

ILEA-UFRGS (Latin-American Institute for Advanced Study, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul)

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SINCE THE beginning of his administration in 1992, the former rector of the UFRGS, Professor Helgio Trindade, envisioned the creation of an institute that would enable “the expansion of the relationships between the regional and the local”. At that time, Latin-American integration was the challenge for the new times, and frontiers had to be crossed in order to integrate the countries of the Southern Cone of America.

With this purpose it was established in 1994 the Instituto Latino-Americano de Estudos Avançados – ILEA (Latin American Institute for Advanced Study). Its mission was to develop activities of national and international scope supporting advanced teaching and research programs and projects, promoting exchanges with other institutions of high learning and establishing effective links with MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market) projects.

At the present time (2011) ILEA has nine Research Centers, each with their own installations and personnel. The Institute has also an auditorium which is used for conferences held at the Valley Campus of UFRGS and a large meeting room with video-conference equipment.

The objectives of ILEA include:

I – Support advanced programs and projects in teaching, research and extension, and particularly those proposals that involve multidisciplinary collaboration.

II – Induce collaboration between UFRGS and other academic institutions, to support projects of academic, scientific, technological and cultural development.

III – Promote exchanges between UFRGS and other academic institutions, for the purpose of supporting projects of high relevance for academic, scientific, technological and cultural development.

To achieve these goals ILEA must:

I – Strengthen the exchange of faculty, researchers, technical staff and students between national and international universities and academic institutions.

II – Integrate and strengthen lines of research, work groups and innovative projects being developed at UFRGS that have potential for exchange within the country and abroad.

III – Promote research, courses, conferences, seminars and similar activities in conjunction with other University units.

IV – Support the participation of UFRGS researchers and faculty in the above mentioned activities and encourage their collaboration with researchers of other centers.

V – Disseminate the academic production resulting from research work and from general academic activities in different areas of knowledge.

VI – Establish an information center, maintaining databases, networks and archives of documents relevant to the projects and activities related to ILEA.

ILEA is related to the Central Administration and administered through a Direction and a Secretary, which report to a Deliberative Council, and an Administrative Council. From 1994 to 1998 ILEA was led by Mario Barbacena; from 1998 to 2000 by Paul Visentini. Eloy Julius Garcia was the Institute's director from 2006 to 2007, Maria Beatriz Luce from 2007 to 2008 and Guillermo J. Creus from 2008 to 2012.

The Deliberative Council (2010-2012) was formed by Helgio Trindade, Valmiria Carolina Piccinini, Rualdo Menegat, Marininha Aranha da Rocha, Maria Elizabete Lucas, Adriano Lisboa Monteiro, Luiz Alberto Oliveira Ribeiro de Miranda, Jane Zoppas Ferreira, Marco Cepik and Adriana de Castro Veiga

Current ILEA Research Centers

ILEA supports a number of independent Research Centers (“Núcleos”), following the NIAS model. Since its establishment, diverse groups have been formed, grown, moved to other addresses or disappeared. Below is a short description of each of the current Work Groups.

Bank of Images and Visual Effects (Banco de Imagens e Efeitos Visuais - BIEV)

Website: www.ufrgs.br/biev

Coordinators: Professors Cornelia Eckert and Ana Luiza Carvalho da Rocha.

The Bank of Images and Visual Effects was created in 1997 and brings together several thematic projects financed by CNPq, FAPERGS, UFRGS and CAPES, in the form of undergraduate, master, doctoral and postdoctoral research, as well as technical research. The main focus of scientific production is the collective memory in urban contexts, particularly as regards the challenging of the temporal character of human experience in the contemporary world and its representations and actions with an impact on the practices and knowledge

built by individuals and urban groups in their relationship with the city. The collective memory phenomenon is studied in association with the anthropological field, using as a method the study of the ethnography of duration through research with and into narratives that reverberate images of temporal experiences: trajectories and social networks; life projects and lifestyles; social policies and arrangements; forms of sociability and memory games.

BIEV concentrates on the study of the documental processing of Ethnographic Collections in hypermedia that details the dynamics of culture in modern complex societies. It exhibits collections of ethnographic documents on screens that stray away from the idea of recovering a linear history of styles of “experiencing the city”, according to the rational realization of time periodization of the spatial treatment of memory.

