



Camps Conference 2022

Camps, (In)justice, and Solidarity
in the Americas

**Camps, (In)justice, and Solidarity in the Americas
Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the
Guantánamo Bay Detention Camps**

**The 1st Graz/Puerto Rico International Conference
on Human Rights from an Inter-American Perspective**

*Organized by the Center for Inter-American Studies (C.IAS), University of Graz, together with the
Department of English, College of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras*

May 22-29, 2022, University of Graz, Austria

Conference Online Events

Monday, May 22

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Online Opening and Welcome Words:

Acting Rector Peter Riedler (University of Graz, Austria- *virtual remarks*)

Agnes M. Bosch Irizarry (Dean of College of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

Roberta Maierhofer (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria) and Don E. Walicek (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

Art from Guantánamo by Mansoor Adayfi

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Chair: Frederick Reinprecht (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Ramos Eyla Santiago (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Guantánamo's Bay Texts: Freedom that Transcends the Prison's Walls**

Cécile Accilien (Kennesaw State University, USA): **The Interpreter and Photographer as Eye/I/Witness to the Inhumane Treatment of Haitians at Guantánamo Bay**

Mónica María Del Valle Idárraga (Universidad de La Salle, Bogotá, Colombia): **Infantes en balsas: niños haitianos detenidos en la base naval de Guantánamo**

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Chair: Dagmar Wallenstorfer (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Zachary J. M. Beier & Suzanne Francis-Brown (University of the West Indies Mona, Jamaica): **History, Archaeology, and Global Heritage at the Gibraltar Camp, The University of the West Indies Mona, Jamaica**

Sarah Beaulieu (University of the Fraser Valley, Canada): **Archaeology of Internment: The Morrissey WWI Internment Camp**

Nikita Budree & Kimberley Hunte (University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago): **Detention Island: A Snapshot of Nelson Island's History as an Internment Camp and Detention Center**

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Break

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Chair: Nicole Haring (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Erazo Acosta Eduardo (University Nariño, Pasto, Colombia): **Discourse in Post-conflict in Colombia, Regional Perspectives and Paradoxes, Approaches in International Relations**

Tim Bowman (West Texas A&M University, USA): **From Fascists to Farm Workers: The Racialization of Agricultural Workers in the Hereford Migrant Labor Camp**

Natalia Fernandez Crisorio (Universidad del Cine, Buenos Aires, Argentina): **Espacios, Memoria y Registro. El registro audiovisual y fotográfico de los Espacios de Memoria de la Argentina en el presente**

Jennie Snow (Brown University, USA): **Reading Guantánamo Bay Prison: The Humanitarian Conscience and the Politics of Address**

Anderson Brettas (Instituto Federal del Triângulo Mineiro. Uberaba, Brazil): **Las Dictaduras Militares Brasileñas (1964 / 1985) y la Paraguaya de A. Stroessner (1954 / 1989): Memorias y representaciones en la Historia enseñada de Brasil y Paraguay**

Conference On-Site Events
Thursday, May 26

Location: Center for Inter-American Studies (C.IAS) (Elisabethstr. 59/II)

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Registration

Location: KULTUM (Mariahilferplatz 3)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Registration

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Local Panel on Regional Camps in Austria

Welcome Words: Roberta Maierhofer (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Chair: Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Bernhard Bachinger (Museum Graz, Austria): **The Adaption of Camp Infrastructure: Multifunctional Camps in Styria during the National Socialist Era**

Philipp Lesiak (BIK, University of Graz, Austria): **The Mauthausen Concentration Camp System and its Ramifications in Styria**

Dieter Bacher (BIK, University of Graz, Austria): **Encampment in the Soviet Occupation Zone in Austria. Current State of Research and New Approaches**

Philipp Mettauer (Institute for Jewish History, Austria): **The Lower Austrian Psychiatric Hospital Mauer-Öhling during the National Socialist Era**

Location: AULA, University of Graz (Universitätsplatz 3)

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Registration

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Welcome Reception

Moderator: Nicole Haring and Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Music: Amaru Sunqu (Grupo andino latinoamericano, Perú, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile and Bolivia)

Welcome Remarks:

Representative of the City of Graz - *TBA*

Acting Rector Peter Riedler (University of Graz, Austria- *virtual remarks*)

Roberta Maierhofer and Kurt Hahn (Director and Co-Director of the Center for Inter-American Studies (C.IAS), University of Graz, Austria)

Don E. Walicek (Academic Committee, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus) and Christian Cwik (Center for Inter-American Studies (C.IAS), University of Graz, Austria)

Opening Remarks

Introduction: Don E. Walicek (Academic Committee, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

