

# "The Affective Turn under Southern Eyes: Affect, Gender and Sexuality in Latin America" Cecilia Macón and Mariela Solana

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This presentation scrutinizes an emerging field of thought and knowledge production in Latin America: the analysis of affect, feelings, and emotions, and their impact on how we think about politics, gender, and sexuality. Considering the complex and even contradictory social processes that Latin America is experiencing today—the expansion of feminist and LGBTIQ+ movements, on the one hand, and that of reactionary and neoliberal forces on the other—, many scholars are turning to affect to understand our present situation, revisit our history, and imagine new possibilities for the future. Though often inspired by theories established in the Global North, this regional production also marks a departure from mainstream academia. This presentation will explore particular Latin American ways of thinking about affect and reveal how they can expand our understanding of gender, sexuality, and politics.



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Drs. Macón and Solana are co-editors of *Pretérito indefinido. Afectos y emociones en las aproximaciones al pasado* (2015) and, along with Nayla Vacarezza, *Affect, Gender and Sexuality in Latin America* (2021).

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