



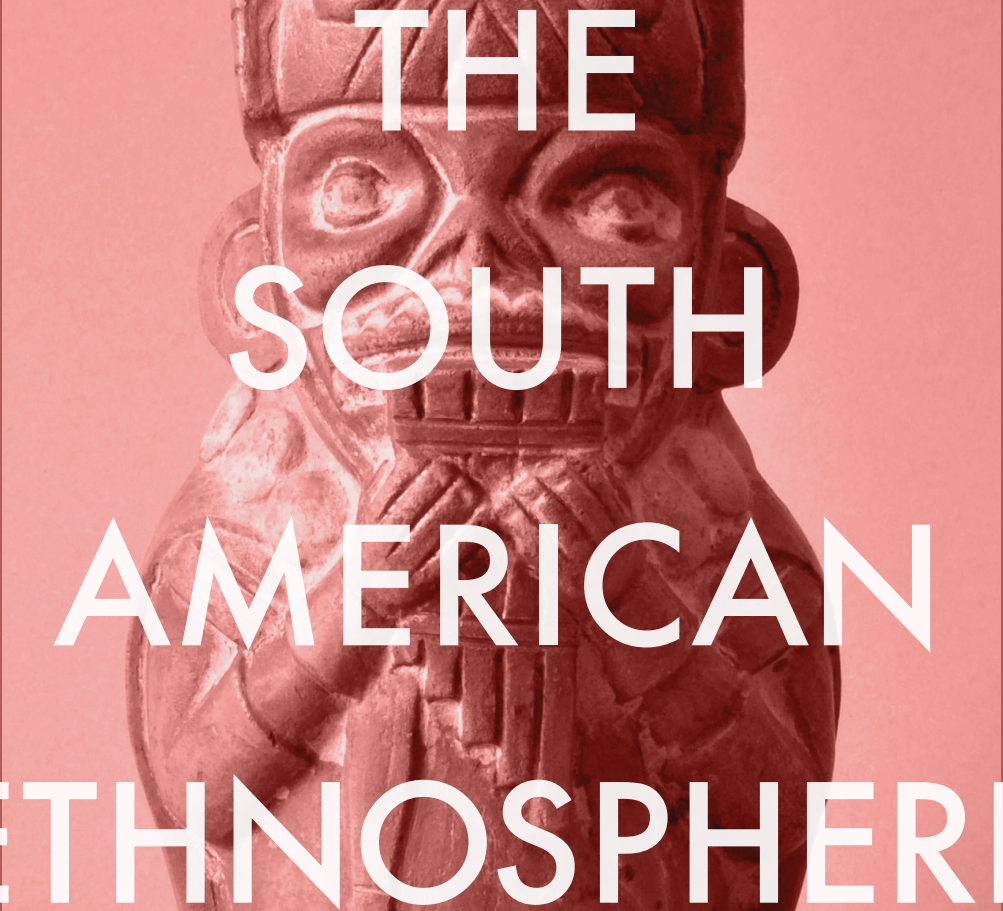
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THE SOUTH AMERICAN ETHNOSPHERE

Human Diversity in Time and Space

15–18 August 2021

Monte Verità, Ascona

The South American Ethnosphere: Human Diversity in Time and Space

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South America was the last habitable continent that became populated by *Homo sapiens*. In this continent of great biosphere diversity, human diversity developed with a myriad of languages and cultural forms originated and transformed over time: different ways of interacting with and thinking about and the environment around us. This great accumulation of culture and knowledge is expressed in the material legacy, with a wide range of artefacts and inscriptions, as well as in linguistic diversity and music. These subjects have been described from different perspectives by different disciplines: history, biology, and cultural evolution. Each of them has made major conceptual and methodological progress, overcoming the boundaries among them and exposing the need of a cross-disciplinary integration. The

perception of the past coming from each field is now permeable to broad influences, while new discoveries and theoretical shifts are questioning historical assumptions from traditional scholarship. By bringing together researchers from these various different fields looking at the same geographic region, we aim at engaging on discussions that touch on problems of common concern to those disciplines, looking at specific patterns and processes of change in space and time in South America. Our goal is to provide a synergistic mix of attendees that present the latest results of their empirical research on some specific problem but also engage in methodological discussions on other ways and manners to look at those same problems, or see ways of integrating their results with those of other disciplines.

