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I am an anthropologist specialized in urban studies, including street economies, definitions and perceptions of illegality, intellectual property, piracy and borderlands, and have conducted extensive fieldwork in Latin America and China. Since 2015, I am director of the Latin American Studies program at Leiden University. In addition to scientific research and teaching, I have facilitated liaisons between Leiden University and Latin American institutions, particularly Mexico.

### Current and Past Positions

- 2008- Assistant Professor, tenured position, Latin American Studies, Leiden University.
- 2015 Visiting Researcher, Centre for Sociological Studies, Colegio de México.
- 2012, 2013 Visiting Fellow, [desiguALdades.net](http://desiguALdades.net) – Research Network on Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America, Free University of Berlin.
- 2007-2009 Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation CEDLA, University of Amsterdam.
- 2002-2007 PhD Candidate, Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation CEDLA, University of Amsterdam.
- 1997-1999 Lecturer/Researcher, Department of Social and Cultural Studies, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente Iteso, Mexico.
- 1996-1997 Research Assistant, Centre of Gender Studies, University of Guadalajara, Mexico.

### Education

- 2007 Ph.D.  
Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam  
Dissertation: *Dirty CDs. Piracy, Globalisation and the Emergence of New Illegalities in the San Juan de Dios Market, Mexico.*
- 2001 M.A.  
Social Sciences, International School for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 1997 B.A.  
Communication Sciences, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente Iteso, Mexico.

### **Distinctions**

- 2010-present National Researcher, level 1, Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (National Register of Researchers), Consejo Nacional para la Ciencia y la Tecnología (National Council for Science and Technology), Mexico.
- 1996 B.A. Excellence Student, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente Iteso, Mexico.

### **Management Activities and Professional Service**

- 2015-present Board member, Latin American Studies, Leiden University.
- 2013-present Reviewer, Sistema Nacional de Evaluación Científica y Tecnológica (National System for Scientific and Technological Evaluation), Consejo Nacional para la Ciencia y la Tecnología (National Council for Science and Technology), Mexico.
- 2011-2015 Member of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University.
- 2011-2014 Councilor, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.
- 2009-present Member of the scientific advisory board of the Mexico Institute, University of Groningen.
- 2012-present Protector of the Niños de Guatemala Foundation, Leiden.

### **Awarded Grants**

- 2015 Research grant, Research Profile Political Legitimacy, Leiden University, project title: 'From Disorder to Order: Counter-Societies and the Resources of Legitimacy', research period September 2015-February 2019.
- 2013 Research grant, Dutch organization for scientific research NWO, project title: 'The Popular Culture of Illegality: Criminal Authority and the Politics of Aesthetics in Latin America and the Caribbean' (number 360-45-030), research period December 2013-February 2018.
- 2012 Publication grant, Irmgard Coninx Foundation, Berlin, Germany.
- 2009 Research grant, Global Consortium on Security Transformation, Santiago, Chile.
- 2009 Travel grant, Leids Universiteits Fonds, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2005 Travel grant, Network on Regionalism, Social Development and Borders, EuropeAid, Cooperation Office Latin America Directorate and the University of Puebla, Mexico.
- 2001 Ph.D. research grant, Consejo Nacional para la Ciencia y la Tecnología, Mexico.
- 1999 Study grant MA program, Institute for International Education, United States.

### **Language Skills**

- Spanish Mother tongue.
- English Close to native level.
- Dutch Close to native level (*Staatsexamen Nederlands als Tweede Taal Programma II* afgenomen op 19 april 2006).
- Italian Fluent.

German	Basic understanding and speaking.
Portuguese	Passive knowledge.
French	Passive knowledge.

### Publication List (selection)

#### Books and edited volumes

- (in preparation) Aguiar, José Carlos G. *Santa Muerte: Crisis, Death and Popular Religiosity in Mexico*.
- (in preparation) Aguiar, José Carlos G. *Copy and Capitalism: Cultural Circulations in the Global Marketplace*.
- 2012 Aguiar, José Carlos G., and Rivke Jaffe (eds.) 'Fragmentation, Conflict and Hope in the Neoliberal City: Urban Space in Latin America'. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, special section, 33(2).
- 2008 Aguiar, José Carlos G., and María Eugenia Suárez de Garay (eds.). *Policía, seguridad y transición política. Perspectivas sobre la reconfiguración del México contemporáneo*. Cuadernos del CEDLA, Amsterdam.

