The Latin East

New Perspectives on Latin America-Middle East Ties

A collaboration between:
NACLA (the North American Congress on Latin America),
MERIP (the Middle East Research and Information Project),
and Jadaliyya.

At the height of Latin America’s “pink tide” in the mid-2000s, left wing governments throughout the region developed unprecedented economic, political, and cultural ties with the Arab world as part of a larger effort to disrupt U.S. hegemony globally. Meanwhile in the Middle East, entrenched power regimes seemed to teeter against a wave of social and political movements broadly identified as the Arab Spring. Today, as the Pink Tide recedes and renewed conflict and authoritarianism grips the Middle East, the time is ripe to consider the origins, contours, and legacies of a relationship forged in a moment of deep regional and global flux, between parts of the world infrequently considered side by side.

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Friday 27 April

Jerry H. Labowitz Theatre for the Performing Arts, NYU Gallatin, 1 Washington Place

Registration & Coffee 9:30AM - 10:00AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks 10:00AM - 10:30AM

First Panel 10:30AM - 12:00PM
The Politics of Art: Readings, Reflections, and Refractions

Chair: Omar Dahi (Hampshire College; MERIP)

Houzan Mahmoud (Kurdish Culture Project),

Ismail Hamalaw (Kurdish Culture Project)
The Latin Boom in Iraqi Kurdistan

Lena Meari (Birzeit University)
Reading Che in Colonized Palestine

Roosbelinda Cardenas (Hampshire College),

Hiba Bou Akar (Columbia University)
Writing about Violence in Latin America and the Middle East

Sinan Antoon (New York University; Jadadiyya)
Reading Vallejo in Arabic

Rania Jawad (Birzeit University)
Traveling Pedagogies and Theaters of Violence

Discussant: Eman Morsi (Dartmouth University)

Lunch Break 12:00PM - 1:30PM

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Friday 27 April (continued)

Second Panel  **1:30PM - 3:00PM**
Political Parallels and Economic Intersections  
Chair: **Alejandro Velasco** (New York University; NACLA)  
**Paul Amar** (University of California, Santa Barbara)  
Military Capitalism  
**Kaveh Ehsani** (DePaul University)  
Blessing or Curse? From Resource Nationalism to Neoliberalism in the Politics of Oil in the Middle East & Latin America  
**Cecilia Baeza** (Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo),  
**Paulo Pinto** (Universidade Federal Fluminense)  
The Syrian Uprising and the Arab Diaspora in Argentina and Brazil  
**Paulo Farah** (Universidade de São Paulo)  
South-South Solidarity and South America-Arab Countries (ASPA) Cooperation Mechanism  
Discussant: **Arang Keshavarzian** (New York University)

Coffee Break  **3:00PM - 3:30PM**

Third Panel  **3:30PM - 5:00PM**
Mapping Solidarities  
Chair: **Sinan Antoon** (New York University; Jadaliyya)  
**Tariq Dana** (Doha Institute)  
Palestine Beyond Slogans  
**Sara Awartani** (George Washington University)  
Puerto Rican Decolonization: Armed Struggle and the Question of Palestine  
**Nadim Bawalsa** (New York University)  
Palestine West of the Andes  
**Amal Eqeiq** (Williams College)  
Of Borders and Limits: Comparative Indigeneity  
**Omar Tesdell** (Birzeit University)  
Planting Roots, Claiming Space  
Discussant: **Ella Shohat** (New York University)

Break  **5:00PM - 6:00PM**

Wine & Cheese Reception  **6:00PM - 7:30PM**  
Hosted by the NYU Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (King Juan Carlos Center), 53 Washington Square South fl. 4W

Saturday 28 April

Jerry H. Labowitz Theatre for the Performing Arts, NYU Gallatin School, 1 Washington Place

Fourth Panel  **10:30AM - 12:00PM**
Confluences and Cartographies  
Chair: **Laura Weiss** (NACLA)  
**Fernando Camacho Padilla** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)  
Teaching Latin America in Tehran  
**Marwan Kraidy** (University of Pennsylvania)  
A Tale of Two Modernities  
**Kevan Harris** (UCLA)  
Divergent Histories and Converging Inequalities in the Middle East and Latin America  
**Omar Dahi** (Hampshire College),  
**Alejandro Velasco** (New York University)  
Latin America-Middle East Ties in the New Global South  
Discussant: **Ali Mirsepassi** (New York University)

Closing Plenary  **12:00PM - 1:00PM**