

Nordic Institute of Latin American Studies



Street carnival, Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Photo: Thais Machado-Borges, 2026.

Annual Report 2025

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Organization

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Thaïs Machado-Borges, Director, Associate Professor

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Staff

Senior Lecturers and Professors

Thaïs Machado-Borges, Director, Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor

Magnus Lembke, Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, Professor

Study Administration

María Bernal Linnarsand, Director of Studies for Latin American studies

Ariel Sribman Mittelman, Study Counsellor for Latin American Studies

Library

Olof Åkerstedt, Librarian

Administrative Staff

David García, communication, Website Administrator, Romklass

Anne Jensen, layout, Administrator, Romklass

Irma Muñoz, Economy administrator NILAS, Romklass

Internship

Luiza da Silva Fernandes, Linnaeus University, 3 months (Oct-Dec 2025).

Guest Researchers and Internship 2025 (in alphabetical order)

José Briceño-Ruiz – PhD in Political Science. Professor at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. September 2025.

Kim Beecheno – Researcher at the Department of Theology, in the Centre for Multidisciplinary Research on Religion & Society (CRS) at Uppsala University, and lecturer at Enskilda Högskola Stockholm in the Department of Human Rights and Democracy. January – December 2025.

Daniel Rodríguez Suárez – Associate Lecturer, Universidad de Girona, Spain. January 2025 and December 2025 – February 2026.

Sibele Schuantes – PhD-candidate School of Nursing, Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP). May 2025 – December 2025.

Gianfranco Selgas – Affiliated researcher at the Department of Sustainable Development, Environmental Sciences and Engineering (SEED) at KTH Royal Institute of Technology. April – December 2025.

Introduction

The Nordic Institute of Latin American Studies (NILAS) is currently the only higher education venue in Sweden offering Bachelor and Master Programs in Latin American Studies. The Institute is a Nordic platform for academic activities connected to Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2025, NILAS continued to strengthen its position as a key academic and research centre. The year was marked by sustained growth in student enrolment, increased international visibility, and a steady developing portfolio of scholarly and outreach activities.

Our research topics reflect current concerns and tendencies on the continent. In 2025, NILAS hosted guest researchers from different parts of Latin America and Europe. This kind of international collaboration strengthens knowledge exchange. NILAS was awarded an Erasmus + ICM to develop a partnership with the Universidade Fluminense, in Brazil.

Iberoamericana, Nordic Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies consolidates our extended research environment. 2025 was another year of robust scholarly engagement. The journal received 35 submissions from different countries in Latin America and the world, contributing to the growing impact of our online, open access publication.

Our Bachelor's and Master's programs maintained the steady upward trend in enrolment that has characterized the past decade and a half, with 2025 showing particularly strong growth. The hybrid teaching model introduced in 2024 – offering courses both on campus and online – has broadened access and significantly diversified our student population. This format has enabled greater international participation, enriching the academic environment and reinforcing the Institute's global orientation.

The Institute continued to broaden its international networks and strengthen its role as a platform for scholarly exchange. Throughout the year, we hosted a wide range of research seminars, open lectures, and outreach activities that engaged academic partners, public sector representatives, government officials, institutional partners and the wider public. These initiatives reflect our commitment to fostering dialogue on Latin America's contemporary challenges and deepening collaboration with institutions across the world.

NILAS fulfils its aims and objectives as stated in its statutes from 2019. This Annual Report provides a compilation of all the activities carried out in 2025.

Thaís Machado-Borges, Director



Presentation of Master Dissertations. From left to right: Thais Machado-Borges, Alina Smirnova, Anaïs Villani, Giovanna Elchemer Salvioni, Diana Vasquez Larrahondo and Magnus Lembke.

Research

Research on Latin America and the Caribbean at the Nordic Institute of Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary enterprise with a social scientific thrust. NILAS' staff publishes and presents research results for academic and non-academic audiences.

NILAS' research seminars feature invited national and international scholars, reflecting the richness and breadth of the Institute's multiple networks. Research seminars provide a multidisciplinary forum for researchers on Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Institute's continuous work with its peer-reviewed, open access journal, *Iberoamericana – Nordic Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* should be highlighted.

In what follows, we present in detail our research-related activities.

Research Seminars

During 2025, Research Seminars were organized and coordinated by Andrés Rivarola (February – May 2025) and Thaís Machado-Borges (June – November 2025).

- **February 14**

Defense as an Integrating Element in Relations between Brazil and Argentina.

Erick Andrade, PhD candidate and Master in Military Sciences at Meira Mattos Institute (IMM) of the Brazilian Army Command and General Staff College (ECEME).

- **March 28**

Transformations for Communal Sustainability: A Pluriversal Thinking. *Tais*

Sonetti González, Research Assistant / PhD Candidate at Stockholm Resilience Centre.

- **April 11**

Swedish Network Meeting for Researchers on Latin America.

- **April 25**

Early States, Built Environment and Landscape in the Pre-Columbian

Americas Per Cornell, Professor at Department of Historical Studies at University of Gothenburg.

- **May 9**

Entre la razón y la emoción. Diálogos entre el Norte y el Sur global. *Santiago Canevaro*, Doctor en Ciencias Sociales, magíster en Antropología Social (EIDAES/UNSAM) y sociólogo (UBA).

- **June 18**

Território e Patrimônio Cultural Indígena no Brasil Contemporâneo. *Roque Yaxikma Wai Wai* (PhD candidate at Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais), *Ruben Caixeta de Queiroz* (Senior Lecturer at Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais), *Cinthy Lana* (PhD, University of Gothenburg), *Reginaldo Oliveira de Souza* (MA, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais), and *Bartira Silva Fortes* (PhD candidate at Södertörn University).

- **September 5**

Developmentalism and Regional Economic Integration: European and Latin American Perspectives during the Cold War. *José Briceño-Ruiz*, PhD in Political Science. Professor at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

- **September 19**

Refracting Extractive Capitalism in Climate Governance: Global Regimes, Vulnerability, and Climate Strategies in Latin America. *Jorge Ernesto Rodríguez Morales* – Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Geosciences (Natural Resources & Sustainable Development), Uppsala University. PhD in Economic History (Univ. of Salamanca) & PhD in International Relations (Stockholm Univ.)

- **October 3**

Religious Celebrities on Instagram: Pentecostalism, Gender Politics and Postfeminism in Brazil. *Kim Beecheno*, PhD in Sociology of Religion from King's College London, Lecturer at Department of Human Rights and Democracy, Enskilda Höskolan Stockholm and guest researcher at NILAS.

