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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:

**(Re)Imagining Belonging in Latin America and Beyond:
Access to Citizenship, Digital Identity and Rights**

**Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)
in collaboration with the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI)**

Wednesday 23rd June 2021, 12.00 - 18.30 BST

Thursday 24th June 2021, 12.00 – 19:00 BST¹

Keynote Speaker: Wendy Hunter

Professor of Government at the University of Texas–Austin

DAY ONE

Wednesday 23 June, 2021

Welcome Address

12.00 – 12.15

Dr Ainhoa Montoya & Dr Eve Hayes de Kalaf, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS),
Institute of Modern Language Studies (IMLR), School of Advanced Study, University of London

Panel 1 - 12.15 - 13.45

Nation-Building, National Identities and Belonging in the Americas

Chair: Professor Peter Wade, University of Manchester

Speakers: Shirley Llain Arenilla, Dr Olga Lidia Saavedra Montes de Oca, Jade Roberts

**Nation-building, Race and Immigration in the Evolution of Post-Colonial Nationality Regimes in Hispanic-
America: The Case of Colombia**

Shirley Llain Arenilla, University of Leicester/Universidad del Norte (Colombia)

**From Saviour Citizens to Traitors: An Exploration of National Identity and Belonging through Cuban
Healthcare Professionals**

Olga Lidia Saavedra Montes de Oca, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Manufacturing Foreigners: The Law and Politics of Transforming Citizens into Migrants

Jade Roberts, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, University of Melbourne

BREAK

13.45 – 14.00

¹ Please note, these timings are to ensure that our international colleagues can join us at this global two-day conference



Panel 2 - 14.00 - 15.30

**Unlocking Citizenship Rights:
Indigenous, Afro-Descendant and Religious Identities**

Chair: Shodona Kettle, UCL Institute of the Americas/San Francisco University of Quito

Speakers: Dr América Nichte-Ha López Chávez, Rayanne de Sales Lima, Dr Manoela Carpenedo

Indigenous and Afro-Mexicans of Guerrero, Mexico: Political Struggles, Similarities and Differences

América Nichte-Ha López Chávez, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge

To be, or not to be Indigenous, that is the Brazilian Question

Rayanne de Sales Lima, Federal University of Minas Gerais/Brazilian Federal Agency for Indigenous Policy (Fundação Nacional do Índio – Funai)

Imagined Communities, Religious Revivals, and emerging crypto Jewish Identities among Evangelicals: the case of the Judaizing Evangelicals in Brazil

Manoela Carpenedo, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

BREAK

15.30 – 15.45

Panel 3 – 15.45 – 17.15

Challenges to Legal Definitions of Status

Chair: Professor Amanda Flaim, James Madison College of Public Affairs, Michigan State University

Speakers: Agustin Grandez Mariño & Lucia Santos, Dr Antonia Wimbush, Veronica Overlid

The Recognition of Gender Identity and Non-Binary Identities in Peru

Agustin Grandez Mariño & Lucia Santos, Legal Clinic in Identity Rights of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Diasporic Citizenship(s) and Contested Identities in the Anglophone and Francophone Caribbean: From Windrush to the BUMIDOM

Antonia Wimbush, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Liverpool

Mobility as resistance – challenging the legal definition of a refugee through “the migrant caravans” from Central America

Veronica Overlid, Carleton University

BREAK

17.15 - 17.30

Keynote - 17.30 - 18.30

**Contesting Belonging in the Region of Birthright Citizenship(s):
Marginalized Populations in the Americas**

Professor Wendy Hunter, Professor of Government at the University of Texas–Austin



DAY TWO

Thursday 24 June, 2021

Panel 4 - 12.00 - 13.30

The Dawn of a New Era?