It proposes to interpret the contemporary metropolis through the subterfuges and cunning of its residents - modeled in their narratives according to their differences and diversities. Assumes that ethnographic experiments, based on the creation of multimedia hypertexts, become a means for democratizing ethnographic knowledge precisely by providing fragments of images of cities, particularly Porto Alegre, following the histories built on research that reveals the rhythms experienced in the urban context.

BIEV is organized into the following working groups:

- Writing and Ethnography (Escrita e Etnografia - GRUEE). Coordinator: Ana Luiza Carvalho da Rocha.
- Sound ethnography (Etnografia sonora - GRUES). Coordinator: Viviane Vedana.
- Photography and Ethnographic Collections (Fotografia e Coleções Etnográficas - GRUFOCO). Coordinator: Anelise dos Santos Gutterres.
- Ethnographic narratives on video (Narrativas etnográficas em vídeo - GRUVI). Coordination: Ana Luiza Carvalho da Rocha.
- Computer Technologies and Digital Collections (Tecnologias da Informática e Acervos Digitais - GRUWEB). Coordinator: Ana Luiza Carvalho da Rocha.

Professors from UFRGS and other universities as well as postdoctoral, doctoral, master and undergraduate students participate in the research supported by diverse grants and fellowships.

Projects in progress

Academic trajectories and narratives of urban anthropologists. Coordinator: Cornelia Eckert.

Work and the City: Anthropology of the memory of work in the modern contemporary city. Coordinator: Cornelia Eckert.

Ethnography of duration, ethnographic collections and new technologies - an anthropological study of memory sites in contemporary cities. Coordinator: Ana Luiza Carvalho da Rocha.

Nuclear Biosciences (Biociências Nucleares - BIONUCLEAR)

Websitel: <http://www.ilea.ufrgs.br/bionuclear/index.html>

Coordinator: Professor Eloy Julius Garcia.

The Center for Nuclear Biosciences was established to support the dissemination of new techniques of imaging for diagnostic purposes, the development of radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic and therapeutic use, as well as the use of ionizing radiation in scientific research with emphasis on the biosciences.

Together with the Porto Alegre delegation of the National Nuclear Energy Commission (Comissão Nacional de Energia Nuclear - CNEN), the center has been conducting, on an annual basis, the Advanced Course in Radioisotopes Methodology, which issues a certificate recognized by CNEN that allows participants to take the qualification exams to work in the preparation, use and handling of radioactive sources. Professor Eloy has been a member of the Technical Thematic Committee on Radiopharmaceuticals of Brazilian Pharmacopoeia since 2005 and its coordinator since 2006. A series of lectures in radio pharmacy update, and regular seminars on topics of interest in the area of nuclear biosciences have been planned for the second half of 2011, in collaboration with Radiopharmacus.

Center for International Studies on Government (Centro de Estudos Internacionais sobre Governo - CEGOV)

Website: <http://ufrgs.br/cegov>

Coordinator: Professor Marco Cepik

The Center for International Studies on Government (CEGOV) conducts studies and research on government action, both in Brazil and abroad, from a comparative perspective. It brings together researchers from various areas of the university, particularly Economics, Political Science, Law, Business Administration and International Relations, and researchers linked to specialized public policy areas, such as Health, Education, Sports, Public Security, Foreign Policy and Defense.

CEGOV researchers work in multidisciplinary projects in the areas of international politics and governance; public policy monitoring and evaluation; institutional development and capacity building for governance; Brazilian and South American economy; compared institutional models and decision-making processes; and management, democratic control and decentralization of public services.

As UFRGS has developed expertise in research and innovative solutions adequate to strengthen government institutions and their role in economic and social development in the contemporary world, CEGOV aims to turn the University into a national and international reference in governance and public sector reform.

Working Groups:

- Government, Digitalization and Public IT. Coordinators: Marco Cepik (PPGEEI/UFRGS), Carla Freitas (IT/UFRGS) and Marcelo Pimenta (IT/UFRGS).

- Legislative Power and Public Policies. Coordinators: Luís Gustavo Grohmann (PPGPOL/UFRGS), Maurício Moya (PPGPOL/UFRGS), Adriane Vieira (ESEF/UFRGS) and Sônia Ranincheski (UnB).

