

The Latin الشرق اللاتيني 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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April 27 - 28

Jerry H. Labowitz Theatre
for the Performing Arts
New York University
1 Washington Place
New York City

Friday 27 April

Jerry H. Labowitz Theatre for the Performing Arts, NYU
Gallatin School, 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; Jadaliyya)

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 Egeiq (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**

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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

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