. New York, December 2010.
- 2010 Researcher for the Project: “OBSERVASUR, Social Observatory of the Union of South American Nations UNASUR (for its Spanish name)”: analysis of the regional impact of South American integration in regional and extra-regional migration processes. This research project was developed by the Social Observatory of Ecuador, October 2010.

INVITED LECTURES & TALKS

- 2025 Keynote Speaker 7th *Border Conference*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, McAllen. February 19-21, 2025. <https://www.utrgv.edu/isp/news-and-events/border-studies-conference/index.htm>
- 2025 Panelist. “Resurrecting Walls: The Historical and Contemporary Politics of Deportation in the US”, University of Chicago, February 10, 2025. <https://events.uchicago.edu/event/244294-resurrecting-walls-the-historical-and-contemporary>
- 2024 Invited lecturer. “Movilidad, Control y Espacio Desde la lente del giro a la (in)movilidad y las luchas migrantes”. Center for Advanced Studies at the National University of Cordoba, November 29, 2024.
- 2024 Invited lecturer. “(Im)Mobilities across the Americas in a (Post) Pandemic Context”. Master in Migration Program. University of San Francisco. November 18, 2025.
- 2024 From small border towns to global connecting hubs in the Americas: the socio-spatial impacts of transit migration through Meteti and Necocli, in *The Many Urbanisms of the Global South: Policy Nuances and Particularities*, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, University of Illinois Chicago, January 25, 2024. <https://cuppa.uic.edu/events/from-small-border-towns-to-global-connecting-hubs-in-the-americas-the-socio-spatial-impacts-of-transit-migration-through-meteti-and-necocli/>
- 2023 Transiting between hotels, "casas de seguridad", buses and camiones: The politics of (im)mobilitites from the Andes to the U.S. Toronto Metropolitan University &

- Canada Excellence Chair in Migration and Integration. The Scholars of Excellence Workshop. November 28, 2023. <https://www.torontomu.ca/cerc-migration/events/2023/11/scholars-of-excellence-nov-28/>
- 2023 Criminalizing migrants in the Andes? Contradictory methods of controlling migrant mobility in Ecuador, Colombia, and their borderlands. In Global Perspectives on the Criminalization of Migration. Columbia University, November 10, 2023. <https://anthropology.columbia.edu/events/global-perspectives-criminalization-migration-conference>.
- 2023 The Past & Present of Child Migration across the Americas, The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, November 15, 2023.
- 2023 “Between Mobility and Control: The Production of Global Migratory Corridors across the Americas”, UWM Anthropology Colloquium Series: Friday, October 20, 2023 University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, October 20, 2023. <https://uwm.edu/anthropology/2023/10/>
- 2023 With *Coyotes*, by *Trocha* or by Foot: The Past and Present of Child Migration from the Andes to the U.S. Child Migration across the Americas Symposium, University of Illinois Chicago, November 7, 2023. <https://lals.uic.edu/events/child-migration-across-the-americas-symposium/>
- 2023 ¿Protección a "víctimas" y combate a traficantes? O ¿protección al status quo y combate a migrantes irregularizados en tránsito por el corredor migratorio Región Andina Centroamérica? . VII Coloquio Inter (acciones) entre migración, identidad y cultura en el siglo XXI, organizado por el Centro de Investigación en Identidad y Cultura Latinoamericanas (CIICLA). Universidad de Costa Rica, October 16 2023.
- 2023 Movilidades del Caribe, África y Asia por los corredores migratorios latinoamericanos. Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, UNAM. October 9, 2023. <https://www.iis.unam.mx/event/conversatorio-movilidades-del-caribe-africa-y-asia-por-los-corredores-migratorios-latinoamericanos/>
- 2023 Solidarity on the Move. Migrant women and children knitting transnational care across the Americas. Summer School: *Solidarités en mouvement : politiques d'hospitalité dans les contextes de mobilité et de migrations transnationales* University of Montreal, June 8 2023. <https://cerium.umontreal.ca/etudes/ecoles-dete-2023/solidarites-en-mouvement-politiques-dhospitalite-dans-les-contextes-de-mobilite-et-de-migrations-transnationales/#programme>
- 2023 Transit Migration and Migratory Corridors across the Americas. Continental Solidarity: Migration and Health in the Anthropocene Conference. University of Toronto. May 30, 2023.
- 2023 “Between *Bodegas*, Hotels, ‘*Casas de Seguridad*’ and *Camiones*: The Politics of (Im)mobilities from the Andes to the U.S.” Migration in a World of Walls and Borders Symposium. Labor, Im/mobility, Sanctuary, Displacement. UIC, Chicago, 13 April, 2023. <https://las.uic.edu/events/migration-in-a-world-of-walls-and-borders/>
- 2022 “From the Andean Region Towards the North, South and East: The Spatial Production of Migratory Corridors Across the Americas”. 7th Global Migration Lecture with Soledad Alvarez Velasco. Global Cooperation Research University of Duisburg-Essen. December 8, 2022. <https://www.gcr21.org/events/upcoming/from-the-andean-region-towards-the->

