Round Table at LASA2022 Virtual Congress, 5-8 May 2022

Title: The Post-Covid19 World: Paradigm Shift?

Congress Track: "International Relations / Global Studies"

The outbreak of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus marked a turning point in the world as we knew it. What began as a health crisis soon permeated all spheres of public and private life, with the result that 2020 will be remembered by current generations as the year in which everything changed.

On the one hand, the establishment of states of emergency has affected the functioning of democracies. On the other hand, the collateral effects of the pandemic have had an impact on the conditions of governance, altering both the institutional and political order and the continuity of rules. Governments had to cope with an unprecedented situation that altered political priorities, the rules of coexistence and the capacity to act. In Latin America, these challenges occurred in a context marked by structural vulnerabilities and made this region one of the hardest hit not only in terms of contagion and deaths but also in economic terms.

In order to address this issue from a multidisciplinary perspective, the publication Atlas L21: The post-Covid-19 world, a paradigm shift? was elaborated. This initiative brought together experts from Latin American, North American and European institutions to reflect on the changes underway and to answer the central question: Are we facing a global paradigm shift? And, if so, how will this change affect the Latin American region? In this round table, several authors of "AtlasL21" will present their respective reflections on the subject.

Session Organiser: Dr. Anna Barrera Vivero, EU-LAC Foundation

Chair: Melany Barragán, Editorial Latin America 21, Universidad de Salamanca

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Round Table Participants:

Andrés Serbin, President of the Executive Committee of the Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES):

International relations: China's consolidation as a power and new geopolitics for Latin America?

Detlef Nolte, Research Associate - GIGA Institute for Global and Regional Studies, Associate Fellow - German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP):

Multilateralism, Cooperation and Regional Integration

Luciana Veiga, Associate Professor, Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Unirio): Political communication and the fake news phenomenon

Martha Singer, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM): Digital Democracy