



POPULATING THE DIVERSE LANDSCAPES OF SOUTH AMERICA

Interdisciplinary Symposium Series on South American (Pre)History

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil

Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st October, 2017

session	starts	ends	duration	DAY 1: OPENING CEREMONY
	19:30	21:00	90'	<p style="text-align: center;">Inaugural Public Lecture</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Indigenous Languages in South America: A Historical Perspective on Linguistic Diversification and Recent Decline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor Lyle Campbell, University of Hawaii, USA</p>

ession	starts	ends	duration	DAY 2: FIRST PEOPLING OF THE AMERICAS — AND OF SOUTH AMERICA
	8:30	9:00	30'	Welcome — Setting this conference in its cross-disciplinary context
A				First Settlement — From Multiple Perspectives
A1	9:00	10:00	60'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Migration routes to the Americas. – Population movements out of Asia. – Dynamics immediately following initial colonization. – Forms of evidence on first migrants and the formation of pre-Columbian societies.
	10:00	10:30	30'	COFFEE
A2	10:30	11:00	30'	▪ Demography: numbers of first settlers and population expansion thereafter.
A3	11:00	12:00	60'	▪ Towards a consensus on modelling the first settlement of the Americas.
	12:00	14:00	2h00	LUNCH
A4	14:00	14:30	30'	▪ First hunter-gatherer occupation of different biomes and landscapes across South America.
A5	14:30	15:10	40'	▪ Settlement of the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, and of the Andes.
A6	15:10	15:50	40'	▪ Settlement of the interior: Amazonia and the Central Brazilian Plateau.



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	15:50	16:20	30'	COFFEE
A7	16:20	16:50	30'	▪ Settlement of the Southern Cone: the Chaco, Pampas and Patagonia.
A8	16:50	18:00	70'	▪ The impacts of agriculture on the population structure of indigenous societies in South America.
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DAY 3: PRE-COLUMBIAN SOCIETIES OF SOUTH AMERICA				
B	The Formation of (Complex) Societies: in the Andes			
B1	08:30	09:45	75'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Connections to the Andes from the Pacific Coast and Amazonia. – The chronological framework of the settlement of the Andes, by altitude and ecological levels. – Evidence from ethnology, linguistics, archaeology, cultural anthropology and genetics.
	09:45	10:15	30'	COFFEE
C	The Formation of (Complex) Societies: in Amazonia and on the Central Brazilian Plateau			
C1	10:15	11:30	75'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Who and where were the first urban settlements in the interior of South America? – Ethnogenesis of Amazonian societies. – The people of Lagoa Santa, Serra da Capivara and Sambaquis.
C2	11:30	12:00	30'	▪ <i>Terra preta</i> : a cultural adaptation to poor soils in Amazonia?
	12:00	14:00	2h00	LUNCH
D	Cultural History of Pre-Columbian South America			
D1	14:00	14:45	45'	▪ Rock art traditions and chronology.
D2	14:45	15:30	45'	▪ Language family distribution patterns and dispersal processes.
	15:30	16:00	30'	COFFEE
D3	16:00	18:00	2h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The cultural and biological history of South America: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — an open debate to promote some consensual views.
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DAY 4: THE POST-COLUMBIAN IMPACT				
E				European Colonization: Demographic and Cultural Decline
E1	09:00	10:30	1h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The European conquest of South American territories. ▪ The impact of European colonisation and the western input to indigenous South America.
	10:30	11:00	30'	COFFEE
F				Indigenous Peoples and Cultures in the 21st Century
F1	11:00	12:30	1h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indigenous groups today in South America: uncontacted, or in varying levels of contact with urban/western societies. ▪ The social, cultural and genealogical identity of South American indigenous groups.
G	12:30	13:30	60'	Round-Up: General Discussion and Publication Planning