



Socio-Cosmologies in the Isthmo-Colombian Area

Toward an understanding of relationships
among Chibchan and neighboring cultures and languages

International workshop

25-27th of January 2017

Lyon, France

Organizers:

Collégium. Institut d'études avancées de Lyon;

Labex RFIEA + (Réseau français des instituts d'études avancées)

Laboratoire Dynamique Du Langage (DDL), CNRS-Université Lumière Lyon 2

Department for Cultural and Social Anthropology, Marburg University

This international workshop, which associates senior researchers and PhD candidates in intense discussions, aims for a comparative understanding of the Isthmo-Colombian Area in relation to Amazonia, the Andes and Mesoamerica and will focus on the relations between the Chibchan groups and their neighbors in linguistic and anthropological terms. It will evaluate and develop basic assumptions about the ethnological and linguistic specificity of the Isthmo-Colombian Area in terms of linguistic lexical reconstruction, comparative anthropology and ethnographic and ethnohistorical case studies.

Local socio-cosmologies will be comparatively inquired by focusing on principles of kinship and social organization, forms of shamanism and priesthood, ritual and oral traditions, the conception of things and life, the relationship toward plants and animals, as well as contemporary forms of post-colonial indigeneity.

Wednesday, 25.1.2017

9:00 am	Introduction & Welcome Hervé Joly (Collegium de Lyon), Sophie Kern (DDL), Ernst Halbmayer (Marburg University)
Session 1	<i>Linguistics (convenor: Natacha Chevrier, PhD Candidate Université Lumière Lyon 2; DDL)</i>
9:30 am	Matthias Paché (<i>PhD Candidate, University of Leiden</i>) <i>Proto-Chibchan cultural vocabulary</i>
10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 am	Sérgio Meira (<i>PhD, Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Brazil</i>) <i>The Current State of Cariban Lexical Reconstruction</i>
11:45 am	Discussion: Linguistic lexical reconstruction (Discussant Natacha Chevrier , <i>PhD Candidate Université Lumière Lyon 2; DDL</i>)
12:15 pm	<i>Common lunch at the ISARA school's restaurant</i>
Session 2	<i>Debating comparative anthropological perspectives</i> (convenor: Mònica Martínez Mauri, Prof. Universitat de Barcelona)
2:00 pm	Juan Camillo Niño Vargas (<i>Universidad de los Andes, PhD candidate EHESS, Laboratoire d'anthropologie sociale</i>) <i>Lo humano y lo inhumano: esbozo de una ontología general chibcha.</i> The human and the non-human: outline of a general Chibcha ontology
3:00 pm	Ernst Halbmayer (<i>Prof. Marburg University</i>) <i>Conceptualizing Kinship, Clanship and Hierarchy in the Isthmo-Colombian area.</i>
4:00 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:30 pm	Christiane Clados (<i>PhD , Marburg University</i>) <i>The Golden Ones - The Human Body as Reflective Metallic Surface in the Isthmo-Colombian Area</i>
5:30pm	Discussion: Comparative anthropological perspectives (discussant: Mònica Martínez Mauri , PhD, Universitat de Barcelona)

Thursday, 26.1.2017

Session 3 *Debating Shamanism (Yukpa, Embera, Wayuu) (convenor: Roberto Andrade Pérez, master degree Université Lumière Lyon 2)*

- 9:00 am **Barbara Kazianka** (PhD candidate, Marburg University)
Practicas chamànicas en la vida cotidiana wayuu – Sueños, contras, Ianía y wala.
Shamanistic practices in everyday life of the Wayuu - Dreams, Contras, Lanía and Wala
- 10:00 am **Anne-Marie Losonczy** (Prof. École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, CERMA & Université libre de Bruxelles)
Witch spirits. Shamanic interpretation of armed violence, suicide and exhumation in the economy of death of the Embera (Choco, Antioquia, Colombia)
- 11:00 am *Coffee break*
- 11:15 am **Anne Goletz** (PhD candidate, Marburg University)
Tuwancha, el Yukpa sabio – Cantar, curar y comunicarse con el mundo trans-humano (Serranía del Perijá, Colombia)
Tuwancha, the Yukpa who knows – Singing, healing and communicating with the trans-human
- 12:15 pm **Discussion:** *Debating Shamanism in the Isthmo-Colombian Area (Discussant: Roberto Andrade Pérez, master degree Université Lumière Lyon 2)*
- 12:45 *Common lunch at the ISARA school's restaurant*
- Session 4** *Debating life, things & humans (convenor Geny Gonzales, PhD candidate, Université Lumière Lyon 2, DDL)*
- 2:00 pm **Julia Velásquez Runk** (Prof. University of Georgia, USA)
Wounaan conceptions of things, life, and humans
- 3:00 pm **Mònica Martínez Mauri** (Prof. Universidad de Barcelona)
Things, life and humans in Gunayala (Panama)
- 4:00 pm *Coffee break*
- 4:30 pm **Discussion:** *Comparative perspectives on things, life and humans in the Isthmo-Colombian Area*
(*Discussant: Geny Gonzales*, PhD candidate, Université Lumière Lyon 2, DDL)

Friday, 27.1.2017

Session 5 *Debating animals and plants (Wayuu & Bribri) (convenor: Roberto Andrade Pérez, master degree Université Lumière Lyon)*

9:00 am	Schabnam Kaviany (PhD candidate, Marburg University) <i>Plant Ontologies among the Bribri in Talamanca, Costa Rica</i>
10:00 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15 am	Alessandro Mancuso (Prof. University of Palermo) <i>Domestication and ownership of animals and people among the Wayuu</i>
11:15 am	Discussion: Comparative perspectives on animals and plants in the Isthmo-Colombian Area (Discussant: Roberto Andrade Pérez , master degree Université Lumière Lyon)
12:00 am	<i>Common lunch at the ISARA school's restaurant</i>
Session 6	<i>Debating contemporary indigeneity and (post-)colonial hegemony (Bribri & Muisca) (convenor Esteban Diaz Montenegro, PhD candidate, Université Lumière Lyon 2, DDL)</i>
1:30 pm	Diego Antonio Fernández Varas (PhD candidate, Université Lumière Lyon 2, LADEC) <i>Aproximación de las formas de organización territorial de los Muiscas contemporáneos</i> Approaching forms of territorial organisation of the contemporary Muiscas
2:30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
2:45 pm	Daniel Rojas Conejo (Prof. Universidad Central de Costa Rica) <i>Apuntes sobre la oralidad y memoria Bribri</i> Notes on Bribri orality y memory
3:45 pm	Discussion: Comparative perspectives contemporary indigeneity and (post)colonial hegemony (Discussant: Esteban Díaz Montenegro , PhD candidate, Université Lumière Lyon 2, DDL)
4:15 pm	Workshop closing

Informations :

Workshop site: Centre Jean Bosco, 14, rue Roger Radisson, Lyon 5e, 200m to walk on the right side of the Basilique, from Station Fourvière, Funiculaire Line F2, (from Vieux---Lyon Metro Station line D).

Workshop languages will be English and Spanish

Free entrance with registration (before 20.01. for the lunches): collegium@universite-lyon.fr