- Democracy, Citizen Participation and Public Policies. Coordinators: Alfredo Alejandro Gugliano (PPGPOL/UFRGS), Eber Mazullo (PROPUR/UFRGS) and Soraya Cortes (PPGS/UFRGS).

- Municipal Management and Federalism. Coordinators: Maria Izabel Noll (PPGPOL/UFRGS), Diogo Joel Demarco (EA/UFRGS) and Fernando Dias Lopes (EA/UFRGS).

- Public Policies Evaluation. Coordinators: Nalú Farenzena (PPGEDU/UFRGS) and Lígia Mori Madeira (PPGPOL/UFRGS).

Together with UFRGS professors, the groups also include students and staff, faculty and researchers from other academic and research institutions as well as civil servants and political and social leaders.

Interdisciplinary Research Center for the Development of Higher Education (Centro Interdisciplinar de Pesquisa para o Desenvolvimento do Ensino Superior - CIPEDDES)

Website: <http://www.ilea.ufrgs.br/cipedes>

Coordinator: Professor Helgio Trindade

CIPEDDES is an autonomous inter-university center that brings together Latin American specialists in higher education committed to an open, critical and creative debate on the major present problems and future challenges in higher education, from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. CIPEDDES is a virtual center that coordinates a network of Latin American researchers and a number of activities: discussion networks; interdisciplinary research; seminars, courses and workshops; and the editorial production of books and journals. It also has a Board comprised of professors from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela. The Research coordinator is Professor Arânio Mendes Cattani (USP); the editorial coordinator is Prof. Dilvo I. Ristoff (UFSC); and the coordinator of Interinstitutional Relations is Prof. Maria Beatriz M. Luce (UFRGS).

CIPEDDES and the National Commission for the Evaluation of Higher Education (Comissão Nacional de Avaliação da Educação Superior - CONAES) have developed, with the support of UFRGS and ILEA, important activities to support CONAES, which is led by Prof. Hélgio Trindade. These activities include support for regular monthly meetings of CONAES in Brasília, self-assessment seminars for southern institutions of higher education in Blumenau, and events in which CONAES participated as a guest to deliver lectures on higher education evaluation.

Since March 2008 CIPEDES has hosted the Secretary of the Commission for the Establishment of the University of Latin American Integration (Universidade da Integração Latino-Americana - UNILA) in Porto Alegre (RS). It currently houses the office of UNILA (UNILA Ordinance No. 101/2010), in addition to the Bidding Commissions of UNILA's Campus and of the University's Library since November 3, 2010.

Latin American Group for the Study of Social Sciences (Grupo de Estudos em Ciências Sociais da América Latina - CISOAL)

Website: <http://www.ilea.ufrgs.br/cisoal>

Coordinator: Professor Helgio Trindade.

The Latin American Group for the Study of Social Sciences (CISOAL) was established with an international and interdisciplinary character and the permanent support of the Latin American Institute of Advanced Studies (ILEA). CISOAL is dedicated to research the process of development and consolidation of Social Sciences in Latin America and their interfaces with different sectors of social life. During the implementation of the center, it counted on the technical assistance of the École des Hautes Études in Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris.

Since 2008 CISOAL has focused on the peculiarities of the development of Brazilian Social Sciences. With this aim, it conducts the research "Social History of Universities in Brazil: Construction of the Social Sciences, composition and re-composition of the Elites (1930-2000)", in collaboration with the EHESS Paris, where Prof. Hélgio was visiting professor.

Interdisciplinary Group of Philosophy and History of the Sciences (Grupo Interdisciplinar de Filosofia e História das Ciências - GIFHC)

Website: <http://www.ilea.ufrgs.br/gifhc/portal/index.php>

Coordinators: Professors Francisco Marshall and Rualdo Menegat.