- **October 31**

Regionalism and Great Powers: Territory and Political Economy *Andrés Rivarola*, Professor in Latin American Studies, NILAS.

- **November 14**

Uterus Transplantation - Research and Perspectives from Brazil *Sibele Schuantes*, PhD candidate at the School of Nursing, Federal University of São Paulo, and Guest Researcher at NILAS. Member of the Study Group on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplants (GEDOTT) and the Brazilian Organ Transplantation Society (ABTO).

- **November 28**

The Political Ecology of Cohabitation: Interdisciplinary Projects on Extraction and Design *Henrik Ernstson*, Professor in Urban Sustainable Development and Docent in Political Ecology at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm; *Gianfranco Selgas*, Guest Researcher at the Department of Sustainable Development, Environmental Sciences and Engineering (KTH Royal Institute of Technology), Affiliated Researcher at the Centre for Energy Ethics (University of St Andrews), and guest researcher at NILAS; and *Martín Ávila*, Professor of Design at Konstfack, the University of Arts, Crafts and Design in Stockholm.

Research Projects by NILAS Staff Members

Thaïs Machado-Borges

Project title: “Gender Troubled? Culture Wars on Sexuality, Gender, Religion, and Politics in Contemporary Brazil”

Project leader: Thaïs Machado-Borges

Project period: 2019-ongoing

Summary:

Part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights have become the stuff of heated controversies in contemporary Brazil, producing new frontlines of struggle in a society marked by internal divides. How are ideas circulated and reinterpreted as they transit through geographic and sociopolitical contexts? Are certain concepts a foreign, top-down intrusion on national matters, or are they a means to lessen inequalities? This project tracks how the concept of gender used in expressions such as gender ideology and gender equality flows through different arenas of the Brazilian society, mobilizing publics towards various forms of collective action. The project, to be conducted during three years by a team of researchers, is divided into three questions: how are these concepts used in political decisions and debates? How are they configured in sayings, words, and images spread through public spaces? How are they discussed by feminist, conservative, and religious activists? Data will be gathered in Southeastern Brazil, using methods such as discourse analysis, field observations, focus groups, and interviews.

Keywords: Brazil, Gender, Politics, Public Manifestations

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

Project title: Handbook on Political Economy and Regionalism

Project leader: Andrés Rivarola (NILAS) and José Briceño Ruiz (at UNAM, Mexico)

Project period: 2025

Summary:

This study explores the historical and theoretical connections between political economy and regionalism, aiming to integrate global and chronological perspectives while avoiding ethnocentric or “tempocentric” biases. It traces the evolution of regionalism from early ideas to contemporary forms shaped by globalization and multipolarity. The study organizes its analysis across four periods: early conceptualizations, Cold War regionalism, post-Cold War transformations, and current global trends. During the Cold War, regionalism was tied to industrialization, nationalism, and postcolonial identity, while in the post-Cold War era it became intertwined with globalization, as seen in the EU, NAFTA, and ASEAN. In the contemporary context, regionalism reflects geopolitical competition, notably between the U.S. and China, through projects like RCEP, the Belt and Road Initiative, and BRICS. It emphasizes that modern regionalism now addresses broader issues – including climate change, migration, and health – demonstrating its central role in shaping the political economy of an increasingly interconnected world.

Keywords: Latin America, foreign policy, regional integration, global systems, political economy.

Publications by NILAS Staff Members

Magnus Lembke

- Lalander, R., Fortes, B., and Lembke, M. 2025. “Sumak Kawsay/Buen Vivir, a Flying River: A Decolonial Approach to Tinkuy and Social Justice”. In F. Galindo, M. Moser, and W. Gonzales (eds) *Vivir Bien: Diálogos transculturales e interdisciplinarios entre Latinoamérica y Europa*. Frankfurt am Main: Vervuert.
- Lembke, M. and Åkerstedt, O. 2025. “Zachrissons I händelsernas periferi: en historia om svenskarna och Panamakanalen”. In A. Rivarola Puntigliano (ed.) *Sverige i världen: Tidiga förbindelser med Latinamerika*. Stockholm: Saturn förlag.

Thaïs Machado-Borges

- Velarde, M.F.J; Machado-Borges, T. and Abril, E.V. (2025). “Yo sólo quiero estudiar”. Aproximación a la exclusión/inclusión de personas trans en Instituciones de Educación Superior de Sonora, México: Resultados preliminares. *Revista Inclusiones*.
- Machado-Borges, T. and Gemzöe, L. (2025). *Genus i stormens öga. Exemplet Brasilien*. Bokkapitel i Annika Berg, Åsa Eriksson, Lena Gemzöe & Stina Malmén (Red.) *Striden om genus. Politik, vetenskap och social kamp*. Appell Förlag.

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

- Pakkasvirta, J, Del Pupo, E & Rivarola Puntigliano, A. (2025), [Pulp or Conflict: Project Report](#), Business Finland, Co-Creation Project with Helsinki University.
- Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano. 2025. 'Chile: nyliberalism, demokrati och socialdemokratiska alternativ'. Olle Törnquist, Anna Sundström & Ulf Carnesund (red.), *Trettiosex röster om det solidariska motståndet mot den globala konservativa nationalismen*, Göteborg: Bokförlaget Korpen.
- Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, Ramiro Podetti y Francisco Sánchez, compiladores (2025), *Alberto Methol Ferré y el Pensamiento Global Latinoamericano*, Salamanca: Ediciones de la Universidad de Salamanca.
- Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, red. (2025). *Sverige i Världen. Tidiga förbindelser med Latinamerika*, Stockholm: Saturn förlag.
- Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano & Ariel Sribman (2025): "Plurinationalism in Question: Latin American Perspectives and Contributions", *Latin American Perspectives*. (DOI: 10.1177/0094582X251394688).
- Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano & Thomas Lundén (2025), '[Vad är geopolitik?](#)' Latinamerika 21. Republished in several Latin American newspapers. Published in Swedish at the journal *Parabol*: [Geopolitikens återkomst](#).

Ariel Sribman Mittelman

- Ariel Sribman Mittelman and Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano. Plurinationalism in Question: Latin American Perspectives and Contributions. *Latin American Perspectives*. (DOI: 10.1177/0094582X251394688).

Participation in Workshops, Conferences and other Academic Activities (NILAS Staff Members)

Thaïs Machado-Borges

- **Grant awarded in competition – RJ Sabbatical.** October 2025. Start August 2026. 12 months.
- **Grant awarded in competition – Erasmus ICM.** PI in Sweden. Fernando Resende – PI in Brazil. Mobility grant for Exchange of PhD-students and teachers from the Post-Graduation Program in Communication at the Fluminense University (UFF, Brazil) and NILAS (SU, Sweden). "Media, Conflict, and Territory in Latin America and the Global South." Awarded June 2025. Start 2026.
- **Organizer and main applicant for Faculty funding (awarded)** to initiate a new PhD-course: *Latin America, Asia and Middle-East – Global Relationships in Transformation*. Stockholm University. Spring 2025.

