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 Viatori, 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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