The Interdisciplinary Group of Philosophy and History of the Sciences (GIFHC) was established in 1993 and integrated to ILEA in 1995. The GIFHC brings together researchers from different areas concerned with questions of epistemology and history of the sciences from an interdisciplinary perspective. Since this area is usually isolated or absent in undergraduate and graduate curricular structures, the GIFHC has played a leading role with initiatives related to philosophy and history of the sciences, and organizing numerous seminars, courses, congresses, publications and broadcasting programs (radio and TV), as well as internal discussion and planning activities. The goal is to maintain an advanced agenda for reflection on the fundamentals of science as well as of dissemination and training activities for the academic community and other educators from regional educational networks.

Since 1996 the GIFHC has been publishing the journal *Episteme* every six months, with articles on more than 19 disciplines (Anthropology, Archeology, Biology, Social Sciences, Computing, Ecology, Education, Physics, Geol-

ogy, History, Natural History, Logic, Mathematics, Medicine, Environment, Paleontology, Psychology, Chemistry and Epistemology). It also covers subjects related to techniques and methods at the historical and analytical level, and the contributions of local and foreign scientists to the development of science in South America. It is also significant the publication of articles in the fields of science-ethics, utopias, reason, truth, reality and society, among other open topics. The full version of the journal is available on the internet (on the GIFHC portal) and has printed copies for exchange.

Delegation of the National Commission for Nuclear Energy (Comissão Nacional de Energia Nuclear - CNEN)

Coordinator: Professora Ana Maria Xavier

Website: <http://www.cnen.gov.br/acnen/unidades.asp?#espoa>

The National Nuclear Energy Commission (CNEN) is an autonomous federal agency linked to the Ministry of Science and Technology. CNEN delegation in Porto Alegre, located at ILEA/UFRGS, works together with units of the university in education and research, with emphasis on the following projects already implemented:

- Radon Project: determination of the concentration of radon gas in underground mines in southern Brazil.
- Radioactive Waste Project: studies related to the immobilization of radioactive waste and deep radioactive waste deposits.
- Activimeter Project: inter-comparison of measurements activities in nuclear medicine services in Porto Alegre.
- Project on the Radiological Protection of Patients in Nuclear Medicine: recording of radiation doses administered to patients undergoing diagnostic tests in nuclear medicine in Porto Alegre, for comparison with internationally recommended doses, as well as evaluation of the possibility of reducing exposure to ionizing radiation through the previous use of conventional diagnostic methods.
- Radioanalysis Project: inter-comparison of radiological measurements in environmental samples, coordinated by the Institute of Radiation Protection and Dosimetry (IRD) of CNEN, in support of the Radio-analysis Laboratory of the Biophysics department.
- Personnel Qualification Project: training of UFRGS faculty, researchers and students on the safe use of radioactive materials in teaching and research, in collaboration with the Center of Nuclear Biosciences of ILEA.

The delegation of CNEN has assisted UFRGS researchers in the preparation of Radiological Protection Programs and Radioactive Waste Management Programs, in order to have University laboratories regularized by CNEN. It has also worked in the calibration of radiation detectors together with CNEN Institutes, in order to make the CNEN/UFRGS interaction more agile.

Additionally, it organizes and participates in lectures and debates on topics related to nuclear physics applications. It helps institutions in Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina to conduct processes of importation of radioactive materials, certification of radiation protection supervisors, transport of radioactive waste to CNEN (in particular radioactive lightning rods), and disposal of X-ray machines.

The delegation is part of the System of Investigation of Radiological Events of CNEM, acting promptly in the Southern Region of Brazil as requested.

Center for Studies in International Relations (Núcleo de Estudos em Relações Internacionais - NERINT)

Portal: <http://www6.UFRGS.br/nerint/php/home.php?lang=br>

Coordinator: Professor Luiz Dario Teixeira Ribeiro.

Created in August 1999, the Center for Studies in International Relations (NERINT) is dedicated to the analysis of international relations, with emphasis on topics ranging from Brazilian foreign policy in comparative perspective and international security issues (wars, securitization processes, conflict resolution and diplomacy) to the challenges of regional integration and development. The main lines of research include:

- Interstate Cooperation in the face of International Dispute Movements.
- International Political Economy.
- Compared external policies; bilateral and multilateral relations with emerging powers.
- International Security and Comparative Politics.

These research areas prioritize the main centers of power in the international system (United States, European Union, China and Russia) and three regions characterized by the presence of major regional powers (South America, Southern Africa and South Asia). From this research the Center produces reports, scientific papers, news archives, lectures, seminars, extension courses and an electronic journal, and has three editorial collections published by the UFRGS Press.