- **Deputy Board Member of Evaluation Committee for a PhD-dissertation in Social Anthropology:** *Walking for Power: Gender, Hierarchies, and Mobility in the Peruvian Andes*, by Daniel Escobar. December 16, 2025.
- **Member of Evaluation Committee for a PhD-dissertation in Communication:** *The Silence Upon Us: A Feminist Theory of Communication*, by Lieli Loures. Universidade Federal Fluminense. October 13, 2025. Online.
- **Member of Evaluation Committee for a PhD-dissertation in Gender Studies:** *The Ontology and Epistemologies of a Plant: The Cannabis Community in Buenos Aires*, by Lucia Amaranta Thompson. Lund University. September 29, 2025.
- **Academic representative** for Stockholm University and member of organizing committee for the Academic Forum Chile-Sweden (ACCESS).
- **Invited speaker** – Tübingen University – Global Encounters Workshop. Topic: Intermedial Dialogues in Technoscene: Media, Aesthetics, and Politics in the Global South. June 26-27, 2025.
- **Co-organizer and participant speaker** of a Doctoral workshop in collaboration with SINAS (Swedish Institute for America Studies, UU) and the Centre for Canadian Studies (CCS). Topic: *The Americas – A PhD Student Workshop in Pan-American Studies*. Uppsala, March 20-21, 2025.
- **Article Reviewer** for the Journal *Textes et Contextes*.
- **Member of Scientific committee** organizing the biannual international conference of the European Council for Research on Latin America, CEISAL. Spring 2025.
- **Professional Development Course 2:** Teaching and Learning in the Human Sciences, Autumn 2025. CEUL.
- **Editor-in-chief of Iberoamericana – Nordic Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies** – 2022-present.

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

- **Co-supervisor of student**, Emilio Del Pupo, defending the thesis with title: Green Deals and Raw Deals: Power, Sustainability and Agriculture in EU-Mercosur Trade Negotiations. Defense of thesis, November 8, 2025, at Helsinki university.
- **Presentation at NILAS Research Seminar**. Title of presentation, ‘Regionalism and Great Powers: Territory and Political Economy’. October 31, 2025.
- **Keynote speaker:** México en la Encrucijada: ¿Hacia el Norte o con el Sur-XVI Congreso Internacional de Contaduría, Administración, Mercadotecnia e Informática Administrativa de la Facultad de Contaduría y Ciencias Administrativas de la Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, 24 de septiembre de 2025 en la ciudad de Morelia, Michoacán. Online.

- **Lecture at event**, “Port Cities Fighting Drug Trafficking: Options, Opportunities and Challenges for EU-LAC Cooperation”, Hamburg, Germany Monday, April 7, 2025 and Tuesday, April 8, 2025.
- **Invited speaker** at Tullverket: ”Latinamerika: organiserad brottslighet.” May 27, 2025.
- **Member of the *Standing Scientific Committee***, of the International Congress of Americanists (ICA), for the 2025 conference in Novi Sad, Serbia.
- **Member of Editorial Board for the Journal *Cahiers des Amériques Latines***, published by IHEAL (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3) and Creda.
- Granted funds from the Axel Wenner-Grens Foundation for the Exchange of International Researchers to invite from Prof. José Briceño Ruiz as a guest researcher at NILAS.

NILAS’ board meetings

Board Meetings – March 26 and September 11, 2025. Online.

Outreach Activities (by NILAS Staff Members)

Magnus Lembke

- Lecturer at the International Course at Viskadalen folkhögskola, “Latinamerika ur ett gräsrotsperspektiv”, December 6, 2025.
- Participant in the podcast ”Emiliano Zapata – den mexikanska revolutionens martyr” Sveriges Radio, P3 Historia, March 7, 2025.

Thaïs Machado-Borges

- **Sveriges Radio - *Sócrates Brasileiro – Football’s philosopher*** - Thaïs Machado-Borges, writer Fredrik Ekelund, and reporter Anna Maria Höglund delve into the legacy of Brazilian soccer icon Sócrates Brasileiro and his commitment to democratic ideals during Brazil’s final years of military dictatorship (1964-1985), September 1, 2025.
- **Invited Speaker** – RFSU (The Swedish Association for Sexuality Education): Imagining Feminist Futures: Intersectional Feminist Solidarity in Times of Anti-Gender Politics. Mesa I: Alianzas feministas interseccionales en un contexto de políticas antigénero. The case of Brazil. Presented together with Lena Gemzöe. August 27, 2025.
- **Film presentation** – Chuva é cantoria na aldeia dos mortos. Instituto Cervantes. Brazilian Embassy. March 24, 2025.
- **Interview** about participation in the CIVIS alliance – [Utforska nya samarbeten med Civis](#) (Medarbetarwebben). March 14, 2025.

Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano

- Sveriges Television, '[Bomba knarkbåtar](#)', Utrikesbyrån.
- Svenska Dagbladet, '[USA trappar upp konflikten med Venezuela – Trump vill tvinga bort Maduro](#)'.
- Svenska Dagbladet, '[Maria Corina Machados fredspris får kritik](#)'.
- Sveriges Radio, '[Ett avgörande val i Argentina](#)'.
- Sveriges Radio, '[Hot om indraget USA-stöd om Milei förlorar valet i Argentina](#)'.
- Svenska Dagbladet, '[Målet – störta Maduro: ”Hoppas på kollaps”](#)', Publicerad 2025-10-25.
- Svenska Dagbladet, '[Nobelpristagaren splittrar omvärlden](#)', 2025-10-26.
- Sveriges Radio, '[Vänstervåg i New York, komiker vid ukrainska fronten, Sveriges största konstupställning och ett avgörande val i Argentina](#)', Publicerad: sön 26 okt. Dagens industri (2025), "Argentinsk valskräll får börser och peson att rusa".
- Intervjuad av SR, '[Ekot om Brasiliens expresident Bolsonaro](#)', september 2025.
- Participant in the podcast "[Maktspelet med världen som insats](#)", Bauer Media Group.
- Participant in Podcast, "[Che Guevara](#)", Bauer Media Group.
- Moderator of open seminar and film presentation of "La nieve entre los dos" at NILAS, April 2025.
- Lecturer at Instituto Cervantes in Stockholm: "Los Nombres de América", February 25, 2025.
- Interviewed by SR/P1, "[Så vill BRICS+ förändra världsordningen](#)". Januari 2025.