Lakhdar Boumediene (Algeria, Bosnia, France): Author of *Witnesses of the Unseen. Seven Years in Guantanamo* (2017)

Ahmed Errachidi (Morocco): Author of *The General, The Ordinary Man Who Challenged Guantánamo* (2013)

Mohamedou Houbeini (Mauritania, the Netherlands): Author of *Guantanamo Diary* (2015)

Introduction: Jana Lipman (Tulane University, USA)

Noam Chomsky (Arizona State University/MIT- *online*)

Poetry Reading:

Essah Cozett Díaz (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Poetic Cartographies of the Witness**

José Ramón Sánchez Levya (Casa de Cultura, Ciudad de Guantánamo, Cuba): **Buscando problemas: 3 poemas de la base naval**

Art Presentation

Pamela Calero (Barcelona, Spain): InJustice

Opening Lecture:

A. Naomi Paik (University of Illinois, USA): **Guantánamo's Travels: Empire, Imprisonment, Abolition**

Conference Reception

Friday, May 27

Location: University of Graz (Heinrichstraße 36)

9:00 am – 10:00 am

HS 11.01

Special Lecture:

Jana Lipman (Tulane University, USA): **“The camps are ... little better than prisons” Refugee Camps and Detention in the U.S. Imperial Archipelago**

Chair: Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

10:00 pm – 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

HS 11.01

Panel #1

Chair: A. Naomi Paik (University of Illinois, USA)

Jessica Adams (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Extralegal/Hyperlegal: Guantánamo and the Crisis of Empire**

José Ramón Sánchez Leyva (Casa de Cultura, Ciudad de Guantánamo, Cuba): **Construir una base de poemas (de ‘Cómo el autor es prisionero de sus propias palabras’)**

Don E. Walicek (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Freedom and the Figured Worlds of Guantánamo Bay**

Esther Whitfield (Brown University, USA): **Guantánamo and the Idea of Home**

HS 11.02

Panel #2

Chair: Eric Jennings (University of Toronto, Canada)

Jonathan Cortez (Brown University, USA): **The Age of Encampment: The Rise of Federally-Funded Camps in the United States, 1933-1946**

Martin Gabriel (University of Klagenfurt, Austria): **Reducciones de indios – Imperial Rule, Religious Indoctrination, and Indigenous Resilience in Spanish America**

Florian Traussnig (Independent Scholar, Austria): **The Machine in the Garden: Camp Hale and its “Mountain Warriors” in World War II**

HS 11.03

Panel #3

Chair: Georg Schendl (FH Campus Vienna, Austria)

Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria): **Austrian Enemy Aliens in Trinidadian Internment Camps, 1940-45**

Jorge Enrique Elias Caro (Universidad del Magdalena, Colombia): **Los campos de concentración en Colombia durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial**

Sergio Guerra Vilaboy (Universidad de La Habana, Cuba): **Historia del reclusorio cubano de de Isla de Pinos y los prisioneros alemanes y japoneses durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial**

Juan Paz y Mini Cepeda (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Quito): **El Drama de la Guerra mundial: Educación y “listas negras” en Ecuador**

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

HS 11.01

Special Lecture (Hybrid)

Efrén Rivera Ramos (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **The Imperial Constitution: Guantánamo, U.S. Territories and Interventions in Foreign Soil**

Chair: Don E. Walicek (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Coffee Break

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

HS 11.01

Panel #4

Chair: Jessica Adams (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

Gale Johnson Coskan (Brock University in Ontario, Canada): **Posturing, Performing, and Speaking Back: Reading Detainee Resistance**

Teodora Tea Ristevska & Iztok Prezelj (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia): **Democratic Security after 9/11: A Political Discourse Analysis of the US Presidential Speeches on Guantánamo Bay**

Michael J. Strauss (Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Stratégiques, Paris, France): **From Historical Anecdote to Human Rights Argument: The Dubious Legality of the Private Sector's Role in the Guantánamo Bay Prison**

Maha Hilal (Justice for Muslims Collective, USA): **Excluding Guantánamo: Abolition and the Question of Redeemability**

HS 11.02

Panel #5

Chair: Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Marco Cabrera Gesserick (Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota, USA): **Understanding the Cuban Reconcentracion: A View from Latin America**

Lucia Vieira Vera (Universidade Pontificada de São Paulo, Brazil): **Modalidades de los campos de concentración en el Brasil republicano: el estado del arte de la producción historiográfica sobre el tema**

Jaydy Mir Sira (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras): **Discourses about AIDS and the Detention of HIV Positive Haitians at Camp Bulkeley**

