

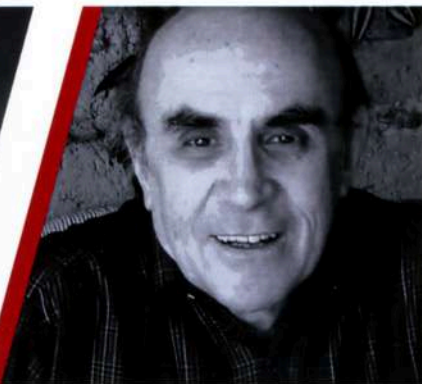


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April 7th & 8th, 2014

SONIA E. ALVAREZ

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Sonia E. Alvarez, Leonard J. Horwitz Professor of Latin American Politics and Studies and Director of the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Professor Alvarez has written extensively on social movements, feminisms, NGOs, civil society, transnational activism, and democratization, and has taken part in Latina/women of color feminist, social justice, international solidarity, and anti-racist activism since the 1980s. She has also maintained manifold connections with Brazilian, Latin American, and global feminist movements, while theorizing with/about them. She is the author of *Engendering Democracy in Brazil: Women's Movements in Transition Politics* and co-editor of several texts, including *The Making of Social Movements in Latin America: Identity, Strategy, and Democracy* (with Arturo Escobar), and the forthcoming *Translocalities/Translocalidades: Feminist Politics of Translation in the Latin/a América* (with Claudia de Lima Costa, Verónica Feliu, Rebecca Hester, Norma Klahn, and Millie Thayer, with the assistance of Cruz C. Bueno), from Duke University Press. Her current research, funded by a Fulbright-Scholar award, centers on the articulation of race and anti-racist politics among feminist movements in Brazil and the "sidestreaming" of feminist discourses and practices into parallel social movements throughout the Latin American region.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:30 AM** Welcome
- 9:45 AM** **Plenary Speaker: Gustavo Esteva Figueroa**
The Future of Development: A Radical Manifesto
- 11:15 AM** **Erynn Masi de Casanova (Sociology)**
Wearing the White Collar: Family, Class, and Masculinity in Men's Work Dress
- 12:15 PM** **Erika Gasser (History)**
Gender, Men, and Power in Early Modern Demonic Possession and Witchcraft
- 1:15 PM** Catered Lunch
- 2:00 PM** **Armando Romero (Romance Languages & Literatures)**
Discrediting Order: An insider's view of the Latin American literary movements of the 60's and 70's
- 3:00 PM** **Angela Potochnik (Philosophy)**
Partial Understanding: Idealization and the Aims of Science
- 4:00 PM** **Katherine Sorrels (History)**
A Union for Outsiders: Austrian Pacifists and the Pan-European Idea, 1900-1930
- 5:20 PM** **Keynote Lecture: Sonia Alvarez**
Leonard J. Horwitz Professor of Latin American Politics and Studies and Director of the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- 6:45 PM** Reception



TUESDAY, APRIL 8

9:45 AM Dissertation Fellows

- **Michael Ducey (Philosophy)** *On the Possibility of Objective Interpretation of Literature*
- **Katherine Zlabek (English & Comparative Literature)** *The Visitors*
- **Paul Anderson (Sociology)** *Rural-Urban Differences in Adolescent Outcomes: Does Religious Social Capital Matter?*
- **Kelli Chapman (Sociology)** *Dating In and Out of the Closet: Negotiating Relationships as an LGBT Teen*

11:15 AM Dissertation Fellows

- **Vanessa Plumly (German Studies)** *Re-imagining Community: Black German Productions and Performances of Heimat*
- **Zachary Stuart Garrison (History)** *Das Westland: German Immigrants and the War for the Union along the Middle Border*
- **Erika Garcia Gonzalez (Political Science)** *The role of external factors in genocide and politicide*
- **Jennifer Dye (Political Science)** *Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, Property Rights, and Food Security*

12:45PM Catered Lunch

1:30 PM Dissertation Fellows

- **Nicole Lyon (History)** *Wreaths of Time: Perceiving the Year in Early Modern Germany (1550-1650)*
- **Jonathan Martin (Philosophy)** *Cognitive Neuroscience, Representation and the Challenge of Embodiment*
- **Ospina Nidia Herrera (Romance Languages & Literature)** *José Donoso in Cinema: Perception of Space and Body in Literary and Cinematographic Discourses*

3 PM Dissertation Fellows

- **Angelica Graciela Caicedo Casso (Mathematical Sciences)** *Robustness and period sensitivity analysis of minimal models of biochemical oscillators*
- **Suayip Toprakseven (Mathematical Sciences)** *Analysis and Computations with Extended Discontinuous Galerkin (XDG) Methods*
- **Michelle Burke (English & Comparative Literature)** *Animal Purpose*

4:30 PM Closing remarks

GUSTAVO ESTEVA FIGUEROA

Born in Mexico City, Gustavo Esteva Figueroa is an environmental activist, and one of the best known advocates of "Post-Development" or rethinking the modern conception of development. He takes issue with typical planning approaches that typically seek to construct a world based upon a perceived image of both the current and future states. He has authored and co-authored numerous books, chapters, and articles, notably *Grassroots Post-modernism: Remaking the Soil of Cultures* (with Madhu Suri Prakash), Zed Books, 1998, and recently *The Future of Development: A Radical Manifesto* (with Salvatore Babones, and Philipp Babczyk), Policy Press, 2013.

Title

The Future of Development: A Radical Manifesto

Description

Is there a future for development? Can we follow a path endangering both the environment and the social fabric? The alternative is not going back to the stone age but constructing an economically feasible, socially just, and ecologically sensible world for living well.

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