- [north-south-and-east-the-spatial-production-of-migratory-corridors-across-the-americas.](#)
- 2022 “(Im)Mobilities between Violence(s): The Dynamics of Migratory Corridors across the Americas”, July 4, 2022. Lateinamerika-Institut Freie Universität Berlin
- 2022 “La producción de corredores migratorios en las Américas: aproximaciones teóricas, metodológicas y hallazgos empíricos al debate”. June 13, 2022. University of Montreal and National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM. Summer School Chair of the Americas.
- 2022 “(In) Movilidad en las Américas y COVID-19: reflexiones sobre un proyecto colectivo transnacional y digital de investigación militante en torno a la movilidad y el control y sus efectos espaciales en el continente” June 13, 2022. University of Montreal and National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM. Summer School Chair of the Americas.
- 2022 “En búsqueda de un lugar: Tránsitos irregularizados y la producción de corredores migratorios en las Américas”, May 11, 2022. Seminario de Doctorado en Ciencias Sociales. Universidad de Tarapacá, Chile.
- 2022 “Behind the scenes” of migrant smuggling. Causes and processes involved in the criminal trade of humans. April 28, 2022. University of Mannheim, Germany.
- 2022 “Estudios Migratorios y Fronterizos Críticos: La Tesis de la Autonomía de las Migraciones y su aplicabilidad”. March 23, 2022. Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2021 “Migration and COVID-19 in the Americas: a Reality”, co-authored with Dr Ulla Berg, Rutgers University. December 3, 2021. University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany.
- 2021 “Entre la solidaridad en ruta y la hostilidad del control”. La producción de corredores migratorios en las Américas. November, 23 2021. Universidad Iberoamericana de México.
- 2021 “Movilidad y Control en las Américas: Migraciones, Tránsitos y Resistencias”. Instituto Pensar y Maestría de Estudios Críticos en las Migraciones Contemporáneas. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá Colombia. November 4, 2021.
- 2021 “Del Páramo del Ángel, a la Selva del Darién: transitando entre la lealtad del control”, panel "Securitización y migración", [Congreso Internacional Violencias en las Migraciones Del cuerpo al Estado](#). Mexico, September 24, 2021. Organizers: UNAM, Colegio de Michoacán, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de México.
- 2021 “A situação da mobilidade e do controle da migração um ano após a pandemia: um olhar sobre o projeto (In)Mobilities nas Americas”. Núcleo Interdisciplinar de Estudos Migratórios, Universidade Federal Do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 24, 2021.
- 2021 “A un año de la pandemia: la movilidad y el control en las Américas”. Mesa Presidencial Movilidad en la Inmovilidad: Estado y Migraciones en tiempos de pandemia”. Latin American Society Association, LASA, May, 27 2021. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=86637764422251>
- 2021 “En búsqueda de un lugar. Tránsitos irregularizados y la producción de corredores migratorios en las Américas”. Seminario Fronteras, Migraciones y Subjetividades en el

Capitalismo Contemporáneo. Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, May 7, 2021. https://youtu.be/wk-eCBpF_Yk?si=W-6UMZ8hynxHlRxd