HS 11.03

Panel #6

Chair: Esther Whitfield (Brown University, USA)

Maritza Stanchich (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Childhood Memories of Imprisonment: Pepón Osorio's "Badge of Honor" Echoes Puerto Rico's Double Dispossession**

Jan S. Carlo Irizarry (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Love Encapsuled in Walls**

Dusty Keim (University of Montana, USA): **Both in and outside of: States of Incarceration in America's Floating World**

Andrea Strutz (University of Graz, Austria): **"From Milano to New York by the Way of Hell": Memories of Expulsion from Fascist Italy and Internment in Canada**

Location: Willi-Gaisch Lecture Hall, University of Graz (Heinrichstraße 36)

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Reading Guantánamo (HYBRID)

Moderators: Don E. Walicek (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus) & Frederick Reinprecht (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Authors:

Mansoor Adafyi (Yemen, Serbia-online): *Don't Forget Us Here* (2021)

Moazzam Begg (United Kingdom-online): *Enemy Combatant: A British Muslim's Journey to Guantanamo and Back* (2006)

Lakhdar Boumediene (Algeria, Bosnia, France): *Witnesses of the Unseen. Seven Years in Guantanamo* (2017)

Ahmed Errachidi (Morocco): *The General, The Ordinary Man Who Challenged Guantánamo* (2013)

Mohamedou Houbeni (Mauritania, the Netherlands): *Guantanamo Diary* (2015, 2017), *The Actual True Story of Ahmed & Zarga* (2021)

Saturday, May 28

Location: University of Graz (Heinrichstraße 36)

9:00 am – 10:00 am

HS 11.01

Special Lecture:

Julia Roth (University of Bielefeld, Germany): **Thinking Intersectionalities: Translocationally as Interdependent Inequalities**

Chair: Roberta Maierhofer (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

10:00 pm – 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

HS 11.01

Panel #7

Chair: Nicole Haring (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Jenna Ann Altomonte (Mississippi State University, USA): **Musings from the Cell: Creative Interventions from Spaces of Exception**

Michael Cortés Bernard (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Echoes in Sleepless Nights: Guantánamo Poets Counteract**

Olga Pinjung (University of Szeged, Hungary): **Finding a Tribe in a Hopeless Place: Mansoor Adayfi & Guantánamo Bay**

HS 11.02

Panel #8

Chair: Barbara Ratzenböck (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Benedikt Grubestic (University of Graz, Austria): **Violated by Green: Violence against Republican Women during the Irish Civil War**

Marigona Bekteshi Ferati (National Academy of Theatre and Film Arts; Sofia, Bulgaria): **Educational Theatre as a Method of Overcoming the Consequences for Women-Survivors of Violence during the Kosovo War**

Maria Mercone (University Coimbra, Portugal, CES/FEUC): **Anti-Racist Pedagogy as a Radical Praxis: African-American Feminist Prison Writings**

HS 11.03

Panel #9

Chair: Sergio Guerra Vilaboy (University of Havana, Cuba)

Omar Granados (University of Wisconsin La Crosse, USA): **Voces olvidadas del Mariel: Raza, hospitalidad y cultura impresa en el programa de bases militares y campamentos de refugiados del éxodo del Mariel (1980-1982)**

Víctor-Jacinto Flecha (Universidad Nacional de Pilar, Paraguay): **Comisión de Verdad y Justicia de Paraguay (2004-2008). La investigación de las violaciones de los derechos humanos durante la longeva dictadura 1954-1989**

Alejo Maldonado Gallardo (Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, México): **La política exterior del presidente Lázaro Cárdenas: derechos humanos y autodeterminación de los pueblos**

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

HS 11.01

Special Lecture

Legal Cases of Guantanamo

Chair: Gerd Oberleitner und Lisa Heschl (University of Graz, Austria)

Bernhard Docke (Lawyer of Former Detainee Murat Kurnaz, Germany) & Manfred Nowak (International Human Rights Expert, Austria)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Coffee Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

HS 11.01

Panel #10 (Hybrid)

Chair: Esther Whitfield (Brown University, USA)

Audrey Golden (Simmons College, USA): **How Detainment and Terror Permeate: Reading Anna Burns's Milkman through the Lens of Operation Demetrius in Northern Ireland**

Terri Tomsy (University of Alberta, Canada): **Guantánamo's Future? Memory Activism in the Global War on Terror**

Alexandra Moore (Binghamton University, USA): **Rendition and Representation: Material Witnessing and Performance in the Work of Freda O’Byrne**

HS 11.02

Panel #11

Chair: Julia Roth (University of Bielefeld, Germany):