Ariel Sribman Mittelman

- "La abstención: del poder del pueblo a la servidumbre voluntaria". La voz del interior (Argentina), November 30, 2025. Portuguese version: "A abstenção: do poder do povo à servidão voluntária". O Tempo, November 25, 2025.

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In 2025, *Iberoamericana* published 10 original articles:

1. **Poesía de Mujeres Indígenas en Brasil: Escritura e Identidad.** Keila Coelho.
2. **Cuban Migration as a Transnational Vulnerability Dispersion.** Edel J. Fresneda.
3. **Alberto Methol Ferré, entre la teología, la historia y la geopolítica.** Javier Restan, J. Ramiro Podetti.
4. **Memoria afrodescendiente y derecho al patrimonio urbano: prácticas patrimoniales decoloniales en Cárdenas, Cuba.** María A. Gutiérrez Bascón, Alberto Abreu Arcia.
5. **Evicted: A Retrospective Look at the Recent Outbreak of Occupy Initiatives in Puerto Rico.** Marina Moscoso Arabía.
6. **A Radical Vote: Disputing Meanings from the Positioning of Rita Von Hunty.** Rodrigo Duarte Bueno de Godoi, Ana Paula da Rosa.
7. **Consumo crítico en pandemia en Chile: iniciativas económicas alternativas que producen comunidad sin Estado ni mercado.** Alejandro Marambio-Tapia.
8. **Patrimonios incómodos: monumentos públicos y sitios de memoria y derechos humanos a 50 años del golpe militar en Chile.** Macarena Ibarra, María Luisa Mendez, Christian Matus.
9. **La esclavitud femenina en las islas de San Andrés y Providencia en las novelas Si Je Puis. I will if I can (2019) y Copra (2020) de Hazel Robinson Abrahams.** Ana Elena Builes Vélez, Carolina Barragán Ardila, Danny Jean Paul Mejía Holguín, Ana Maria Otalvaro Castro.
10. **For a Fistful of Dollars: An Appropriate Compensation for the Exploitation of the Panama Canal.** Leonardo Della Sera.

In 2025, the journal received 35 submissions, all of them were research articles. The submissions came from different places around the world. Colombia, Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico and Venezuela were the countries that contributed with most submissions. The number of web page views and visitors has increased. During 2025, there were 71,400 page-views (and increase of 94%) and 29,900 total visits (an increase of 16%), with 27,900 unique visitors (an increase of 16%), mostly from United States, followed by Colombia, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Singapore, El Salvador and Peru.

Iberoamericana continues to provide a high-quality peer-review and dissemination platform for academic work on Latin America and the Caribbean.

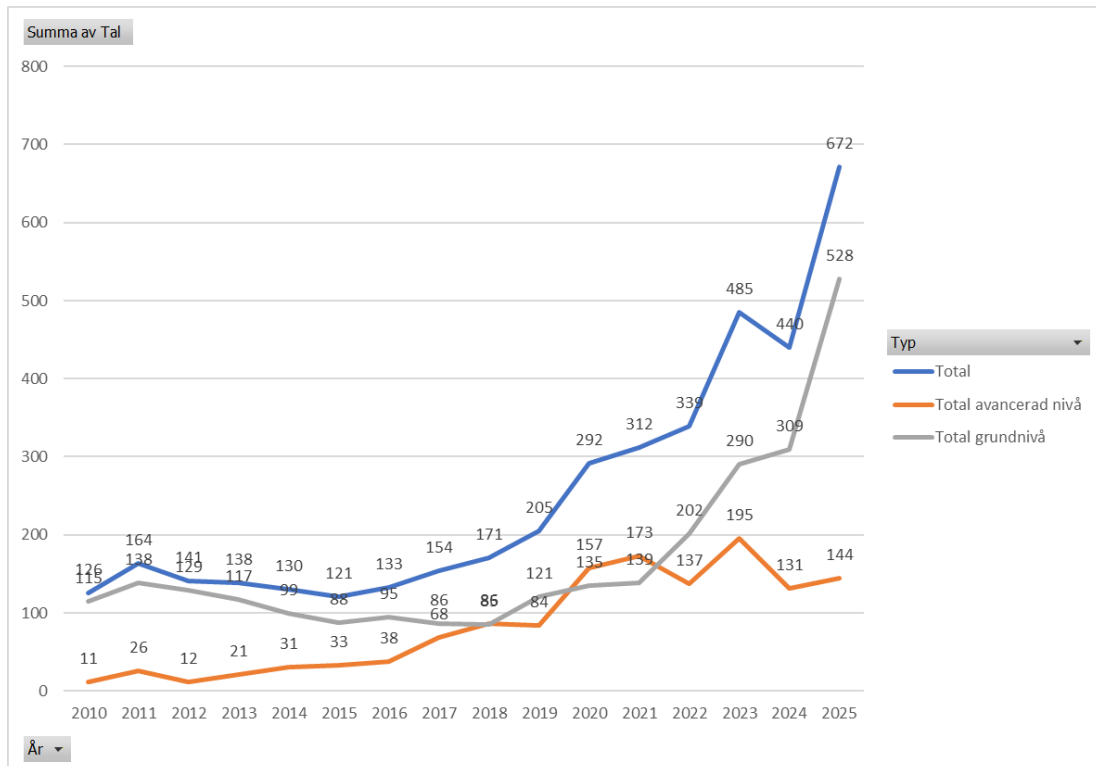
Education

Since 2008, our Bachelor's and Master's programs have experienced a consistent and significant increase in student enrolment, marking a period of steady growth across academic programs. Since 2024, most of our courses have a hybrid format and are offered simultaneously on campus and on-line. This has contributed to an increased diversification and internationalization our student groups.