Programm

Sunday 15th August 2021

Welcome 17:00

Opening Remarks 17:30–18:00

Marcelo Sánchez-Villagra

Chiara Barbieri

Tomás Bartoletti

Panel 18:00–19:30

Marcelo Sánchez-Villagra, Zürich “Cultural macroevolution in South America: Three case studies”

Chiara Barbieri, Zürich “Mobility vs continuity: confronting stories and perspectives from the genetic record”

Dinner 19:30

Monday 16th August 2021

I. Panel: 09:15–10:45

Paul Heggarty, Leipzig “Language and prehistory: from Amazonia to the Andes, from ecology to empires, from first settlement to extinction”

Lumila Menéndez, Vienna “Where are we standing with the biological diversification of the first Americans? Bones, genomes, and an ongoing debate over the last two centuries”

Coffee Break 10:45–11:00

II. Panel: 11:00–12:30

Carla Jaimes Betancourt, Bonn “Heritage and territoriality: Past, present and future perceptions among the Tacana, Tsimane and Waiwai”

Karoline Noack, Bonn “Materialities, legacies and ethnohistory – new approaches to AmazonAndes from the museum and the archive”

Lunch Break 12:30–14:00

III. Panel: 14:00–15:30

Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Lyon “Calibrating linguistic phylogenies with archaeological data: a case study on Arawak”

Matthias Urban, Tübingen “Linguistic approaches to the dynamics of the prehistoric western South American ethnosphere”

Coffee Break 15:30–15:45

IV. Online lecture: 18:00–19:00

Eduardo Neves, Sao Paulo “An overview of human occupation of the Amazon - the emergence of language diversity and hypotheses on its chronology” (**Registration: chiara.barbieri@ieu.uzh.ch**)

Dinner 19:30

Tuesday 17th August 2021

I. Panel: 09:00–10:30

José Iriarte, Exeter “The Unnatural History of Amazonia: A deep-time perspective”

Armand Leroi, London The Shapes of Things

Coffee Break 10:30–10:45

II. Panel: 10:45–12:45

Marlena Antczak, Leiden “Beings on the Move: Human and Other-than-Human Indigenous Imagery between the South American Mainland and the Caribbean Islands”

Epifania Arango, Zürich “Revealing the ancient genetic history of Central Chile”

Anna Graff, Zürich “Hotbeds of linguistic diversity in South America”

Lunch Break 12:15–14:00

III. Panel: 14:00–15:30

Marco Leonti, Cagliari “Biodiversity, Herbal medicine and Drug Discovery”

Gabriel Aguirre, Zürich “Panpipes as units of cultural diversity and transmission to and within the Americas”

Coffee Break 15:30 –15:45

IV. Online Lecture: 18:00–19:00

Susanna Hecht, Los Angeles “What prehistory and the rubber boom can tell us about forms of tropical mobilities, and how might inform us about different infrastructure spatialities and futures strategies” (**Registration: chiara.barbieri@ieu.uzh.ch**)

Dinner: 19:30

Wednesday 18th August 2021

I. Panel: 09:00–10:30

Eduardo Jorge de Oliveira, Zürich “*The Falling Sky*:
a Literary Restitution of Yanomami Knowledge”

Tomás Bartoletti, Zürich “The Limits of History: On Knowledge
and Ignorance about the South American Ethnosphere”

Coffee Break 10:30–10:45

Discussion & Closing Remarks 10:45–12:00

Lunch and Farewell 12:30

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