#### Book chapters

- 2016 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Can Piracy Propel Cultural Innovation?: Globalization, Culture and Marketplaces in Latin America' in William T. Gallagher and Debora Halbert (eds.), *Intellectual Property In Context: Towards A Law & Society Perspective*, Cambridge University Press, in press.
- 2016 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Criminalidad y Santos Populares', in Roberto Blancarte (ed.), *Diccionario de las religiones en América Latina*, Colegio de México/Fondo de Cultura Económica, Mexico City, in press.
- 2016 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Fetiches de Poder y Muerte. Una Mirada Mexicana sobre la Obra de Cecilia Noriega-Bozovich' in G. Buntinx (ed.), *Cecilia Noriega: 'Tout est fétichiste, tout est politique*, Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano, 120-131.
- 2015 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Estados de simulación: piratería, contrabando y el control de la ilegalidad en América Latina' in Carlos Alba (ed.), *Metropolización, transformaciones mercantiles y gobernanza en los países emergentes: las grandes ciudades en la mutaciones del comercio mundial*, El Colegio de México, 541-592.
- 2015 Aguiar, José Carlos G. "“Vienen de China”. Los CD piratas en México desde una perspectiva transnacional' in Carlos Alba et al (eds.), *La globalización desde abajo. La otra economía mundial*, El Colegio de México/Fondo de Cultura Económica, Mexico City, pp. 81-110.
- 2015 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Making Sense of Borders: Global Circulations and the Rule of Law at the Iguazú Triangle' in Maia Jaskoski, Arturo Sotomayor and Harold Trinukas (eds.), *American Crossings: Border Politics in the Western Hemisphere*, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, pp. 216-234.
- 2013 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'La ley de sacoleiros: Gobernabilidad, Contrabando y Estado de Derecho en el Comercio Transfronterizo del Triángulo del Iguazú' in Francisco Rojas and Patricio Silva (eds.), *Gobernabilidad y Convivencia Democrática en América Latina: Las dimensiones regionales, nacionales y locales*, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales FLACSO, San José, pp. 85-102.

- 2012 Aguiar, José Carlos G. "‘They Come from China’". Pirate CDs in a transnational perspective’ in Gordon Mathews, *et al* (eds.), *Economic Globalization from Below*, Routledge, London, pp. 36-53.
- 2012 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Policing New Illegalities: Piracy, Raids and Madrinás’ in Wil Pansters (ed.), *Illegality, Violence and the State in Mexico*, Stanford University Press, Palo Alto, pp. 159-181.

### Electronic volumes

- 2010 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Stretching the Border: Smuggling Practices and the Control of Illegality in South America’. Global Consortium on Security Transformation, *New Voices Series*, 6.

### Journal articles

- 2015 ‘Ayotzinapa pregunta a Europa: “¿Qué harían por encontrar a sus hijos?”’, *SinEmbargo*, Mexico, 21 May 2015.
- 2014 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘La simulación del estado de derecho: políticas para el control de la ilegalidad en América Latina’, *Perspectivas*, Instituto para la Seguridad y Democracia (INSYDE).
- 2013 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Smugglers, Fayuqueros, Piratas: Transitory Commodities and Illegality in the Trade of Pirated CDs in Mexico’, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 36(2).
- 2012 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Cities on edge: Sacoleiros and the contestation of borders at the Iguazú Triangle’, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 33(2).
- 2011 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘The Ambivalent Relation Between State and Illegal Actors: Piracy Retail in Mexico’, *Etnografica*, 15(1).
- 2010 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘La piratería como conflicto. Discursos sobre la propiedad intelectual en México’, *Iconos*, 38.
- 2010 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Que siga la música. Neoliberalismo, piratería y la protección de los derechos de autor en México’, *Renglones*, 62.
- 2009 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Nuevas ilegalidades en el orden global. Piratería y la escenificación del estado de derecho en México’, *Foro Internacional*, 196.
- 2006 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Las políticas de seguridad en América Latina: policía, violencia y narcotráfico en México’, *Revista Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos y del Caribe*, 81.
- 1999 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Un paso a tres tiempos. El cuerpo en las ciencias Sociales’, *Renglones*, 41-42.
- 1998 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘¡Ámame por ser bello! Masculinidad=cuerpo+eros+consumo’, *La Ventana*, 8.
- 1998 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Cárcel de máxima seguridad o pantalla de encuentros hedonistas. Dos ejes contemporáneos de problematización del cuerpo humano’, *Juglares y Alarifes*, 16.
- 1997 Aguiar, José Carlos G. ‘Transgresión/mutación: los cuerpos de los otros’, *Armario* n. 172, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, El Occidental, Guadalajara.

