

PROGRAMME

ZiF WORKSHOP

Entanglements of (Il)legality and violence: Drug trafficking and drug policies in the Americas

Conveners: Dr. Philipp Wolfesberger (Bielefeld, GER)
Dr. Nelson Camilo Forero Medina (Bielefeld, GER)

24 – 26 June 2024

Location: Plenary hall

In Cooperation with: Center for InterAmerican Studies



MONDAY, 24 JUNE

13:00 – 14:00 Arrival and Imbiss at ZiF

14:00 – 14:30 **Welcome Intro**

Opening Salute: “Entanglement of (Il)legality and violence” by the conveners

14:30 – 16:30 **1. Panel: “Regional approaches to drug policies”**

- Pien Metaal (Transnational Institute Amsterdam, NL) **“Reforms and Counter-Reforms: Latin America Drug Policy at a Crossroad?”**
- Oswaldo Zavala (CSI City University New York, U.S.) **“Beyond the War and the Drugs: A Critique of Global Securitarian Language.”**
- Teun Voeten (Photojournalist and Writer, NL) **“From the Mexican Drug Violence to the Netherlands as a Functional Narco State: Is Legalization the Solution or Just a Quick Fix?”**

16:30 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:00 **2. Roundtable: “Fluid Legalities: Cannabis Regulation in Germany and Global Challenges”:**

- **Philine Edbauer** (Co-founder and Coordinator, mybrainmychoice initiative, Berlin)
- **Lito Michael Schulte** (Lawyer, Lito Law Academy, Düsseldorf)

Forewords (video): Burkhard Blienert (Federal Commissioner on Narcotic Drugs)

Moderation:

Dr. Philipp Wolfesberger (Bielefeld, GER)

Dr. Nelson Camilo Forero Medina (Bielefeld, GER)

20:00 Dinner at ZiF (Cafeteria)

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE

10:00 – 12:00 **3. Panel: “Violence in local perspectives”**

- Edgar Guerra (CONAHCYT, MEX) **“Between Brutality and Bureaucracy: CJNG’s Reign in the Shadows of Drug Prohibition”**
- Angélica Durán-Martínez (University of Massachusetts-Lowell, U.S.) **“Drug and Peace Policies in Colombia”**
- Jorge Paladines (Universidad Central del Ecuador, ECU) **“Ecuador’s Central Role in Cocaine Trafficking to Europe”**

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch at ZiF (Cafeteria)

14:30 – 16:30 **4. Panel: “Histories of drug trafficking and organized crime”**

- Jakob Krusche (Bielefeld University) **“Drug Economy and Society in Rural Mexico”**
- Lina Britto (Northwestern University, U.S.) **“Notes for a Countercultural History of Drug Traffic in the Caribbean”**
- Philipp Wolfesberger (Bielefeld University) **“Organized crime as a Procrustean Bed in the Americas”**

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break (Cafeteria)

17:00 – 18:00 **5. Panel: “Research Meeting – Future joint work, publication edited volume”**

19:00 Dinner (Restaurant in Bielefeld)

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE

10:00 – 12:00 **6. Panel: “Scenarios of (il)legality”**

- Jorge Linares (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, MEX)
“Bioethical Arguments for the Global Legalization of Cannabis”
- Mafalda Pardal (RAND Drug Policy Research Center, BEL) **“A Decade of Regulated Cannabis Social Clubs in Uruguay: Recent Developments and Future Directions”**
- Camilo Forero (Bielefeld University) **“Transformations in Violence Dynamics in Colombia after the Prohibition in the XX Century”**

12:00 – 12:30 Closing Comments by Organizers

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch at ZiF (Cafeteria)