- 2021 “Searching for a Place, The Production Of Migratory Corridors Across The Americas”. University of California Merced, U.S., March 5, 2021.
- 2021 “South American “Exceptionalism” in Times of the Pandemic? A Historical and Present-day Approach to Mobility, Control and the Migrant Struggle”. University of Houston, U.S.. February 5, 2021.
- 2020 “Trespassing the Visible: The Production of Ecuador as a Global Space of Transit”. University of Northern Texas, Texas, U.S., September 18, 2020.
- 2020 “La Producción del Corredor Migratorio Región Andina-Centro América- México- U.S.: entre la movilidad y el control”. Universidad Iberoamericana de México. May 8, 2020.
- 2020 “Espacios de vida cotidiana y el continuum movilidad/inmovilidad: El protagonismo de niños y adolescentes migrantes en el continente americano a partir de un proyecto etnográfico multimedia”. Seminario Permanente Migración, Retorno e Infancia. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. June 17, 2020.
- 2020 “La Producción del Corredor Migratorio Región Andina-Centro América- México- U.S.: entre la movilidad y el control”. Universidad Arturo Prat, Iquique, Chile. March, 6-7 2020.
- 2019 “Child Migration and the Production of Space. Analyzing the Dynamics of the Extended Migratory Corridor Andean Region-Central America-Mexico-U.S. Central American Migration Symposium. Center for Latin American Studies. Rutgers University, New Jersey, March 7th 2019.
- 2019 “La producción de corredores migratorios extendidos en América Latina: entre la movilidad humana, la violencia y el control”. Seminario permanente inserción en un mundo de movilidades. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS, México, August 15th 2019.
- 2017 “Geografía crítica en América Latina y sus desafíos en el campo de estudio de las migraciones”, Instituto de Geografía de la UNAM (IG-UNAM), October 30th 2017.
- 2015 “Migrantes y violencias en el Estado Capitalista”, Coloquio Aprovisionar y Expropiar Departamento de Sociología y Estudios de Género, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales. Quito, April 15th 2016.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS CONVENED