1997 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Ciudad de cuerpos flotantes. Cuatro conclusiones tapatías acerca del uso de la carne', *Juglares y Alarifes*, 10.

### **Book reviews**

2014 Aguiar, José Carlos.G. 'Book Review: Devoted to Death. Santa Muerte. The Skeleton Saint by R. Andrew Chesnut'. *The European Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (96), April, 164-166.

2012 Aguiar, José Carlos.G. 'Book Review: The Politics of Sexuality in Latin America. A Reader on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights, edited by Javier Corrales and Mario Pecheny'. *Revista Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos y del Caribe* (93), October, 144-145.

2010 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Book Review: "I know It's Dangerous". Why Mexicans Risk Their Lives to Cross the Border, by Lynnaire Sheridan', *Revista Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos y del Caribe* (89).

2009 Aguiar, José Carlos G. 'Book review: The dictator's seduction. Politics and the popular imagination in the era of Trujillo, by Lauren Derby', *Etnofoor*, 21(2).

### **Keynote speeches**

2016 'La devoción a la Santa Muerte: crisis y violencia en México' (The devotion to Santa Muerte: crisis and violence in Mexico), Colegio de México, June 14, Mexico City.

2014 'Santa Muerte: Violence, Death and Popular Culture in Mexico', Amherst College, December 3, Amherst.

2014 '¿Culturas de la ilegalidad? Religiosidad popular y el culto a la Santa Muerte en Mexico' (Cultures of Illegality?, Popular Religiosity and the Cult to Santa Muerte in Mexico), Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), September 11, Puebla.

2012 'The Intellectual Property Rights Regime: Legal Architecture, Policies and Debates in Latin America', keynote speech, International Seminar: Agencies, State and Security in Relations of Inequality, Free University of Berlin, August 2-3, Berlin.

### **Invited Lectures**

2105 'Santa Muerte: the Negotiation of Space and Social Borders', International Workshop "The Popular and the Everyday: Materializing Popular Culture in the (Ethnographic) Museum", Research Center for Material Culture National Museum of World Cultures (NMMW), December 15-16, Leiden.

2015 'Materiality and Aesthetics in The Devotion to Santa Muerte in Mexico', workshop NWO research project "The Popular Culture of Illegality", University of Amsterdam, December 11, Amsterdam.

2015 'Santa Muerte: Crisis, Vulnerability and Death in Neoliberal Mexico', The Mexican Connection/De Balie, November 14, Amsterdam.

2015 'Comercio informal, piratería y criminalidad: perspectivas dominantes y alternativas en México y Ecuador' (Informal commerce, piracy and criminality: dominant perspectives and their alternatives in Mexico and Ecuador), 2<sup>ndo</sup> Congreso Internacional de Seguridad Ciudadana, University of Guadalajara, November 9-11, Guadalajara.

