



Guatemala -June19-21, 2013

**«Violence, Risk and Crisis in the Americas:
Breaks, shifts and continuities. »**

Interdisciplinary perspectives and methodological dialogues

PROGRAM

The Seminar for Young Americanists (JJA-Les Journées des Jeunes Américanistes) is organized by the Center for Mexican and Central American Studies of the French Ministry, the Franco-Mexican College for the Social Sciences, the French Institute in Central America, the Institute for Research on Development and the Institute of the Americas. This annual seminar creates a space for theoretical and methodological dialogue within an international scientific network. It is a working space for bachelor, masters and doctoral students to exchange research results and research in progress in the social sciences.

The first JJA seminar took place on June 21-22, 2010. It was co-organized with the Mexican National Institute of Anthropology and History (ENAH). Although the seminar gave priority to archeologists, the selected theme “spatial dynamics” was interdisciplinary. The second seminar on “mobilities” took place on June 20-22, 2011 and was open to all social sciences. The third seminar on “territories” took place on June 13-15, 2012 in Costa Rica with the support of the University of Costa Rica and CONACYT. The fourth seminar will take place in Guatemala.

The interdisciplinary basis of the seminar brings into dialogue multiple researchers and tools from all the social sciences. Participation of Americanist and Latin Americanist students is strongly encouraged.

In this upcoming seminar, young researchers are invited to submit their work on violence, risk and crisis, broadly defined, highlighting breaks, shifts and continuities.

Violence, risk and crisis are largely mediatized concepts that define, at least in part, how the American continent incorporates itself to contemporary western political systems and the way in which these relate to the world. From an interdisciplinary perspective, we will highlight the origins and contexts that have favored the development of such concepts, focusing on their modes of production. Similarly, we will reflect upon the construction and evolution of the perception of these notions, developing a typology in order to better understand their role in the structuring of American societies. Finally, we will analyze how these societies seek to prevent (or not) these forms of violence, risk and crisis through, for example, collective representations or the production of specific norms.

The seminar will take place on June 19-21 in Guatemala City. The seminar includes plenary sessions and methodology workshops. The first will include presentations of interdisciplinary case studies; the second will allow for a collective reflection on the sources and tools available to think about and measure violence, risk and crisis.

We encourage researchers to submit their works in progress, as the purpose of this seminar is also to give account of the nuts and bolts of conducting research in the social sciences and support an interdisciplinary methodological dialogue. Participants are invited to share the methodological difficulties encountered during their field research to receive feedback from the group.

A photography exhibition will also be available to exemplify and expand the notions debated during the seminar.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Proposals may be submitted in French, Spanish or English. We encourage participants to focus on some methodological aspect of their work as well as the ways in which “violence, risk and crisis” are dealt with in their research. We encourage interdisciplinary perspectives.

We accept two types of proposals:

First Axis: Case Study Proposal

Second Axis: Methodological, theoretical or epistemological reflection on the general theme of the seminar

Those who are interested in submitting a proposal must submit a summary with the following information:

- The name, discipline and institution for each author(s) ;
- The summary should state whether the proposal falls within the first or second axis;
- The title of the proposal and a summary of 6000 characters maximum (spaces included), in Times New Roman, 12 point, 1.5 line spacing.

Proposal summaries must be sent by email to jja.cemca@gmail.com in Word format by April 20, 2013. Selected participants will be notified on May 2, 2013. Selected participants are required to submit their full proposals by May 31 in order to give discussants enough time to read and prepare comments on their papers. Participants of the First Axis are invited to prepare a short oral presentation under 20 minutes to provide enough time for a discussion. Participants of the Second Axis will not present their papers, but will rather respond to questions and participate in the scientific debates formulated during the methodological workshops on the third day. A senior researcher will lead these methodological sessions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SUBMISSIONS

A photography contest for students on the theme of the seminar will be organized as part of the JJA seminar. All photographs will be displayed during the seminar and the best one will be acknowledged at the end of the event. Each photograph should be submitted in electronic format with the name of the participant, institution and title of the research project. Selected photographs will be printed for their exhibition. Photography proposals should be submitted to jja.cemca@gmail.com with the following subject title: **JJA.photos.2013**.

Blog for the JJA: <http://jjacemca.blogspot.com/>

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