



LATIN AMERICAN YOGA IN DIALOGUE.

A Project YoLA Symposium

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September 20-22, 2022

The *Latin American Yoga in Dialogue* symposium aims to bring together specialists from various branches, disciplines and geographical areas to discuss the various facets of yoga today in the Americas, with special emphasis on Latin America. A core motivation is the integration of knowledge-systems to specific local cultural sensibilities. The main focus of the event will be the analysis of the history and the ways in which the practice, the adaptation and the innovations of yoga have taken place in this region. Some of the axes that will give cohesion to the symposium are: networks of cultural transference, issues of political and symbolic power, public health, spiritual quest, peace-making, and tradition-modernity interactions. Finally, this exchange of ideas will help improve the papers and will eventually pave the way for a volume to be coedited by Adrián Muñoz and Borayin Larios.

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The symposium will have the participation of **Dr. Amanda Lucia**, of the University of California, Riverside and author of *White Utopias. The Religious Exoticism of Transformational Festivals* (University of California Press, 2020). Dr. Lucia will serve as a commentator for all panels, drawing on her erudite insights into new religious movements and the influence of gurus globally.

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PROGRAM

Panel 1: September 20, 4-6 p.m.

- Welcome address (Adrián Muñoz & Borayin Larios)
- *Yoga: training or cosmovision? Experiences in Latin America*
Victoria D’Hers (CONICET-IIGG, Universidad de Buenos Aires)
- *Aquarian yoga in Latin America: the American continent raised to the rank of new spiritual centre of the world*
Pamela Siegel (Núcleo de Estudos de Novas Religiões e Novas Espiritualidades-Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo)
- *When The Saints Go Marching in Chile: The Case of ‘Loknath Yoga’*
Raphaël Voix (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique-EHESS)

Panel 2: September 21, 10-12 a.m.

- *Tuning the body with healing sounds and potent vibrations – Mantras in Mexican Yoghism*
Borayin Larios (Universidad de Viena)
- *Gabriela Mistral and Sri Vayera: two pioneers in the practice and study of yoga in Latin America*
Macarena González Carmona (investigadora independiente)
- *The circulation of Yogi Ramacharaka’s books in the Americas*
Philip Deslippe (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Panel 3: September 21, 1-3 p.m.

- *Changing reasons for doing yoga. From spirituality to wellness agency*
Mercedes Sáizar (CONICET, Centro Argentino de Etnología Americana-Argentina)
- *“Integral Yoga” in Latin America*
Ananda Ceballos (afiliada a la Universidad de Madrid)
- *Holidays in the Sun: assessing Yogananda’s Mexican tour*
Adrián Muñoz (El Colegio de México-CEAA)



Panel 4: September 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

- *The jewel is in the śālā: the appropriation of Buddhist icons, mantras and practices by Mexican practitioners of modern yoga*
Roberto García (El Colegio de México)
- *A Latin American stance. DeRose and the synthesis of svāsthya yoga*
Gabriel Martino (CONICET, Universidad del Salvador)
- *Yoga and Peace Education: Reinterpreting Tagore*
Xicoténcatl Martínez (UNAM-ENES Morelia)
- Closing remarks (Borayin Larios & Adrián Muñoz)