- 2015 'Santa Muerte: Crisis Violence y Religiosidad Popular en México (Santa Muerte: Crisis, Violence and Popular Religiosity in Mexico) Research Seminar Latin American Studies, University of Leiden, October 22, Leiden.
- 2015 'Justicia Popular y la Crisis de Seguridad en México: El Culto a la Santa Muerte' (Popular Justice and the Security Crisis in Mexico: The Devotion to Santa Muerte), V Semana Ibero-Americana de la Justicia Internacional, June 10, The Hague.
- 2015 "'Only Death is Fair': Crisis, Popular Justice, and Legibility in the Devotion to Santa Muerte in Mexico", International Conference *Emergent Forms of Religious Life in Contemporary Mexico*, Columbia University, April 2-3, New York City.
- 2015 'Pain, Anger and Resistance: Street Art and Political Protest in Mexico', The New University/University of Amsterdam, March 13, Amsterdam.
- 2015 'The Devotion to Santa Muerte: Crisis, Violence and Popular Religiosity in Mexico', University of Sussex, February 24, Brighton.
- 2014 'Ilegalidad y cultos populares emergentes en América Latina: Sarita Colonia en Perú, y la Santa Muerte en México' (Illegality and Popular Cults in Latin America: Sarita Colonia in Peru and Santa Muerte in Mexico), Asociación Cultural Española/Centro Hispanoamericano Amersfoort, February 21, Amersfoort.
- 2013 'An Obscure Uncertainty. Criminality, Illegality and the Culto to Santa Muerte in Mexico', Annual Meeting Association of Anthropologists, May 24, Amsterdam.
- 2012 'Guanxi capitalism: Global Circulations and Chinese Associations in Latin America', Global Encounters Research Seminar, Free University of Amsterdam, September 20, Amsterdam.
- 2012 'Regulating Transnational Flows. Smuggling and the *sacoleiro* law at the Iguazú Triangle', International Workshop Border Policies in the Americas, Stanford University, June 18-19, Palo Alto.
- 2011 'A Border Interplay: South and North in the Transnational Mobility across Mexico', Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation CEDLA, October 7, Amsterdam.
- 2011 'From Guangzhou to Guadalajara: Piracy and the Question of Illegality in Commodity Chains', Center of Area Studies, Leipzig University, June 15, Leipzig.
- 2011 'New Commodities, New Illegality: Pirated CDs in Transnational Perspective', Seminar Global Interactions, Leiden University, June 10, Leiden.
- 2011 'Pitazos, mordidas, madrinas: La Ambivalente Relación entre Actores Estatales e Ilegales en la Venta de Piratería en México', (*Pitazos, Mordidas and Madrinas: The Ambivalent Relation Between State and Illegal Actors in the Retail of Piracy in Mexico*), Department of Latin American Studies, Free University of Berlin, May 11, Berlin.
- 2011 'Illegal Commodity Chains in Latin America: Actors, Locations and Values', Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University, April 11, Leiden.
- 2011 'Transnational Commodity Chains: Illegality and Networks in CD Smuggling', Research Seminar Moving Matters, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Amsterdam, April 14, Amsterdam.

- 2011 'Een cultuur van migratie? Debatten rond transnationale mobiliteit in Mexico' (A culture of migration? Debates around transnational mobility in Mexico), Noticias/LaRuta, March 23, Leiden.
- 2010 'Fronteras en disputa. El estado neoliberal, comercio e ilegalidad en la triple frontera de Sudamérica' (Borders in Dispute: the Neoliberal State, Trade, and Illegality at the Triple Border of South America), Centro de Estudios Migratorios, Instituto Nacional de Migración, December 13, Mexico City.
- 2010 'Sex, slander and the church: the struggle on minority rights in Mexico', Political Science Department, Amherst College, November 15, Amherst.
- 2010 'Hogeronderwijsinstellingen in Mexico' (Institutions for higher education in Mexico), presented for the seminar Samenwerking met Latijns-Amerika (Cooperation with Latin America), Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education Nuffic, April 20, Utrecht.
- 2009 'Stretching the border: smuggling practices and state policies in South America', Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation CEDLA, December 18, Amsterdam.
- 2009 'Neoliberalismo y economías informales en América Latina: venta de piratería en México y contrabando en la Triple Frontera', International Conference Métropolisation et transformations marchandes dans les pays émergents. Les grandes villes dans les mutations du commerce mondial, Colegio de Mexico, July 1-3, Mexico City.
- 2008 Debate: 'Children of the War', Movies that Matter, Amnesty International, January 13, Amsterdam.
- 2007 Debate: 'Mexico at a crossroad: The (global) politics behind Mexico's cultural contemporary transformations', Cinemaztlán Film Festival, September 21, Amsterdam.
- 2007 'Mexico: politieke overgang en accountability' (Mexico: political transition and accountability), Algemene Rekenkamer (The Netherlands' Court of Audit), September, The Hague.
- 2007 'The 'War on Piracy': Globalisation and New Illegalities in Mexico', Expert Meeting "Illegality, Violence and the State in Mexico", Utrecht University, June 21-22, Utrecht.
- 2006 'Links, centrum en rechts? Politieke partijen en stromingen in Latijns Amerika. Verkiezingen Mexico 2006' (Left, center and right? Political parties and tendencies in Latin America. Elections Mexico 2006), International Affairs, Partij van de Arbeid (Labour Party), Amsterdam.
- 2005 'When topos entails desire. The Zona Rosa in Mexico City. The sexualization of the urban space', Mosse Lectures, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.
- 2005 'San Juan de Dios makes big news. Police raids and state performativity against piracy retail in Guadalajara, Mexico', Utrecht University, October, Utrecht.

