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# POLITICS OF KNOWLEDGE

## The London - Brasilia Conferences

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st

**9:30 - Welcome and Remarks on the Themes of the Conference**  
Gustavo Lins Ribeiro (Universidade de Brasília)

**10:15 - 12:15 - Session 1: The Relationships between "Modern" and "Indigenous" Knowledges**  
a. Carmen Martínez (FLACSO - Quito)  
b. Sanjay Seth (Goldsmiths College – University of London)  
Discussant: Claudia Briones (Universidad Nacional de Rio Negro, Argentina)

**12:15 - 2:00 - lunch break**

**2:00 - 3:45 - Session 2: Sharing and debating practical experiences, problems and perspectives**  
a. Fernando I. Salmerón (Coordinador de Educación Intercultural y Bilingüe, Secretaría de Educación Pública, México)  
b. Antonio Carlos de Souza Lima (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)  
Discussant: John Gledhill (University of Manchester)

**3:45 - 4:00 - coffee break**

**4:00 - 6:30 - Session 3: Roundtable on the possibilities of new relations among knowledge, power and institutions.**  
1. Gustavo Lins Ribeiro (Brazil) // 2. Fernando Salmerón (Mexico) // 3. Alcida Rita Ramos (Brazil)  
4. Marcelo Fernández Osco (Bolivia) // 5. Vanita Seth (University of California - Santa Cruz)  
6. Claudia Briones (Argentina) // 7. Antonio Carlos de Souza Lima (Brazil)  
8. Francisco Carballo (Goldsmiths College - University of London)

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd

**10:00 - 12:00 - Session 4: The future of the politics of knowledge**  
a. Marcelo Fernández Osco (Taller de Historia Oral Andina - La Paz)  
b. Michael Dutton (Goldsmiths College – University of London)  
Discussant: Eduardo Restrepo (Instituto Pensar – Bogotá)

**12:15 - 2:00 - lunch break**

**2:00 - 3:45 - Session 5: Interculturalidad and politics**  
a. Gunther Dietz (Universidad Veracruzana – Mexico)  
b. Joanne Rappaport (Georgetown University – Washington)  
Discussant: Alcida Ramos (Universidade de Brasília)

**3:45 - 4:00 - coffee break**

**4:00 - 6:30 - Session 6: Roundtable on Progressive Dialogues: Postcolonialism, decolonialidad del poder, interculturalidad and postimperialism**  
1. Sanjay Seth (U.K.) // 2. Michael Dutton (U.K.) // 3. Gustavo Lins Ribeiro (Brazil)  
4. John Gledhill (U.K.) // 5. Gunther Dietz (Mexico) // 6. Joanne Rappaport (U.S.)  
7. Carmen Martínez (Ecuador) // 8. Eduardo Restrepo (Colombia)