- 2024 Panel Mobility, Immobility, and Immobilization across the Transit Migratory Corridors of the Americas, American Anthropological Association, organizer. Tampa, November 22, 2024. <https://americananthro.org/event/2024-aaa-annual-meeting-praxis/>
- 2024 International Seminar Contemporary Black Diasporas across the Americas, organizer. University of Illinois Chicago, November 4, 2024. <https://lals.uic.edu/events/contemporary-black-diasporas-across-the-americas/>
- 2023 International Symposium *Child Migration across the Americas*, organizer. University of Illinois Chicago, November 7, 2023. <https://lals.uic.edu/events/child-migration-across-the-americas-symposium/>
- 2022 Conference *Moving in a divided world – Transnational crime, national borders and irregularized migration*, co-organized with Professor Antje Missbach (Bielefeld University) and Dr. Luigi Achilli (European University Institute) July 11-14. *Bielefeld University, Germany. Funded by ZIF Center for Interdisciplinary Research Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.* [https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/ZiF/AG/2022/07-11-Missbach_Platat.pdf](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/ZiF/AG/2022/07-11-Missbach_Platat.pdf)
- 2022 Lecture Series *Migration and the Americas*, co-organized with Professor Ulrike Gerhard Human Geography of North America at the Institute of Geography. Funded by Heidelberg Centre for Ibe-American Studies and Heidelberg Centre for American Studies. June 23, 2022 & July 21, 2022 https://www.geog.uni-heidelberg.de/md/chemgeo/geog/institut/migrations_across_the_americas.pdf
- 2021 Mini-Conference: *Migration, Bordering and Capitalist Restructuring during the Pandemic*, co-organized with Dr. Nicholas De Genova and Dr. Stephan Scheel, SASE, July 2-3, 2021. <https://sase.org/event/2021-sase-conference/#mini>
- 2021 Seminar: *Mapping the Venezuelan Crisis*, co-organized with Dr. Keith McNeil, University of Houston, April 30, 2021. <https://www.uh.edu/class/ccs/events/live/>.
- 2021 Seminar: The Cultures of U.S. Empire, co-organized with Dr. Nicholas D Genova. University of Houston, February 26, 2021. <https://www.uh.edu/class/ccs/events/>
- 2021 Seminar: The Politics of Migration and Border Control across the Americas during the Pandemic, co-organized with Dr. Nicholas De Genova. University of Houston, February 5, 2020. <https://www.uh.edu/class/ccs/events/>
- 2018 Co-organizer of the IV Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Human Trafficking and Migrants Smuggling, Structural Causes and Policies of Prevention, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador. Quito, November 7th and 9th 2018, <https://www.flacso.edu.ec/6tocongratratrafico/>
- 2013 Co-organizer of the International Seminar “Fernando Velasco Abad’s Legacy”. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO-Ecuador. Quito, November 26th-27th, 2013.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Transiting between hotels, “casas de seguridad”, buses and camiones: The politics of (im)mobilitites from the Andes to the U.S.” American Anthropological Association AAA, November 22, 2024.
- 2024 “Movilidad, control y transformaciones espaciales en las Américas: Una reflexión sobre el legado de los tiempos pandémicos”. Descentrando los Estudios Transnacionales. Posgrado en Ciencias Antropológicas de la UAM-Iztapalapa, México. Mayo 21, 2024.
- 2024 “Capitaloceno, Movilidad, Control: Una mirada desde los corredores migratorios que conectan las Américas”. International Geographical Union. Thematic Conference. Connecting Geographies from the Global South. May, 17, 2024.
- 2023 “Even if I’m in debt, I will not stop fighting.” Irregularized, indebted, and in struggle. Transit migrant women across the Americas. Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Washington, October 13, 2023.
- 2023 Transit Migration and Migratory Corridors across the Americas. Symposium *Continental Solidarity: Migration and Health in the Anthropocene*. University of Toronto, May 30, 2023.
- 2023 ¿Protección a “víctimas” y combate traficantes? O ¿protección al status quo y combate a migrantes en tránsito por el corredor migratorio Región Andina-Centro América-México-EE.UU.? LASA, 2023, May 25, 2023.
- 2023 Between *bodegas*, hotels, “casas de seguridad” and *camiones*: The politics of (im)mobilitites from the Andes to the U.S. Migration in a World of Walls and Borders Symposium. Labor, Im/mobility, Sanctuary, Displacement. UIC, Chicago, April 13, 2023.
- 2023 ¿Protección a “víctimas” y combate traficantes? O ¿protección al *status quo* y combate a migrantes irregularizados en tránsito por el corredor migratorio Región Andina-Centro América-México-EE.UU.? LASA, May 25, 2023.
- 2022 “Between “Trochas”, Coyotes, the Reinforcement of Border Control and Risk of Death across the Migratory Corridors of the Americas”. American Anthropological Association (AAA), Panel Unsettling Global Flows In The Americas November, 9 2022.
- Ethnographies through Transnational Digital Spaces: A Possible Path to Recover the Legacy of Latin American Politicized Ethnography? American Anthropological Association (AAA). Panel Ethnographic Futures: Fictions, Fieldwork, And Fantasy Of Documentation. November, 11 2022.
- 2022 “Between Hostility and Solidarity: The Production of the Andean Region-Southern Cone Transit Migratory Corridor”. In Panel Emerging Issues in South American International Migrations. Latin American Studies Association, LASA. May, 5 2022.
- 2019 “Niñez y adolescencia en movimiento y productora del espacio. Análisis histórico y contemporáneo de la migración irregularizada de niños-as y adolescentes por del corredor geográfico extendido Región Andina-Centroamérica-México-EE.UU.”, paper presented at the Regional Seminar “Migraciones internacionales en América del Sur: vulnerabilidad y desafíos para la inclusión”, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador. Quito, May 8th 2019.
- 2019 “Ecuador como un espacio global de tránsitos migratorios irregularizados hacia el corredor extendido Región Andina-Centroamérica-México-EE.UU.”, paper presented at the XVII Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina (EGAL). Quito, April 12th 2019.
- 2019 “Humanitarian deportations? The “war” against human trafficking and migrants’ smuggling and new practices of migration control in Ecuador, paper co-authored with