Digital Identity, Rights and COVID-19

Chair: Amal de Chickera, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI)

Speakers: Dr Bridget Wooding, Claudio Machado, Analúcia Alonso, Letícia Bartholo & Natasha Hornink, Dr George Tian, Dr Vivianny Galvão & Dr Sanzhuan (Sandra) Guo

The entanglement of biometrics with the COVID-19 response in the Dominican Republic: Who does not get in?

Bridget Wooding, Centro para la Observación Migratoria y el Desarrollo Social en el Caribe (OBMICA)

Challenges for the Identification of the Citizen during the Social Protection Response to COVID-19s pandemic in Brazil

Claudio Machado, Independent Consultant in Social Identification, Analúcia Alonso, Social Protection Policy Consultant, World Bank, Letícia Bartholo, Public Manager of the Federal Government and Researcher in Social Protection Policies & Natasha Hornink, Research Assistant in Public Policies, University of Coimbra

Digital Divide v Access to Citizen Rights: Comparative Studies of Digital ID Systems in Australia, Brazil and China in the Context of COVID-19

George Yijun Tian, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Vivianny Kelly Galvão, Centro Universitário Tiradentes & Sanzhuan (Sandra) Guo, College of Business, Government and Law, Flinders University

BREAK: 13.30 - 13.45

Panel 5 – 13.45 - 15.15

Birth Registration, Digital Identification and Biometrics

Chair: Dr Eve Hayes de Kalaf, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Speakers: Cornelius Williams, Laura Bingham, Professor Imke Harbers

Birth registrations and the right to an identity as conceptualised within international development policy

Cornelius Williams, Associate Director and Global Chief of Child Protection for UNICEF's Programme Division.

Lifecycle Myths and the Magic of the State in Digital Identification

Laura Bingham, Open Society Justice Initiative

Uneven Citizenship: Gender Bias, Birth Registration, and Patterns of Political Inclusion in Mexico

Imke Harbers, University of Amsterdam

BREAK: 15.15 – 15.30



Panel 6 – 15:30 – 17:00

**Citizenship-Stripping, Statelessness and the Creation of Foreigners:
The Case of the Dominican Republic**

Chair: Dr Bridget Wooding, Centro para la Observación Migratoria y el Desarrollo Social en el Caribe (OBMICA)

Speakers: Dr Eve Hayes de Kalaf, Allison Petrozziello, Dr Megan Myers & Iris Diendomi Álvarez

Dominican or not Dominican? Citizens and their Experiences of Legal Identity Measures

Eve Hayes de Kalaf, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Birth Registration as Bordering Practice in the Dominico-Haitian Borderlands

Allison Petrozziello, Wilfrid Laurier University, Balsillie School of International Affairs

Documenting 'In-Transit' in the Dominican Republic

Megan Myers, Department of World Languages and Cultures, Iowa State University & Rosa Iris Diendomi Álvarez, Independent

BREAK: 17.00 - 17.15

Global Roundtable – 17:15 – 18:45

Chair: Dr Bronwen Manby, London School of Economics (LSE)

Speakers: Professor Amanda Flaim, Jaap van der Straaten, Professor Keren Weitzberg, Debasreeta Deb

Drawing Borders in Blood: DNA Testing, Citizenship, and Statelessness Prevention in Thailand

Amanda Flaim, Michigan State University's James Madison College of Public Affairs, and the Department of Sociology; affiliate faculty of the Asian Studies Center and the Center for Gender in Global Context

Mobile phones for civil registration: Reculer pour mieux sauter? A review of Ghana's m-birth evaluation, and beyond

Jaap van der Straaten, founder of CRC4D, the Civil Registration Centre for Development

Expulsion through the Database?: Datafied Citizenship and Biometric Management in Kenya

Keren Weitzberg, University College London

From Citizens to Stateless: Crisis, Othering, Persecution and the Complex Realities in India's National Register of Citizens

Debasreeta Deb, University of Otago

18:45-19:00

Closing Remarks

Dr Eve Hayes de Kalaf, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Institute of Modern Language Studies (IMLR), School of Advanced Study, University of London