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- The State Masks and the Plurinational Disguise: an Intuitive Approach to State-building in Current Ecuador

The lecture will be in Spanish.

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011  ●  Time: 3-4:30 pm  ●  Place: Deutz Room in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

Abstract: Is a new state in Ecuador being built? The inclusion of plurinationality as an essential form of state in the 2008 Constitution recognizes a historical demand of the indigenous Ecuadorian movement. However, far from being an end point, this new scenario opens a period of state crossroads, between the transformation and reform, between the same and different. This paper intends to approach the construction of plurinationality in Ecuador and to reflect on the faces of the state in Latin America. My main hypothesis suggests that the plurinational has become a discourse that tries to legitimate a failed model of nation-state, under which there are hidden different political positions.

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