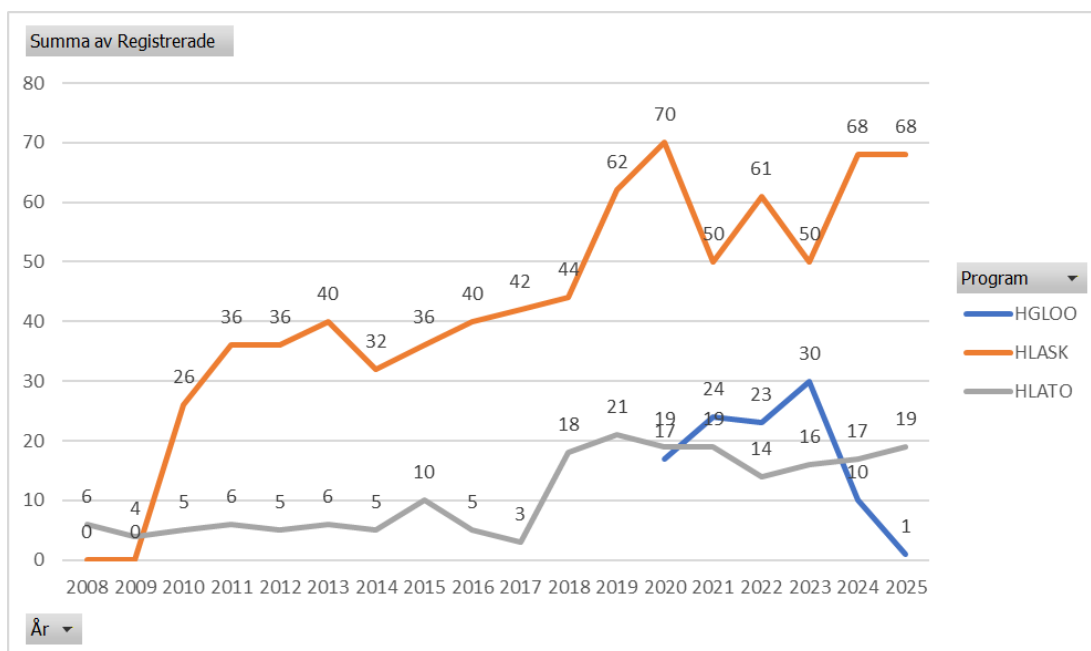


Classes and meetings at NILAS' library. Photo: NILAS.

Graphic 1. Students enrolled in NILAS's courses, by level



Graphic 2. Total amount of students enrolled in NILAS's programs. HGLOO (LAGLOBE program, concluded in 2025); HLASK (Master Program in Latin American Studies); HLATO (Bachelor Program in Latin American Studies).



Our Courses

Bachelor Program in Latin American Studies with Specialization in Spanish or Portuguese (180 credits)

Content:

- **Latin American Studies I, 30 credits**
- **Latin American Studies II, 30 credits**
- **Spanish/Portuguese I, 30 credits**
- **Spanish/Portuguese II, 30 credits**
- **Studies or work practice in another country/elective courses at a university either in or outside of Sweden, 30 credits**
- **Latin American Studies, Bachelor's course, 30 credits (2 courses and dissertation)**

Latin American Studies I (30 credits)

Teachers: Magnus Lembke, Andrés Rivarola

Content:

The course gives an introduction to the historical background of contemporary social conditions in Latin America. It deals with colonial times, the first period of independency, and the 20th century. It focuses on how social structures (class, ethnicity, gender) have originated and changed over time, how the idea of citizenship has been formulated and how it is implemented, the organization of economic

production as well as the changing role of the state. The course is divided into the following parts which can also be studied as autonomous courses.

Autumn 2025:

- Part 1: Early History of Latin America, 7,5 credits
- Part 2: Development in Latin America from 1900, 7,5 credits
- Part 3: Inequalities, Gender and Power in Latin America, 7,5 credits
- Part 4: Globalization and New Strategies for Economic Development in Latin America, 7,5 credits

Latin American Studies II (30 credits)

Teachers: Magnus Lembke, Andrés Rivarola

Content:

The aim of the course is to give a deeper knowledge of four broad topics: culture, social conditions, economy, and politics.

Spring 2025:

- Part 1: Latin America in the World, 7,5 credits
- Part 2: Sustainable Development in an Unequal Region, 7,5 credits
- Part 3: Democratization and Human Rights, 7,5 credits
- Part 4: Special assignment/essay, 7,5 credits.

Latin American Studies, Bachelor's course (30 credits)

Teachers: Magnus Lembke, Thaïs Machado-Borges, Andrés Rivarola and dissertation supervisors

Content: The course consists of one part that focuses on interdisciplinary theory and methodology (7.5 credits), including both qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches. This part prepares the students to write a scientific dissertation. Another part of the course focuses on thematic and regional specialization (7.5 credits). This part discusses and compares different Latin American sub-regions. In the third part of the course, the student writes a Bachelor dissertation (15 credits). This part includes a series of seminars for collective supervision.

During 2025, five (5) Bachelor Dissertations were presented:

1. Duran Llovera, Ginesca - The 2024 Mexico-Ecuador Diplomatic Conflict: A Diplomatic or Sovereignty Trespassing?
Supervisor: Magnus Lembke. Examiner: Andrés Rivarola.

2. Heyvaert, Joris - Sisters of the Highlands: Indigenous Women's Resistance to Extractivism in Bolivia.
Supervisor: Magnus Lembke. Examiner: Thaïs Machado-Borges.
3. Lujambio-Steinbrink, Elena - Same Struggle, Different War – Female Agency and Victimhood during Two Transformative Mexican Moments. The Mexican Revolution and the COVID-19 Pandemic.
Supervisor: Magnus Lembke. Examiner: Thaïs Machado-Borges.
4. Magallanes Dado, Marie Alyssa Ashley - Tough Nut to Crack: Extractivism within the Tagua Nut Industry in Ecuador.
Supervisor: Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano. Examiner: Magnus Lembke.
5. Rodriguez Pelaez, Elsa Nury - The Color of Crack: A Case Study of Racialised Urban Governance and Spatial Control in Crâcolândia, São Paulo.
Supervisor: Thaïs Machado-Borges. Examiner: Magnus Lembke.

Free-standing courses at undergraduate level

Teachers: Andrés Rivarola, Magnus Lembke, Christophe Premat

Content:

During 2025, the following courses were offered:

Postcolonialism and power relations in the Caribbean, 7,5 credits

Teachers: Andrés Rivarola and Christophe Premat

The course Postcolonialism and Power Relations in the Caribbean examines the complex history and politics that have shaped the Caribbean, from colonization to modern times. By exploring key concepts such as race, identity, and resistance, students will gain insight into the region's colonial past and how it continues to influence present-day society. We will study pivotal moments in Caribbean history, such as slavery, independence movements, and the rise of political ideologies that challenged Western dominance.

Indigenismo - The rise, fall and artistic expressions of a political movement, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Magnus Lembke

The course addresses the discourses and projects of leading representatives of the indigenista movement for how to incorporate indigenous peoples into processes aiming at modernization, development and more inclusive nation-state formations. A distinction will be made between liberal and Marxists strands of the movement. It also analyzes the responses from the indigenous peoples, particularly as they have been expressed by indigenous intellectuals and within a contemporary and

increasingly politicized indigenous social movement sector. The course also zooms in on the artistic expressions of indigenismo, that is, novels, poems and paintings.