Eugenio Geigel (Supreme Court, U.S. Virgin Islands) & Alma Simounet-Bey (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus): **Puerto Rico, a Nation that Belongs to but is not a Part of: A Human Rights Dilemma for the United States, a Legal and Cultural Anomaly**

Ziga Krajnc (University of Maribor, Slovenia): **Terrorism Frames in Donald Trump's Rhetoric**

Diana Coleman (Northern Arizona University, USA): **The Barzakh Decades: Speaking While Muslim with the Wire in Mind**

HS 11.03

Panel #12

Chair: Max Scriwanek (National Archives of Curacao)

Ángela Altagracia Fernández (Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo): **El batey: de plaza ceremonial indígena a viviendas colectivas en los ingenios Azucareros Dominicanos**

Alexander Robins (Coolbellup Community School, Australia) & Albeniz Tique (Indigenous Leader/Ethnic Commission): **“Invisible Peace”- Conflict in the Cauca Valley: Indigenous and Afro-Colombian Perspectives on Attaining and Sustaining Peace**

René Vilaboy Zaldivar (Universidad de La Habana, Cuba): **La plantación y el barracon o la génesis de los campos de concentración en la historia Atlántica**

SR 11.10

Panel #14 (Hybrid)

Chair: Frederick Reinprecht (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Jason T. Eberl (Saint Louis University, USA): **Keeping “those People” off the Streets: Internment Sold as “Sanctuary”**

Patricia L. Brace (Southwest Minnesota State University, USA): **Limited Existence: The Heterotopias of Holograms and Androids in the Star Trek Universe**

Location: Graz Town Hall (Hauptplatz 1)

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Evening Event

Mayor's Reception Graz Town Hall

Sunday, May 29

Location: University of Graz (Heinrichstraße 36)

9:00 am – 10:00 am

HS 11.01

Special Lecture:

Eric Jennings (University of Toronto, Canada): **Interning European Anti-Nazi Refugees in Wartime Martinique, 1940-1942.**

Chair: Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

10:00 pm – 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

HS 11.01

Panel #14 (Hybrid)

Chair: Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Georg Schendl (FH Campus Vienna, Austria): **The Stadium, the Ship, La Venda Sexy – Camps under the Rule of Pinochet in Chile**

Mateu Cristina (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina): **Los Campos De Internamiento Durante Las Dictaduras de los 1930s y 1940s**

Stefan Manz (Aston University Birmingham, UK): **British Civilian Camps in the Caribbean and Bermuda during World War I**

Beatriz Carolina Crisorio (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina): **Resistencia a la dictadura argentina (1976-1983). El papel de las organizaciones de derechos humanos (década 1970 hasta el presente)**

HS 11.02

Panel #15

Chair: Nicole Haring (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Sandra Tausel (University of Innsbruck, Austria): **De-Constructing the Dystopian Internment Narrative in Samira Ahmed's Internment**

Dagmar Wallenstorfer (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria): **Young Adult Literature and Trauma: Narratives on Human Rights and Cultural Trauma of Indigenous Children in Residential Schools in the US and Canada**

Nicolangelo Becce (Roma Tre University, Italy): **"It's still shaping us in ways we might not realize": Queering the Japanese American Internment through Kiku Hughes' Displacement**

Arwa Elabd (University of Innsbruck, Austria): **Internment Camps Through Children's Eyes**

HS 11.03

Panel #16

Chair: Don E. Walicek (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

José Guerra Sánchez (Academia de la Historia de Cuba, Cuba): **Guantánamo: terrorismo y usurpación (1959-1970)**

Yukyko Takahashi Martínez (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain): **Tortura y contraterrorismo en el abismo de la humanidad: rescatando la voz de Abu Zubaydah y Mohamedou Ould Slahi**

Miriam Pensack (New York University, USA): **Registers of Sovereignty**

Candice Camargo (Justice for Muslims Collective, USA): **Hegemony vs. Resistance: The Legacy of Guantánamo Bay Prison**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Graz Human Rights Walks

Three different themed walks to be signed up for at conference registration

Meeting Point: University of Graz (Heinrichstraße 36)

City Walks will end at the gallery

Location: Gallery Roter Keil (Idlhofgasse 87a, 8020 Graz)

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Conference Exhibition and Closing Event

Poetry Reading:

Essah Cozett Díaz (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

José Ramón Sánchez Levy (Casa de Cultura, Ciudad de Guantánamo, Cuba)

Closing Remarks

Roberta Maierhofer (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria), Don E. Walicek (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus) and Christian Cwik (C.IAS, University of Graz, Austria)

Reception with Food and Drinks

