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## **The success and failure of indigenous organizations to influence land and natural resources policies and their implementation in the Andes**

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**12:30-2 PM, Deutz Room in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD**

Indigenous peoples' organizations have surged as international actors ever since the 1990s, establishing ties with a broad network of actors on the local, national, and transnational levels. Their efforts to influence policies on those distinct levels have been manifold and targeted on different policy subareas with the idea to create policies sensitive to their demands. While some advocacy efforts have been particularly fruitful resulting in the adoption of international legal norms and the recognition of ethnic diversity, studies point towards an implementation gap of those rights on the local and national levels. Differences among indigenous and peasant organizations have also become more pronounced showing varying levels of influence. The seminar will explore how some of these organizations are more successful than others to introduce their demands with regard to land and natural resource projects in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. Possible explanations will be discussed as well as the shortcomings of dominant theoretical approaches.



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