Since 2005 NERINT has hosted the Center for Brazil-South Africa Studies (Centro de Estudos Brasil-África do Sul - CESUL), a FUNAG-MRE-UFRGS joint program fostering studies on South Africa, in addition to a Document Center, a specialized Library (donated by FUNAG), translations, publications and researchers exchange.

Professors at NERINT are involved in the process of training future professionals and are responsible for mentoring undergraduate students in their final papers, master's students in their theses, and doctoral students in their dissertations.

NERINT publishes three books series, namely:

1. International Studies (UFRGS Press): 12 books published.
2. International Relations and Integration: 10 books published by the UFRGS Press and two in collaboration with FUNAG.
3. South African series: five books published (and one in the press).

Observatory of the Metropolis – Porto Alegre Center (Observatório das Metrópolis)

Website: <http://observatoriompa.blogspot.com.br/>

Coordinator: Professor Luciano Fedozzi.

The Observatory of the Metropolis - Porto Alegre Center is formed by researchers linked to the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), to the Economics and Statistics Foundation (FEE/RS), and to the non-governmental organization CIDADE (Advisory and Urban Studies Center). Its experience in conducting network research on the urban and metropolitan theme has consolidated its interdisciplinary and inter-institutional character over the last ten years.

It was created in October 1999, through an agreement between the FEE and the Institute for Urban and Regional Research and Planning of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (IPPUR/UFRJ), together with the establishment of the research network “Observatory of Urban Policy and Municipal Management” through the project “Metropolis, Social-Spatial Inequalities and Urban Governance: Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre.”

To consolidate and strengthen the Center, partnerships have been established with the Architecture School of UFRGS (both in 2002) and the Graduate Program in Geography/UFRGS (2004). In 2005, with the establishment of the Observatory of the Metropolis through the project “Territory, Social Cohesion and Democratic Governance: Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Curitiba, Porto Alegre, Salvador, Recife, Fortaleza, Belém, Natal, and Goiânia and Maringá” (Millennium Institutes – CNPq program), the Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning (PROPUR / UFRGS) was integrated to the Center.

Currently, the research conducted by the center is related to the lines of the Project “Observatory of the Metropolis: Territory, Social Cohesion and Democratic Governance - Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Curitiba, Porto Alegre, Salvador, Recife, Fortaleza, Belém, Natal, Goiânia and Maringá/2009-2013 “(INCT/CNPq/FAPERJ), with the participation, since 2011, of the NGO Cidade, the undergraduate course in Public Policy (IFCH), and the Group of Urban Health Extension of the Department of Social Medicine, both at UFRGS.

Since April 2011 the Porto Alegre Center has been part of the Latin American Institute of Advanced Studies (ILEA/UFRGS), and the coordination,

which until now had fallen upon the FEE, will be transferred to the UFRGS through the Graduate Program in Sociology.

Interdisciplinary Observatory of Human Rights (Observatório interdisciplinar de direitos humanos)

Website: <http://observatoriodh.blogspot.com/>

Coordinator: Professor Fernando Seffner.

The Interdisciplinary Observatory of Human Rights at UFRGS was established in response to a demand from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to the effect that the public universities in the Association of Universities of the Montevideo Group (Associação de Universidades do Grupo Montevideu - UGM) should implement courses aimed to create, in all these universities, a Chair for Human Rights Education, the Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair. As a result of this demand, a group of UFRGS professors began to meet regularly and discuss human rights as a benchmark for the analysis of the social and political consequences of their specific research. This process took place in late 2004 and early 2005. A permanent group of professors for the observatory was therefore established. This group does not represent all of the activities on the topic of Human Rights carried out at our university, but acts as a unifying center for the subject. Currently, the researchers working in the Interdisciplinary Observatory of Human Rights at UFRGS conduct research and participate in research activities related to some specific areas of human rights, namely: state secularism and guarantee of the human rights regime in Brazil; access to essential medicines as a human rights policy; sexual and reproductive rights as human rights; migration and human rights. The team of the Observatory consists of professors and students, mainly from the humanities courses at the university.

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