- Martha Cecilia Ruiz, and presented at the Seminar Contemporary Deportation Regimes, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador. Quito, February 28th 2019.
- 2018 “Niñez y adolescencia en movimiento vía redes de *coyoterismo* en la ruta Ecuador-EE.UU.”, paper presented at the VI Congreso Regional de Trata de Personas y Tráfico de Migrantes. ObservaLaTrata y FLACSO Ecuador. Quito, November 7-9 2018.
- 2018 “Sujetos con poder, migrantes irregularizados en tránsito por el corredor Región Andina Centroamerica-México”, paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association LASA 2018. Barcelona, España, May 23th-26th 2018.
- 2018 “Coyoterismo en Ecuador: ¿delito o estrategia colectiva por el derecho a la libre movilidad?, paper presented at the Regional Seminar: Movilidad humana en América Latina y Ecuador: nuevos contextos y desafíos. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO QuitoEcuador. Quito, March 6th-8th, 2018.
- 2018 “Desde Ecuador hacia otros destinos: la re-configuración de Ecuador como espacio global de tránsitos migratorios irregularizados”, paper presented at the Congreso Nacional de Geografía del Ecuador. Universidad Católica del Ecuador. Quito, February 14th-16th, 2018.
- 2017 “Entre la movilidad y el control: la producción de una zona extendida de tránsito migratorio entre la región Andina-Centroamérica-México”, paper presented at the XXXIX Coloquio de Antropología e Historia Regionales. El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora Michoacán-Mexico, October 25th-27th 2017.
- 2017 “Local Impacts of Global Wars: The Complexities and Incoherencies Around the Refugee Experience in Ecuador”, paper presented at the Royal Geographical Society. 2017. London, August 31st 2017.
- 2017 ¡A combatir la migración irregularizada en tránsito y el tráfico de migrantes! Efectos de la externalización de la frontera de U.S. en la zona de tránsito migratorio EcuadorColombia, paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, LASA 2017. Lima, April 29th- May 1st 2017.
- 2017 “From South to North: Five Decade History of Coyoterismo and Irregularized Migration in the Ecuador-Mexico-U.S.”, paper presented at the Workshop – Critical Approaches to Irregular Migration Facilitation: Dismantling the Human Smuggler Narrative, El Paso, Texas. Workshop organized by University of Texas in El Paso, National Security Studies Institute and European University Institute. Migration Policy Center. El Paso, April 6th-7th 2017.
- 2017 “Enduring irregularized transits through Ecuador. An Analysis of the Local effects of the U.S. Border Externalization Mechanism and the Digital Resistances of International Irregularized Migrants in Transit”, paper presented at the Workshop Migration Governance Beyond External Borders: Multi-level analysis and comparative perspectives on migration governance, Bielefeld University. Bielefeld, March 16th-17th 2017.
- 2016 “Local Impacts of Global Wars: The Complexities and Incoherencies Around the Refugee Experience in Ecuador”, paper presented at the American Studies Association, ASA. Home Not Home. Denver, November 16th-19th 2016.