Football in Latin America: politics, economy and national identities, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Andrés Rivarola

In Latin America, the rise of football has been strongly intertwined with the region's social, economic and political structures. Through lectures and seminars, we study how the development of football in Latin America has affected societies in different dimensions. We analyze football's relationship to nationalism, identity, political expression, economic policy and international relations. The course has a historical perspective, from the origins of Latin America's close ties to Britain, to its role in the development of Latin American nation-states, to today's globalized markets and cultural expressions. The course is designed for students interested in understanding social, political and economic themes, in this case through the lens of Latin America's and the world's most popular sport: football.

Latin American Studies, Master Program (120 credits)

Teachers: Magnus Lembke, Thaïs Machado-Borges, and Andrés Rivarola

Content:

The program is interdisciplinary and provides in-depth knowledge of Latin America's economic, social, legal and political conditions from a perspective that emphasizes the importance of history, language and culture for understanding the social processes. The program highlights the importance of understanding the region based on its interaction with the rest of the world. Social and cultural theories are studied and applied on cases from region. The relationship between area studies and interdisciplinary studies is especially emphasized in the theoretical and methodological module. An opportunity to conduct one semester of internship related to Latin America is offered. The final dissertation provides an opportunity for students to study in depth thematic and regional issues of their choice.

The program includes the following courses:

1. Latin American social history, 7,5 credits
2. Science and Research Ethics (Faculty of Humanities), 7,5 credits
3. Latin American thinking: socio-economic, political and cultural ideas, 7.5 credits
4. Geography, Regions and People in Latin America, 7.5 credits
5. Democratization in Latin America: Citizenship, institutions and rule of law, 7.5 credits
6. Gender and Post-colonialism in Latin America, 7,5 credits
7. Latin American Studies, Theory and methodology, 7,5 credits
8. English for Academic Research (Faculty of Humanities), 7,5 credits

9. Internship or fieldwork in Latin America or optional courses, 30 credits
10. Independent project (MA's thesis), 30 credits

During 2025, the following courses were offered:

Democratization in Latin America: Citizenship, Institutions and Rule of Law, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Magnus Lembke

The course departs from the notion that Latin America, during the 20th century, experienced two waves of democratization. A main theme of study are the reasons as to why different countries took alternative roads to democracy. The main focus here is dedicated to those processes of democratization which were initiated in the late 1970s and 1980s, as well as a number of deficiencies in these processes with regards to the institutional structure of the state and the defense of citizenship rights. Moreover, the course discusses innovative reforms enacted recently in various countries in order to create and strengthen local forms of participatory democracy.

Gender and Post-Colonialism in Latin America, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Thaïs Machado-Borges

The course highlights the impact of post-colonial thinking on contemporary Latin America research, focusing for example on theories developed within the framework of the so-called race-class-gender matrix. The course presents and discusses issues such as Latin American theorizing on gender, a perspective aiming at grasping the complexity of contemporary and historically rooted structures of inequality. The course also enters into more specific themes: violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and rights, feminist activism, social constructions of masculinity and LGBT+ perspectives.

Latin American Studies, Theory and Methodology, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Magnus Lembke

The module gives deepened knowledge in theoretical and thematic lines within the area of Latin American Studies. In addition, the course presents and examines interdisciplinary perspectives and theoretical and methodological approaches within the social sciences.

Latin American Social History, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Magnus Lembke

The course focuses on how different strategically important social groups have been developed and inserted into Latin American society, such as the military, the Church, the landed elite, the business community, women, labor and peasants etc. It analyses the constellation and stratification of social forces at different historical junctures as well as historically changing power relations within these groups. The course puts emphasis on the formation of modern Latin American society since the 1930s onwards.

Latin American Thinking: Socio-Economic, Political and Cultural Ideas, 7,5 credits

Teachers: Andrés Rivarola

The history of ideas in Latin America is related to the power structures which have characterized the region since the encounter between the European and indigenous civilizations. The course focuses on the ideas and theories attempting to explain this basic and difficult coexistence between different social groups within a societal hierarchy marked by immense inequalities in terms of class, race, ethnicity and gender, as well as the also conflictive relationship between the continent and international powers. The course highlights some of the main contributions of Latin American thinkers in areas such as politics, sociology, economy and pedagogy, as well as local adaptations of imported ideas in these areas. The aim of the course is to provide an understanding of the ideas that have historically prevailed in Latin America, and of the social, economic and political context that has nurtured them.

Geography, Regions and People in Latin America, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Thaïs Machado-Borges

Latin America is a vast region spanning parts of North America, the West Indies and most of Central and South America. The course focuses on understanding the geography of Latin America and its sub-regions, such as the Andean countries, the Southern Cone, the Caribbean and Central America, including Mexico. The course analyzes the cultural and national features behind the conformation of the region, its sub-regions and its respective nation-states. All this is connected to the economic and geopolitical elements that have impacted on the developments of these geographical spaces. The aim of the course is to deepen students' knowledge of how regions, peoples and landscapes take shape and how they change.

Latin America in a Global World, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Andrés Rivarola

The course aims to provide increased understanding of Latin America and its history, politics, finances and culture from a global perspective. This refers to an understanding of how connections to other parts of the world have influenced Latin America, as well as how the region has influenced other parts of the world. The course applies a historical perspective, focusing on analyses of transnational networks and creation of international systems in the post-colonial age. It addresses the emergence and changes of global relationships, and how this has impacted local conditions in Latin America. The course gives the students an understanding of continuity and change, and how trade and goods have influenced society, state building and cultures. Central elements of the course include links between the past and the present, in addition to relationships between the local and the global.

Development and Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean, 7,5 credits

Teacher: Andrés Rivarola

Once more, Latin America has strengthened its position as an exporter of raw materials following international rules. Certain researchers believe that this – in combination with globalization and increasing international competition for natural resources – will limit the possibilities to guarantee sustainable development. They emphasize that increased orientation towards mining operations and mono-cultural agriculture will have a detrimental impact on the environment and social relationships caused in part by a marginalization of small-scale agriculture, deforestation, demographic changes and new migration movements. Other researchers believe that this development generates growth and international competitive powers, thus freeing up resources for social reformation programs. This course analyses these two standpoints, in addition to state and social actors whose activities address matters of sustainable development. Furthermore, the course discusses how on the one hand, sustainable develop relates to democracy, and social justice on the other hand. Such a discussion requires a fundamental review of definitions and notions of “development”, and how these differences have influenced Latin American politics and public debate.

