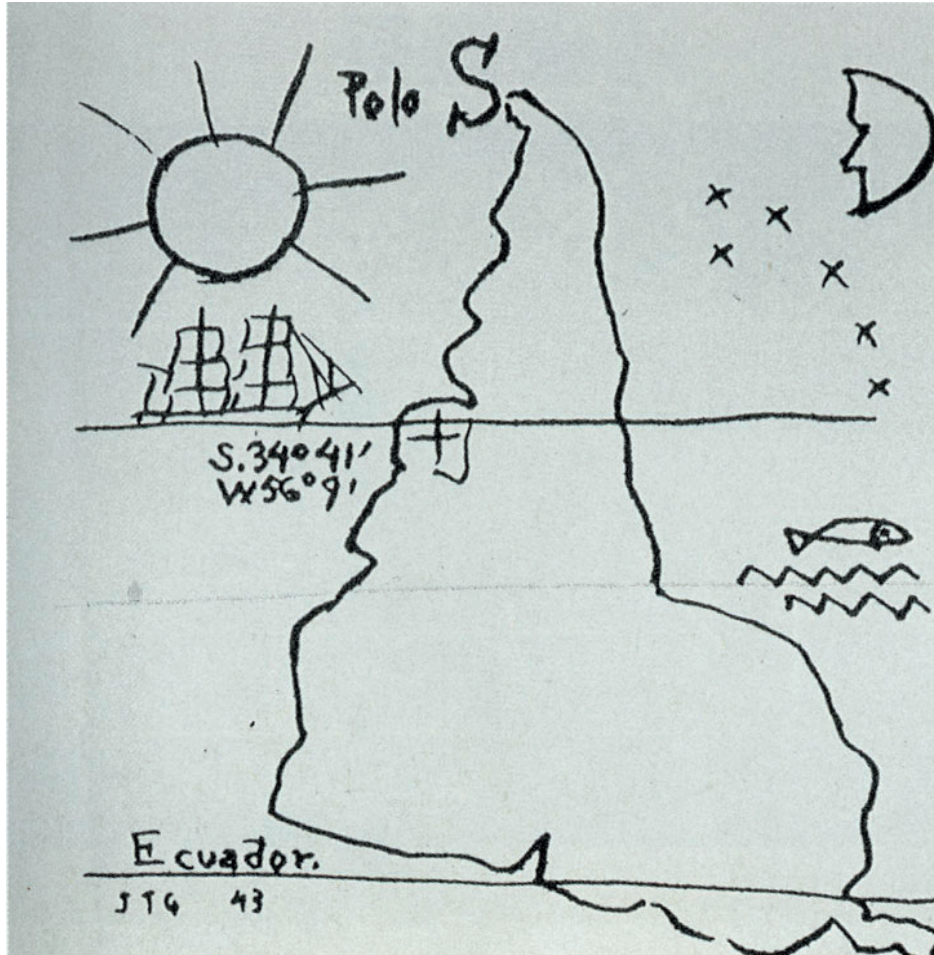


The Swiss School of Latin American Studies

invites you to the Workshop

Mapping Territories: Space, Place, and Environment in Latin America

University of Bern, October 3 & 4, 2024, Mittelstrasse 43, Room 220



Joaquín Torres Garcías' 1943 cartographic reorientation *América Invertida* used the map as an abstraction to be manipulated. His new visual order sought to shift centre-periphery hierarchies by positioning South America as no longer subordinate to the North, but central to modernist abstraction. While Garcías' intervention is figural to the history of Latin American modernism, maps and more broadly matters of space have been a subject of analysis across different disciplines within the study of Latin America. Critical scholars have shown the violence performed through cartographic (neo-)colonial practices. In collaboration with social movements and activists, they have developed participatory and collective modes of counter-mapping their territories and political struggles. In the present, ever-shifting geopolitical and epis-

temological borders and increasingly fraught environmental conditions in Latin America recentre questions of space and place. Socio-territorial movements assert their rights to space and territory, with indigenous and feminist movements in particular highlighting the interconnectedness of their territories and their bodies. This 2-day workshop will bring together scholars working on (counter)mapping and a diverse set of spatial and environmental concerns in Latin American studies. Together we will discuss current trends within the field—exploring topics such as cartography, architecture and the built environment, urbanism, landscapes, environment, territories, borders, human-nature relations, place-making practices and cuerpo-territorio.

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