



Cologne Forum for International Relations and Security Policy – Connosco e.V.

Joint 9th KLAGK Event

27 April 2023 - 7pm CET

**Online event**

**Peru in crisis, Brazil in transition:**

**New challenges and old problems in Latin America**

The current political and humanitarian crisis due to the exodus of migrants from Venezuela to Peru and the tentative coup attempt of the extreme right in Brazil intensified debates about important, but not new topics in the region. Democracy, human rights of indigenous and poor people, political representation, the position of the armed forces and state repression are just a few. The Peruvian conflict has had geopolitical effects in the region, from clear condemnation of violence against the population to awareness of the political repressive past in the region. As the UN said on 6 March: "The protests have left at least 49 people killed and 1301 injured. The UN representative for Human Rights urged security forces to restrain in their use of force against protestors". The coup attempt in Brazil on 8 January 2023 was largely condemned, but regional right wing leaders and parties backed up the lies of the Bolsonaro supporters about electoral fraud. There is also an international extreme right where Latin American representatives play an active part. These crises are happening during a time when the biggest regional economies have left-wing governments all at the same time for the first time in history: Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Chile. Will these governments intensify regional integration, multilateral approaches and a new focus on the region, giving it also more international attention again? Our 2023 event tries to foment discussion and debate



interconnecting apparent national conflicts with the political scene in the whole hemisphere, taking into account historical and current perspectives. The main goal of our event is to invite speakers to exchange ideas about these complex topics in order to have a better understanding of the most recent political crises in the region.

The 9th Latin-American Dialogue in Cologne / Kölner Lateinamerika-Gesprächskreis (KLAGK) addresses these questions. We invite young Latin-American Master students, PhD candidates or young researchers to join as speakers. The KLAGK aims at reaching a broad interested public interested on Latin-American affairs.

The event will be in English without translation.

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