

## **DIE AMERIKAS: FORSCHUNGSKOLLOQUIUM ZU DEN AMERIKAS AUS KULTURWISSENSCHAFTLICHER SICHT**

**Donnerstag, 16. Mai 2019**

**15:20 – 16:30 Uhr**

**Senatssaal (E106) Hauptgebäudes LMU,  
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1**

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**What does middle class social protest look like in Argentina today?**

Buenos Aires has a long tradition of powerful mass demonstrations, associated with a wide spectrum of society from workers to elites. In this talk I will trace ethnographically some of the ways that older traditions of worker protest interact (or contrast) with more 'middle class' street demonstrations and comment on how this shapes contemporary politics. To do this, I need to explore what 'la clase media' itself might look like in the city, how identifying people as middle class is highly contested, and what the middle classes' relationship is to the current government. I will then draw on this case study to briefly comment on comparisons and contrasts with similar processes in other countries of the region.