During 2025, five (5) Master's dissertations were presented:

1. Author: Elchemer Salvioni, Giovanna Anjul
Title: **Motherhood and Welfare State in Brazil: A Discourse Analysis of Maternal Experiences across Different Socioeconomic Contexts.**
Supervisor: Magnus Lembke.
Examiner: Thaïs Machado-Borges

2. Author: Smirnova, Alina
Title: **In between Borderlands: Physical and Social Aspects of the "Trump Wall" as Discussed in the Mexican Media.**
Supervisor: Thaïs Machado-Borges
Examiner: Magnus Lembke

3. Author: Vasquez Larrahondo, Diana Marcela
Title: **The Afro-Colombian Women's Movement and Political Agency: A Study of the Mobilization of Afrodescendant Women in Northern Cauca.**
Supervisor: Thaïs Machado-Borges
Examiner: Magnus Lembke

4. Author: Warnerfjord, Villemo
Title: **"Best Practices" vs. "Best-Fit" Models: A Study on Sida's Loan Guarantee in Latin America.**
Supervisor: Andrés Rivarola
Examiner: Magnus Lembke

5. Author: Villani, Anaïs
Title: **Saving Humanity from the Climate Crisis: The Ambiguity of Buen Vivir/Vivir Bien. Dissonances and Convergence among Sustainability, Identity and Equality in Bolivia and Ecuador.**
Supervisor: Magnus Lembke
Examiner: Andrés Rivarola

Collaboration and Outreach

Open Lectures

- **Eight Years after the Peace Agreement: Navigating Current Complexities of Peacebuilding in Colombia.** The seminar was chaired by *Juanita Esguerra-Rezk* (University of Gothenburg/Guest researcher at NILAS) and featured an engaging discussion with three distinguished panelists which brought unique perspectives on peacebuilding in Colombia: Pontus Ohrstedt (Folke Bernadotte Academy and Sweden's advisor to the peace dialogues between the Colombian government and the ELN guerrilla), Priscyll Anctil Avoine (Swedish Defense University), and Lani Anaya (Church of Sweden). February 5, 2025.
- **'La nieve entre los dos'** - Film Presentation and discussion in Spanish. Participantes: Inés Claudia y Verónica Nouched, protagonistas del documental.
Juan Carlos Cruz Suárez, Profesor titular de literatura española y especialista en temas de la Memoria y Derechos Humanos del Departamento de Lenguas Románicas y Clásicas de la Universidad de Estocolmo. Moderador, Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, Catedrático de Estudios Latinoamericanos en el Instituto Nórdico de Estudios Latinoamericanos de la Universidad de Estocolmo, NILAS. April 23, 2025.
- **La primera circunnavegación, los imperios ibéricos y la temprana globalización.** Bartolomé Yun Casalilla, Catedrático de Historia Moderna, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, España; Isa Blumi, Catedrático de Estudios Turcos y de Medio Oriente (Departamento de Estudios Asiáticos y de Medio Oriente, Stockholm University); Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano (moderador), Catedrático de Estudios Latinoamericanos y Profesor Asociado en Historia Económica (Instituto Nórdico de Estudios Latinoamericanos), and Juan Carlos Cruz, Profesor titular de Literaturas y culturas hispánicas (Departamento de Lenguas Románicas y Clásicas). June 2, 2025.
- **Regionalism in a Changing Global Political Economy.** José Briceño Ruiz, Professor at the Research Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CIALC), National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); Fredrik Söderbaum, Professor at the School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University; Andrés Rivarola Puntigliano, Professor in Latin American Studies, Nordic Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University, and moderator Henrik Chetan Aspengren, Senior Analyst and Project Leader at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. September 3, 2025.

- **Migraciones contemporáneas y racismos – Reflexiones desde la investigación en América Latina.** Maria Emilia Tijoux, Profesora Titular Departamento de Sociología de la Universidad de Chile y Doctora en Sociología por la Universidad de París. Coordinadora del Grupo de Estudio Cuerpo y Emociones y parte de RedISS (Red Internacional de Sociología de las Sensibilidades). September 17, 2025.
- **Amenazas contra la libertad de expresión en El Salvador y Colombia -** Charla pública. Panel participants: Sergio Arauz and Sofía Jaramillo, with Moderator: Karin Elfving. The event was co-organized with: Reportrar utan Gränser. Date: September 25, 2025.
- ***Sverige i Världen. Tidiga förbindelser med Latinamerika*** - Open lecture and book release. Andrés Rivarola, book editor presents the book. Hanna Lambert – Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Swedish and English), Daniel Vencu Velasquez Castro – Member of the Swedish Parliament and chair of the group Latin America Group, Swedish Parliament, Patricia Godínez – Ambassador of the Republic of El Salvador and chair of GRULAC (Group of Latin American embassies in Sweden), Humberto López y Guerra - President of the Publishing company, Saturn Förlag. October 15, 2025.
- **Nicaragua: The Forgotten Dictatorship.** Anexa Alfred Cunningham, from the Miskitu people on Nicaragua’s east coast, lawyer and currently President of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and Silvio Prado Ortiz political scientist specialised in civil society and municipal development. December 2, 2025.

Other Outreach Activities, Contacts, Meetings and Collaborations

- Meeting with **Brazil’s ambassador** Maria Edileuza Fontenele Reis. February 2, 2025. NILAS library.
- NILAS co-organizes the **Americas workshop**, with SINAS (Swedish Institute of North America Studies, Uppsala University) and Center for Canadian Studies (SU), March 20-21, 2025, Uppsala University.
- Meeting with representative from **USP** (Universidade de São Paulo). On internationalization and possible collaborations between SU and USP. April 9, 2025, NILAS library.

- Meeting with **GRULAC** - Sweden (Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries). April 23, 2025, NILAS library.
- Meeting with **external evaluators** of institutes and centra at Stockholm University, professor Thomas Wilhelmsson, Helsingfors universitet and professor Sven Stafström Linköpings universitet. May 5, 2025, NILAS library.
- Meeting with professor Helio Faria and professor Gustavo Simões, **IMM/ECEME**. August 8, 2025. Online.
- Visit from **Kerala University**, India. Professor Girish Kumar (University of Kerala, Director of the Centre of Latin American Studies), Professor Sabu Joseph (University of Kerala, Head of the Department of Geology), and Niklas Traneus (International Office, SU). September 4, 2025, NILAS library.
- Visit of the **Chilean Ambassador** in Sweden Tucapel Jimenez Fuentes and the writer Maria José Ferrada to donate the book “Del Sur Americano al Norte Escandinavo: Palabras de Gabriela Mistral al Pueblo Sami”. October 20, 2025, NILAS library.
- GRULAC ambassadors – **Latin American Pavilion** – a symbolic space for collaboration between the Institute and its Latin American counterparts. December 11, 2025, NILAS library.

