

# Aspirational politics? Exploring repercussions of emerging middle classes in Latin America



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Senatssaal & Kleine Aula,, Hauptgebäude LMU München, Geschwister-Scholl-Platz, 80539 München  
Convenors: Eveline Dürr, Raúl Acosta

## Thursday 16 May – Senatssaal

- 14:00 Registration & coffee  
15:00 – 15:20 Welcome & aims  
15:20 – 16:30 **Keynote 1** What does middle class social protest look like in Argentina today?  
*Sian Lazar (Cambridge)*  
16:30 – 16:50 Coffee break  
16:50 – 18:00 **Keynote 2** A class that does (not) matter: rethinking Cold War Latin America from the middle  
*Ricardo López (Western Washington University)*  
18:00 Reception  
20:00 Dinner with speakers

## Friday 17 May – Kleine Aula

- 9:00 – 10:40 **Panel 1: Security (chair: Pia Maier, LMU)**  
• Securitized middle classes in Mexico City  
*Claudia Zamorano (Ciesas – Ciudad de México)*  
• Bourgeoise bystanders in Bogotá  
*Hendrijske Grunow (University of Konstanz)*  
10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break  
11:00 – 12:40 **Panel 2: Identity (chair: Juliane Müller, LMU)**  
• An indigenous middle class? A critical inquiry to multiculturalism and its development in Mexico  
*Denisse Román Burgos (University of Aberdeen)*  
• Envisioning an orderly Altiplano: middle-class discourses on El Alto, Bolivia  
*Nell Haynes (Georgetown University)*  
12:40 – 14:00 Lunch  
14:00 – 16:00 **Panel 3: Hope and precarity (chair: Wolfgang Kapfhammer, LMU)**  
• A politics of hope: infrastructural citizenship and class mobility in Brazil  
*Moises Kopper (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies)*  
• Precarious mobilities: citizen subjectivities and expectations of the state among Brazil's *classe popular*  
*Benjamin Junge (State University of New York)*  
16:00 – 16:20 Coffee break  
16:20 – 18:00 **Panel 4: Embodied frustrations (chair: Henry Kammler, LMU)**  
• The outraged middle: the politics of the post-postwar generation of El Salvador  
*Ellen Moddie (University of Illinois)*  
• Psychologizing social inequality and political demands: the rising popularity of psychotherapeutic interventions in Nicaragua  
*Pia Maier (LMU Munich)*  
19:00 Dinner with speakers

## Saturday 18 May – Kleine Aula

- 9:00-10:40 **Panel 5: Subjectivations (chair: Raúl Acosta, LMU)**  
• The entrepreneur-self as a moral repertoire in middle classes: an ethnographic analysis in Buenos Aires  
*María Florencia Blanco Esmoris (Centro de Investigaciones Sociales, Buenos Aires)*  
• Unravelling nationhood, class subjectivities and political radicalization through the fragmentation of the 'integral Chileans' in the 1970s  
*Claudia Stern (University of Edinburgh)*  
10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break  
11:00 – 12:40 **Panel 6: Aspirations (chair: Gabriele Herzog-Schröder, LMU)**  
• Urban morality and middle classes from three scenarios: citizen mobilization, state bureaucracy and daily life in Cali  
*Adolfo García Jerez (Universidad del Valle)*  
• Aspirational activism: re-shaping cities and political subjectivities in Mexico  
*Raúl Acosta (LMU Munich)*  
12:40 – 13:20 **Closing remarks and discussion**  
*Eveline Dürr (LMU Munich)*