



CALL: DYNAMICS AND CURRENT DEBATES ON THE PESANTRY IN LATIN AMERICA

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Peasant farmers have occupied a central position in the academic production of disciplines such as history, sociology, economics, geography, and anthropology. Despite this, the category continues to be related with static images of a collective defined by State classifications and the capital, which do not account for the realities of heterogeneous collectives that tend to be encompassed within it. For Latin America in particular, the image of the *peasantry* continues to be ambiguous and often contradictory in discourses on development, cultural difference, legality, violence, and environmental conservation, among others. Thus, the issue of the peasantry is the subject of a dispute, developed at different levels and registers, with deep running political, economic, and social implications on the lives of individuals and collectives who tend to be included in the *peasant* category.

The purpose of this thematic issue is to contribute to the current debate on the peasantry in Latin America. We believe that issues relating to the peasantry and to peasants continues to be central, and even more so in a moment in which the category in itself is being activated by numerous social actors (academics, artists, social leaders, human rights defenders, politicians, civil servants, cooperation agencies, enterprises, etc.).

This call is, on the one hand, for texts that approach the ways in which certain notions of the peasantry have been and continue to be managed by different social actors; the discourses and forms of social classification in which they are framed; the understanding of the peasantry and of rural subjects with which they enter into tension; and the possible political, economic, and social implications of their activation for specific collectives,

among other issues considered relevant for the analysis of the peasantry as a social and analytical category.

On the other hand, we are interested in works that account for the different configurations of the peasantry in Latin America from different perspectives: gender relations, affects and morality, the forms of political organization and participation, environmental subjectivities, knowledge production, and the conditions of access to land, among others. We hope that the interventions can establish connections between these configurations and dynamics of a greater historical and geographical scope. We hope for them to contribute to a reconsideration of the most common notions of the peasantry.

Some of the thematic axes proposed are as follows:

- ❖ Peasant subjectivities
- ❖ Spatialities of the peasantry
- ❖ Knowledge production
- ❖ Political reconfigurations
- ❖ Gender and sexuality
- ❖ Race and ethnicity
- ❖ Socio-environmental conflicts

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