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Panel Proposal / Call for Papers
Latin American Gentrifications

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Recent investments and redevelopments in Latin America's historic city centers, tourist areas and urban fringe or green zones have prompted a wave of critical academic thinking about Latin American trends in gentrification. Whereas narratives of/from the global North have long dominated the scholarly debate on urban renewal and gentrification, critical perspectives based on experiences in Latin American cities have started to gain force during the last decade. The negative effects of widespread housing condominiumization, green gentrification, elitization and touristification of commercial facilities, and other urban land uses that trigger displacement and exclusivism have increased region-based scholarly attention to probing similarities and differences in urban gentrification processes and results.

This panel aims to further critical thought based on Latin American conceptualizations of and empirical research on gentrification and exclusivism in cities. Participants are asked to theorize about and analyze cross-cutting examples of gentrification in housing, inner city public space, peripheral growth, commercial areas and green zones. They are requested to analyze the intertwining of public, private and collective actors, political agendas and money flows, and to unravel the spatialization of large-scale and piecemeal property investments and the consequential displacement of lower-income populations, amenities, aesthetics and cultures. The double objective is to contribute to strengthening the Latin Americanist voice in the global gentrification debate and to reinforce gentrification discussions in local urban governance debates.

Please send your paper proposal (250 words) to Christien Klaufus (c.j.klaufus@cedla.nl) and Clara Irazábal-Zurita (irazabalzuritac@umkc.edu) **by 1 September 2017.**

Please note that all panel participants are required to be current LASA members at the time of the panel proposal submission (before 7th September). For more information on membership please visit the LASA webpage: <https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/membership/join.asp>

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