

Dear Nathalie Lemarchand
IGU President

This letter proposes the creation of a Special Working Group between IGU and the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO) for the comparative study of socio-territorial movements. The colonial past and the dependent present economy, based on a predatory development model, dispossesses populations in the countryside, cities, forests, and waterways. Socio-territorial movements fight for and defend their territories and countries, proposing policies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This working group proposes to study the collective actions and public policies of these movements in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, create a database, share experiences between them, and publish an annual Atlas of Socio-territorial Movements in Latin America and the Caribbean. Geographers and other scientists from related fields will participate in this group, from several recognized universities, such as São Paulo State University, La Plata National University, University of Chile, North Board Mexico's College, Colombia National University, and Uruguay Republic University, and others.

We are applying for the "Pepe Mujica" grant from the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) to fund research with scholarships and mobility between countries.

The support we are requesting from IGU and CLACSO is for the publication of two books, one in 2027 and the other in 2028.

The Special Working Group between IGU and (CLACSO) will begin its activities in May 2026 and conclude in May 2028, and may be renewed subject to approval by IGU and CLACSO.

Sincerely,

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