Library

NILAS Library specializes in documentation on Latin American and Caribbean social, political and economic development. This extensive collection of social scientific literature on Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the biggest in Scandinavia. The library houses approximately 50,000 books, in addition to a wide range of scientific journals, news bulletins and reports from various research centres in USA, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. It also holds a collection of Latin American fiction.

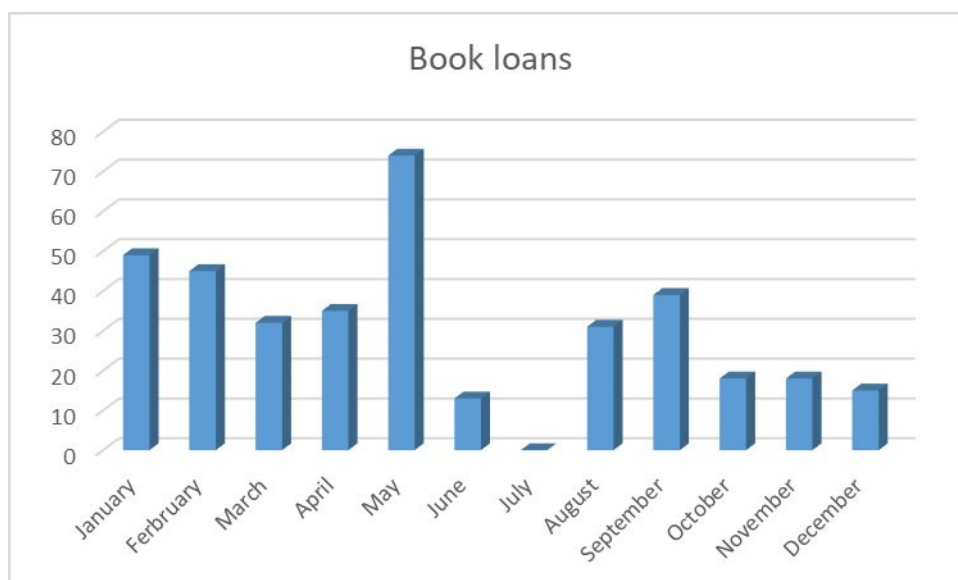
Since 2019, NILAS library is independent from the Stockholm University library. In practice, this means that the book collections belong to the Institute, even though the library still operates under the same system as the Stockholm University library.

The library is affiliated to REDIAL (Red Europea de Información y Documentación sobre América Latina), a network of European libraries specializing in Latin America. The webpage of REDIAL offers access to several European databases on Latin American information and investigation. European dissertations, including Swedish ones, on Latin America can be searched in the REDIAL Thesis database.

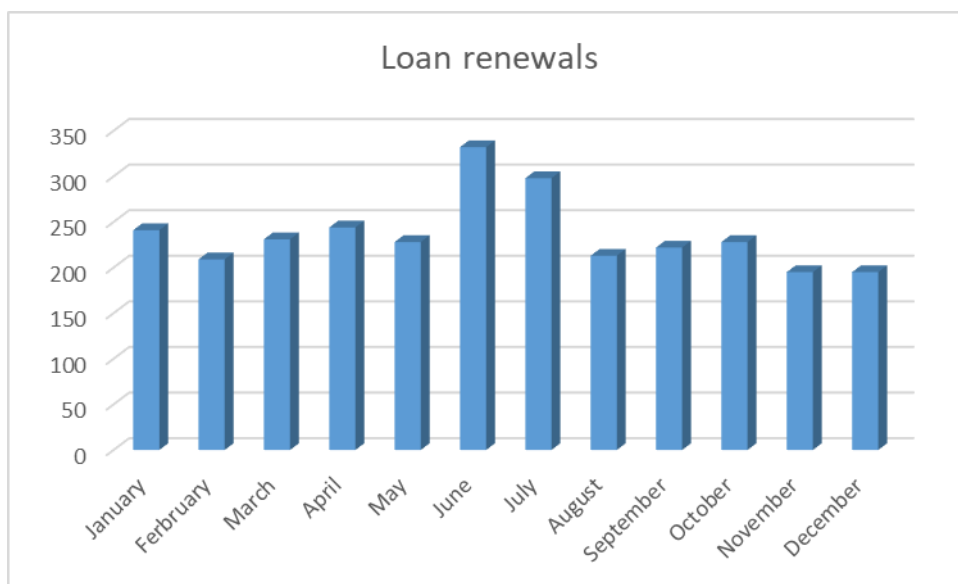
During 2025 new acquisitions to the library amounted to 1 233 volumes. The library is open to students, researchers and the public. The online catalogue can be accessed at Stockholm University Library's web page. The titles are also entered in the union catalogue for the Swedish university libraries, LIBRIS. Borrowing libraries can place their orders in the interlibrary loan system of Libris.

Statistics for 2025

Book loans: 369



Loan renewals: 2836



Interlibrary out (January-December)

Sweden: 59

Nordic Libraries: 11

Total: 70

New acquisitions: 1233

Visitor statistics: 77/week

Financial Report

Financial Report
Institute of Latin American Studies 2025

Revenues	2025	2024	2023
University funding	11 354 488	9 880 000	8 872 874
Comissioned research (uppdrag)	597 442	686 012	1 347 300
Research Grants (Bidrag)	31 885	219 267	194 206
Other revenues	900	30 000	207 000
Cofinancing from University funding			
Cofinancing Research Grants			
Total	11 984 715	10 815 279	10 621 381
Costs	2 025	2 024	2 023
Personnel	-4 456 121	-4 368 151	-4 390 924
Changes vacation pay liability	-64 297	-28 711	42 816
Venues (library)	-4 065 545	-4 064 562	-3 779 744
Operational costs	-85 968	-82 342	-78 257
Overhead	-2 651 465	-2 759 380	-2 583 927
Depreciation	0	0	0
Total	-11 323 396	-11 303 146	-10 790 036
Capital change of the year	661 319	-487 867	-168 656
Capital change from previous years	-2 818 894	-2 331 027	-2 242 405
Closing balance	-2 157 575	-2 818 894	-2 411 061
non-spent grant funds	-10 885	21 000	199 883
non-spent contract funds	0	0	0
Outbound balanced funds	-2 168 460	-2 797 894	-2 211 177