This Symposium focuses on multidisciplinary approaches to urban studies in Latin America, with an emphasis on the dynamics of contemporary urban-rural environments. This year the symposium focuses on the space "in-between" and transitions between formal and informal systems. Rapid development, rural-urban migration, and urban growth during recent decades have created conflicts between formal and informal economic and political systems, social structures, and built environments in Latin America’s “global cities.” Through a series of lectures during the semester and a summary panel discussion, the symposium will explore multiple aspects of: economic and environmental justice; race, ethnicity, and class; citizenship, the state, transnationalism, and rural-urban transformations, among other topics.

Schedule, Spring 2014

January 30th / Panel Discussion
Panelists:
- Cristina Dreifuss-Serrano, PhD, Professor, Department of Architecture, Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas, Lima, Peru.
- Maximilian Vioriti, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, ISU.
Moderator: Clare Cardinal-Pett, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, ISU.
Time and Location: 5:00-7:00pm, Gallery, College of Design, Iowa State University

February 14th / Graduate Students Research Presentation Series
Presenter: Ronald Reyes, MS in Architecture student.
"Border City: Ciudad Bolivar, Bogota, Colombia"
Time and Location: 12:00-1:00pm, room 077 College of Design, Iowa State University

March 28th / Graduate Students Research Presentation Series
Presenter: Saul Abarca, PhD Candidate in Sustainable Agriculture.
"Changing roles of market, state and civil society: the case of coffee cooperatives and small farmers in Mexico"
Time and Location: 12:00-1:00pm, room 411 College of Design, Iowa State University

April 18th / Graduate Students Research Presentation Series
Presenter: Diego Thompson, PhD Candidate in Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture.
"Governance and its Role in Community Adaptations to Environmental Stresses under Decentralization Programs in Southwestern Uruguay"
Time and Location: 12:00-1:00pm, room 130 College of Design, Iowa State University

April 24th
11:10-12:30pm / Presentation by Maria Paula Gonzalez, CEO, Fundacion Juligon, Bogota, Colombia.
Location: Hoover 1312
5:00-6:00pm / Presentation by Studio Andino: Micro-library extension project in Lima, Peru.
Location: room 3512 Memorial Union, Iowa State University
6:00-7:30pm / Panel discussion.
Participants: Maria Paula Gonzalez, Studio Andino, and ISU Faculty.
Moderator: Nadia Anderson, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, ISU.
Location: room 3512 Memorial Union, Iowa State University

April 25th
12:00-1:00pm / Graduate Students Research Presentation Series
Presenter: Johnny Alcivar, MCRP student.
"Economic Integration of Immigrant Populations: The Latino/a Experience in Des Moines, Iowa"
Location: room 130 College of Design, Iowa State University
5:30-6:30pm / Research Presentations
Presenters:
- Clara Irazabal, PhD, Latin Lab Director and Assistant Professor of Urban Planning in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University
- Heidi Sohn, PhD, Assistant Professor of Architecture, TUDelft, Netherlands
6:30-7:30pm / Final Round Table
Participants: Clara Irazabal, Heidi Sohn, and ISU Faculty.
Moderator: Francis Owusu, Interim Chair and Professor, Community and Regional Planning, ISU.
Location: Kocimski Auditorium, College of Design, Iowa State University

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