

**Eighth Global Conference  
of the International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS)**

**Mexico City**

**26-28 June 2022**

**Call for Papers**

**A Night Longer than 500 Years: Voice, Memory,  
and Dignity in Latin America**

**Confirmed Keynote Speakers**

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The International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS) emerged from a conference in Berlin in January 2005 with the goal to provide Genocide Studies with a non-partisan forum through which to present research and analysis on any aspect of genocide as well as other forms of collective violence. INoGS conferences on genocide and mass violence since 2009 in Sheffield, Brighton, San Francisco, Cape Town, Jerusalem, Marseilles, and online in 2020 have witnessed intensified scholarly engagement with, and debates around, a range of issues and questions of fundamental importance to the field. These include critical

discussions about the meanings and uses of key concepts; voices and perspectives of victims and survivors; ideas about gender and the role of sexual assault in processes of extreme violence; global warming, conflict, and displacement; the politics of memory and demands for reparations and justice; and the need to develop more effective means of combatting and striving to prevent mass violence globally.

While all cases of genocide and mass violence are of interest, the conference will place special interest on histories of genocide and mass atrocities in Mexico and other states in central and south America—from the violent conquest by European colonialists 500 years ago and the destruction of indigenous groups, until recent and ongoing forced disappearances, torture, killings, and displacement of hundreds of thousands of people at the hands of state and non-state perpetrators.

Keynote speakers will address the main theme from different disciplinary perspectives. The conference will also feature two plenary roundtable sessions, one with Mexican martial artist **Marisela Ugalde** and Mayan human rights activist **Rosalina Tuyuc Velásquez** on indigenous societies and cultures in Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, and Venezuela, and one with **Lucía de Los Ángeles Díaz Genao**, co-founder of *Colectivo Solecito de Veracruz*, and **Karla I. Quintana Osuna**, National Commissioner of the *Comisión Nacional de Búsqueda*, on the search to locate the hundreds of thousands of people who have been forcibly disappeared in Mexico.

Subjects of interest to the conference also include, but are not limited to:

- Individual cases of genocide and mass violence and comparative perspectives
- Refugees and displacement
- Global warming, conflict, and ecocide
- Systemic racism and structural violence
- Paramilitary violence
- Organized crime and mass atrocities
- The international arms trade
- Colonialism and mass violence
- Victims' perspectives
- Social relations in the midst of war and state violence
- War crimes and crimes against humanity
- Transitional and transformative justice procedures and mechanisms, including reparations

- International law and the International Criminal Court
- Gender and mass atrocities
- Denial
- Remembrance cultures
- Human rights and human security
- Representations of mass atrocities in film, literature, art, music, and other media
- Genocide and Mass Atrocities silenced by time
- Collective memory of mass atrocities

We welcome submissions from scholars and graduate students in all disciplines. Participation is not restricted to INoGS members, nor to scholars affiliated with a university. We also welcome submissions from professionals and activists working in museums, NGOs, and other organizations. Indeed, we aim to encourage and facilitate discussions that challenge disciplinary and various academic/non-academic divisions and shift the focus to the voices and perspectives of marginalized people and groups facing state violence, past and present. Prospective participants need to upload proposals in the form of abstracts (250 words max.) and bios (200 words max.) via the conference website: <https://www.inogs-conference2022.mx>

Panel submissions need, in addition, to provide an abstract (250 words max.) explaining the rationale of the panel.

**Application for travel grants:** The organizers will provide a number of grants of up to \$1000 each to support the participation of graduate students and junior scholars. Priority will be given to applicants who will arrive from institutes and universities in Central and South America. If you would like to be considered for one of these grants, please fill the relevant online form.

**Please note that INoGS remains cognizant of the ongoing challenges of COVID-19.** We are currently committed to a face-to-face conference with the option of some participants joining via online technologies. However, we will continue to follow the guidelines of the Mexican Secretary of Health and the World Health Organization and keep participants aware of any changes.

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Deadline for all submissions: 15 February 2022