### **Current Research**

By engaging in anthropological theory and methodologies, my research investigates the legal regime of neoliberalism, transgression and social order, and the cultural function of copying. The main fields of interest are: globalization from below; piracy, intellectual property and cultural circulations; cultures of illegality and the organization of illegal markets; urban policies and border cities. Currently, I am conducting the following projects:

- The cultural function of copying: intellectual property, piracy and alternative distribution circuits in Latin America. The material and immaterial culture of marketplaces and street vending in Mexico, Lima and Quito.
- Transnational trading networks in the context of informality: Chinese and Mexican entrepreneurs in Guangzhou and Mexico City.
- Folk saints, crisis and legitimacy in Latin America: Santa Muerte (Mexico) and Sarita Colonia (Peru).
- Smuggling practices and the regulation of 'sacoleiros' (petty smugglers) at the Iguazú Triangle, Ciudad del Este (Paraguay), Foz do Iguazu (Brazil) and Puerto Iguazú (Argentina).

### **Review and Editorial Work**

- 2014-present Reviewer for *Cultural Anthropology*.
- 2013- present Reviewer for *American Ethnologist*.
- 2013- present Reviewer for Revista Cuadernos de Geografía
- 2012- present Reviewer for *Critique of Anthropology*.
- 2011-present Member of de editorial board book series 'Seguridad Ciudadana. Retos, perspectivas y temas selectos', Universidad de Guadalajara.
- 2010-present Reviewer for *Journal of Latin American Studies*.
- 2009-present Reviewer for *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.
- 2008-present Member of the advisory board *Renglones*, journal of social sciences, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente Iteso, Mexico.
- 2006-2010 Editor of *Etnofoor*, anthropology journal, Amsterdam.
- 2004-2006 Co-editor of *Social Anthropology*, journal of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Leiden University.

### **Professional Conference Papers**

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- 2016 'From Piracy to the Original: the Regularisation of Retail of Ecuadorian Cinema', European Association of Social Anthropologists Biannual Conference, July 20-23, Milan.
- 2016 'The Right to Culture: Street Selling and the Alternatives to the Criminalization of "Piracy" in Ecuador', international conference "Urban Economies Cultural Perspectives on Grassroots Entrepreneurs and Neighborhood Economies", University of Munich, July 14-16, Munich.
- 2016 "'We trade in culture": Copies, Popular Capitalism and the Regulation of Intellectual Property in Ecuador', XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 25-28, New York City.
- 2016 'Culture in Marketplaces: Piracy and Creation in the Cine Chonero in Ecuador', Symposium "Forms of Informality: Textual Analysis and Popular Culture in the Global South", University of Wisconsin, March 11-12, Madison.