- 2016 “La migración irregularizada en tránsito por la región: entre el control y la violencia”, paper presented at the Seminar Migrantes en tránsito, tráfico de personas y derechos humanos, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador. Quito, August 22nd 2016.
- 2016 “El tráfico de migrantes: ¿delito o pieza clave de la acumulación capitalista?”, paper presented at the Bi-national Seminar Ecuador-Perú Trata de Personas y Tráfico de Migrantes, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador. Quito, July 4th-5th 2016.
- 2016 “Capturing spatial transformations. Methodological reflections for analysing migration transitions and the configuration of a global zone of transit in contemporary Ecuador”, paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, LASA 2016.NYC, U.S. NYC, May 27th-30th 2016.
- 2016 “Beyond common-sense notions about the smuggling of migrants: local findings from clandestine experiences from Ecuador to the USA”, paper presented at the Workshop – Critical Approaches to Irregular Migration Facilitation: Dismantling the Human Smuggler Narrative. Workshop organized by the Migration Policy Centre of the European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, and the National Security Studies Institute, University of Texas in El Paso. Villa La Fonte European University Institute, Florence, Italy, April, 5th-6th 2016.
- 2016 “Crisis migratoria, migración irregularizada y tráfico de migrantes”, paper presented at the Seminar: Conversatorio “Las Múltiples Dimensiones del Tráfico de Migrantes. Análisis Global y Local”. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador. Quito, March 16th, 2016.
- 2016 “Penalización de migrantes y refugiados/as”, paper presented at the Seminar “El nuevo régimen penitenciario y la profundización y diversificación de la criminalización”, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar. Quito, February 19th 2016.
- 2015 “Ilegalismos, violencia y movimientos migratorios irregularizados”, paper presented at the Seminar Ecuador ¿plataforma internacional de migraciones? Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador, Centro Internacional de Investigaciones para el Desarrollo (IDRC). Proyecto Explorando la economía política de la violencia en los sistemas fronterizos de América Latina. Quito, November 26th, 2015.
- 2015 “Ecuador-México-U.S.: la producción de una zona de tránsito en el medio de políticas de control y la autonomía de la migración”, paper presented at the Seminar Migración y Trabajo Vivo en el Capitalismo Global. Una discusión latinoamericana sobre la perspectiva de la autonomía de las migraciones. Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla- Instituto de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades. Puebla, November 11th-13th 2015.
- 2015 “Capturing spatial and temporal transformations. A preliminary approach for understanding the production of Ecuador as a zone of transit for irregularized migrants moving towards the U.S.”, paper presented at Citizenship & Mobility: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Geopolitics of Encounter King’s College London. London, September 8th 2015.
- 2015 “Producing border transit zones and “illegality”: assemblages of power and clandestine undocumented migration through the Ecuador-Mexico-U.S. border transit zone”, paper presented the Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas. Tepoztlán, July 22nd-29th 2015.

- 2015 “Desmontando ilusiones: el tráfico de migrantes “irregularizados” más allá del crimen, el sentido común y los ilegalismos”, paper presented at the round table Tráfico y Trata de Migrantes, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO- Ecuador. Quito, May 28th 2015.
- 2015 “Producing border transit zones and “illegality”: assemblages of power and clandestine undocumented migration through the Ecuador-Mexico-U.S. border transit zone”, paper presented at the British Society of Latin American Studies. Annual Conference, University of Aberdeen, UK. Aberdeen, April 17th-18th 2015.
- 2014 “Between Non-State Protection and Dehumanization: The Multiple Faces of the Control Regime in the U.S.-Mexico Migratory Corridor”, paper presented at the Seminar “Borders in the Americas: Processes of bordering and identification in the Americas and their historical, cultural and security implications”, Ibero- American Centre, Metropolitan University of Prague. Prague, November 1st 2014.
- 2014 “The Multiple Faces of the Control Regime in the U.S.-Mexico Migratory Corridor”, paper presented at the Seminar Expanding the Margins: Migration, Mobilities, Borders, University of Humboldt. Berlin. September 21st-26th, 2014.
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- 2012 “Hand in hand with Coyotes: Ecuadorian children and adolescents in transit through the corridor Ecuador-Mexico- USA”, paper presented at the International Seminar: Mediations, Migration, Knowledge and Practices. Social Sciences Humanities Institute. Puebla University. Puebla, March 7th-8th, 2012.
- 2011 “Transiting between images of war: undocumented migration in the clandestine route Ecuador-Mexico-USA”, paper presented at the International Seminar: Mexico, Global Border. Conferences about Migration and Human Rights. National Commission of Human Rights and Autonomous Metropolitan University of Mexico, Iztapalapa Unit Mexico, September 27th-29th 2011.

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ART PROJECTS

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PUBLIC OFFICES

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- Peer reviewer, *Revista Colombiana de Sociología* (Since 2019)
- Peer reviewer, *Iberoforum-Revista de Ciencias Sociales* (Since 2019)
- Peer reviewer, Book *El poder de la palabra: relaciones entre el derecho y la literatura*, Editorial Tirant lo Blanch (Since 2019)
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Since 2021: Member of the scientific committee of Journal Refugees and Conflict (<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/human-dynamics>).
- Since 218: Member of the scientific committee of the Latin-American Journal Periplos, specialized on migration research (http://periodicos.unb.br/index.php/obmigra_periplos)
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- Since 2017: Member of *Colectiva Infancia* an international research network specialized in analyzing the dynamics at work in present day children migration through the extended migratory corridor Andean Region Central America-Mexico- U.S.A.
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