- 2015 'Una Buena Muerte: Justicia, Violencia y Cultura Popular en la Santa Muerte' (A Good Death: Justice, Violence and Popular Culture in the Santa Muerte), IV Congreso Latinoamericano de Antropología, October 7-10, Mexico City.
- 2015 'Capitalismo Popular: Cultura y la Economía de las Copias en América Latina' (Capitalismo from Below: Culture and the Economy of Copies in Latin America), III Congreso Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales, August 26-28, FLACSO, Quito.
- 2015 'Popular capitalism: entrepreneurial cultures and the creation of value in Mexico-China trade', International Symposium *Entrepreneurship, Artisans, and Traders: The Remaking of China-Latin America Economies*, June 1-2, North Carolina University, Chapel Hill.
- 2015 'Criminals or Martyrs? Mass media, truth and the display of drug barons in Mexico', XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 27-30, San Juan.
- 2014 'Globalization from Below: Traders Between Guangzhou and Mexico City', 113<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, December 3-7, Washington.
- 2014 'Cultures of Crisis: Visibility and Justice in the Devotion to Santa Muerte in Mexico', Seminar *Miracles of Death. The Santa Muerte Cult in Mexico*, Groningen University, November 20, Groningen.
- 2014 'Cultures of Illegality? Criminality and Popular Religiosity in the Devotion to Santa Muerte in Mexico', *International Conference The Popular Culture of Illegality*, Leiden University/University of Amsterdam/Utrecht University, September 29, Leiden.
- 2014 'Beyond the Wall? Cultural Hegemony and the Supremacy of Copies in Latin America', research paper presented at 18th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality: After the Change: 1989 and the Social Sciences in the post-Cold War Era, June 18-21, 2014, Berlin.
- 2014 'Reform or Continuation? Debates on the Regulation of Informality in Mexico under Enrique Peña Nieto', 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of desigualdades.net Inequalities in Latin America, April 10-11, Berlin.
- 2014 'Plazas, Redes, Rutas: los Contornos de la Criminalidad, Piratería e Informalidad en México' (Locations, Networks, Routes: The Frontiers between Criminality, Piracy and Informality in Mexico), 4<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Social Sciences, Consejo Mexicano de Ciencias Sociales (COMECOS), March 24-28, San Cristobal de las Casas.
- 2014 'On Originals, Copies and Pirates: Globalization and Reproduction in Culture', Conference Stedelijk Museum *Collecting Geographies – Global Programming and Museums of Modern Art*, March 13-15, Amsterdam.
- 2014 'Informality as a Resource: Cross-Border Trade and Non-Hegemonic Globalization', 44<sup>th</sup> Conference Urban Affairs Association, March 19-22, San Antonio.
- 2013 '(De)Constructing Piracy: Authenticity, Reproduction and Hegemony in Cultural Circulations Across Latin America', 112<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 20-24, Chicago.
- 2013 'Global Circulations and Commodity Chains: Piracy across Latin America', Research Conference Informality, International Trade and Customs, World Customs Organization, June 3-4, Brussels.

- 2013 'Making Sense of Borders: Global Circulations and Traders Associations in the Iguazú Triangle', XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 29- June 1, Washington.
- 2013 'Pirate CDs Retail and Traders Associations in Latin America', Spring Meeting Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, March 21-13 Mérida.
- 2012 'Guanxi Brokerage: Global Circulations and Chinese Associations In Latin America', 111th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 13-17, San Francisco.
- 2012 'Global Circulations and the Spatial Entanglement of Criminal and Informal Activities in Urban Latin America', International Conference Norms in the Margins and Margins of the Norm. The social Construction of Illegality, Free University of Brussels/Royal Museum for Central Africa/Catholic University of Leuven, October 25-27, Brussels.
- 2012 'Contrabandistas, Fayuqueros, Piratas: Una Biografía Económica de CDs Piratas', 54<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Americanists, July 15-20, Vienna.
- 2012 'Illegality mesh: the spatial entanglement of criminal and informal activities in urban enclaves', 12<sup>th</sup> European Association of Social Anthropologists Biannual Conference, July 10-13, Paris.
- 2012 'Cities on edge: *Sacoleiros* and the Contestation of Borders at the Iguazú Triangle', 15th Berlin Roundtables on Borders and Borderlands: Contested Spaces Between States, Irmgard Coninx Foundation, March 28-31, Berlin.
- 2011 'CD-MARKET. Piracy and the Emergence of New Illegalities in Mexico', 110th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 17-21, Montreal.
- 2011 'The Edges of LegalityPirated Goods and the Question of Organized Crime in Mexico', Center of Area Studies, Leipzig University, June 16, Leipzig.
- 2010 'Estados de simulación: Piratería, contrabando y el control de la ilegalidad en América Latina', XIV Encuentro Internacional de Juristas, Feria Internacional del Libro, December 3-4, Guadalajara.
- 2010 "'They Come from China": Pirate CDs in Transnational Perspective', 109th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 17-21, New Orleans.
- 2010 'International entrepreneurs at Ciudad del Este. Trade and the advantage of borders', XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 6-9, Toronto.
- 2010 'Policy Franchising. Global neoliberalism and the control of new illegalities in Latin America', 11th European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference, August 24-27, Maynooth.
- 2009 'Fronteras en disputa. Una reflexión desde el Cono Sur', XII Congreso Internacional sobre Integración Regional, Fronteras y Globalización en el Continente Americano, Universidad de los Andes, November 26-28, Táchira, Venezuela.
- 2009 'The Tri-border area: illegality and security. A reflection from the hearth of the Southern Cone', 53<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Americanists ICA, July 19-24, Mexico City.

- 2009 'Sacoleiros, laranjas, and cambistas. Cross-border practices and informal actors at the Tri-border region', 45th Annual Conference of the Society for Latin American Studies SLAS, March 26-27, University of Leeds.
- 2008 'Cities on edge: Conflicting policies and border practices at the Tri-border region', NALACS/CEDLA International Conference Conflict, Fragmentation and Hope in the Neoliberal City Urban Space in Latin America, November 6-7, Amsterdam.
- 2008 'Pitazos, mordidas and madrinas. The ambivalent relation between law enforcers and illegal actors: piracy retail in Mexico', "Ambiguidades contemporâneas da segurança. Para um olhar de perto", May 6-7, University of Lisbon.
- 2008 'Producing the State in the City. Geographies of Global Governance and the Informal Commerce: the case of Mexico', International Congress REDESFRIO, February 20-23, University of the Americas, Cholula.
- 2006 'La lucha contra la piratería en México: apuntes analíticos', Symposium "La seguridad entre lo global y lo local: los entornos latinoamericanos", 52<sup>o</sup> International Congress of Americanists, July 17-21, University of Seville, Spain.
- 2005 'El pirata, el policía y la alianza transnacional. La seguridad y el orden comercial entre lo local y lo regional: el caso la venta de piratería en el Mercado de San Juan de Dios', 12<sup>th</sup> Congress Federación Internacional de Estudios sobre América Latina y el Caribe (FIEALC), América Latina y el Proceso de Modernización, Rome.
- 2005 'The informal retailer, the political actor. Popular commerce, political representation and the PRI regime: The San Juan de Dios market, Guadalajara', SLAS Conference, University of Derby, Derby.
- 2004 'Corporatism and popular markets in the post-PRI era: a democratic transition? The San Juan de Dios market, Guadalajara', Mexico, SLAS conference, April 2004, Leiden University, Leiden.
- 2002 'On the defence of patrimony. Articulation of modernities in the San Juan de Dios market', 3<sup>rd</sup> European Congress on Latin American Research, Cruzando Fronteras en America Latina, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.
- 1997 'Cárcel de máxima seguridad o pantalla de encuentros hedonistas. Dos ejes contemporâneos de problematización del cuerpo humano', 9<sup>th</sup> Encuentro CONEICC, Querétaro, Mexico.

### **Conference Organization**

- 2016 Organizer international conference, "From Disorder to Order: Conflict and the Resources of Legitimacy", Leiden University, October 20-21, Leiden.
- 2014 Organizer international conference, "The Popular Culture of Illegality: Criminal Authority and the Politics of Aesthetics in Latin America and the Caribbean", Leiden University/University of Amsterdam/Utrecht University, September 29, Leiden.
- 2013 Organizer "Mexican Studies Conference 2013: Mexican Academia in Perspective", Leiden University, April 25, Leiden.
- 2011 Organizer international conference: "Contested Mobility: People, Commodities and Policies across Latin America and the Caribbean", Leiden University/NALACS/CEDLA, October 13-14, Leiden.

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- 2008-2011 *Civil Society in Latin America*. Department of Latin American Studies, Leiden University. BA level.
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- 2012 Interview on the Mexican elections, Terra TV, Mexico, June 22.
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- 2010 Interview by TV station 'Gaceta Universitaria', University of Guadalajara, Mexico, December 4.

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- 2008 'México: Resultados de Operación Limpieza se evidencian en detenciones', *El Nacional*, Venezuela, November 30.
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