

International seminar

“Poverty and peasant persistence in the contemporary world”

**Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP)
El Colegio de México, Centro de Estudios Sociológicos
Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco (Posgrado en Desarrollo Rural)**

Mexico City, México
13-15 March 2012

Academic programme committee:

Julio Boltvinik, **El Colegio de México**
Sam Moyo, **African Institute for Agrarian Studies (AIAS)**
Shahra Razavi, **United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)**
Kostas Vergopoulos, **University of Paris VIII**

Venue: Room 5524, 5th floor, El Colegio de Mexico

Tuesday 13 March

09:00 – 9:30: Welcome and opening

- Jean Francois **Prud'homme**, General Academic Coordinator, El Colegio de México.
- Roberto **Blancarte**, Director, Centro de Estudios Sociológicos, El Colegio de México.
- Salvador **Vega y León**, Rector, Unidad Xochimilco, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM).
- Víctor **Suárez**, Executive Director, ANEC (Asociación Nacional de Empresas Comercializadoras de Productores del Campo).
- Julio **Boltvinik**, El Colegio de México.
- Hans Egil **Offerdal**, Comparative Research Programme on Poverty, CROP.

Session I: Peasant's Poverty and Persistence: Theoretical approaches

Chair: Yolanda **Massieu Trigo**, (UAM-X), **MEXICO**

9.30-10:45: Julio **Boltvinik**, El Colegio de México, **MEXICO**:

Controversies on peasant poverty and persistence. An Introduction to the Seminar

Discussant: Kostas **Vergopoulos**, University of Paris VIII, **FRANCE**

Coffee Break: 10.45-11.00

11.00-12.15: Armando **Bartra**, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Xochimilco, **MEXICO**:

Re-thinking rustic issues. Contributions to a theory of contemporary peasantry.

Discussant: Henry **Bernstein**

12:15-13:30: Gordon **Welty**, Wright State University, **USA** (with Susan Archer Mann, James Dickinson & Emely Blumenfeld):

From Field to Fork: Revisiting the Mann-Dickinson Thesis Three Decades Later

Discussant: Luis **Arizmendi**

13:30– 14:45 Lunch together as guests of the workshop

Session I (cont.):

Peasant's Poverty and Persistence: Theoretical approaches

Chair: Kirsten **Appendini**, *El Colegio de México*, **MEXICO**

14:45-16:00: Göran **Djurfeldt**, Lund University, **SWEDEN**:

The 'agrarian question' in the rear view mirror – some personal reflections.

Discussant: Armando **Bartra**

16:00-17:15: Luis **Arizmendi**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), **MEXICO**:

Around the types of domination of peasant work by capital as key to decipher its historical function in the XXI century

Discussant: Enrique **Leff**

17.15-18.00: **General discussion on Session I**

18.00 Cocktail: Wine and Snacks

Wednesday 14 March

**Session II: Peasant's Poverty and Persistence:
*Historical and Empirical Evidence***

Chair: Víctor **Suárez** (ANEC), **MEXICO**

09:00-10:15: Henry **Bernstein**, **University of London, UK:**

Agriculture/industry, rural/urban, peasants/workers: some reflections on poverty, persistence and change

Discussant: Kirsten **Appendini** (El Colegio de México)

10:15-11:30: Araceli **Damián** and Edith **Pacheco**, El Colegio de México, **MEXICO:**

Employment and Rural Poverty in Mexico

Discussant: Alicia **Puyana**

11:30 -11:45: *Coffee/Tea*

Session III: Environment, Food Crisis and Peasants

Chair: Víctor **Suárez** (ANEC), **MEXICO**

11:45-13:00: Enrique **Leff**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), **MEXICO:**

From Indian-peasants ecologism to sustainability of life.

Discussant: David **Barkin**

13:15-14:30: *Lunch together as guests of the workshop.*

14.30-15.45: Elma **Montaña**, National University of Cuyo, **ARGENTINA**

South American Peasants and Poor Farmers Facing Global Environmental Change: A Development Dilemma

Discussants: Araceli **Damián** and Edith **Pacheco**

PUBLIC EVENT

16.00: *Transportation from El Colegio de Mexico to Centro Histórico*

17.30: **Public meeting:**

Pobreza y Persistencia del Campesinado.

El caso de México. ¿Qué hacer?

Venue: *Club de Periodistas de Mexico, Filomeno Mata No.8,
Centro Histórico, Mexico City*

(Detailed programme for this event, in Spanish, in the last page)

Thursday 15 March

Session III: Environment, Food Crisis and Peasants (cont.)

Chair: Hans Egil **Offerdal**, CROP, **NORWAY**

9.00-10.15: Kostas **Vergopoulos**, Université Paris VIII, **FRANCE:**

Food Conundrum

Discussant: Gordon **Welty**

Session IV: Policy, self-reliance and peasant poverty

Chair: Hans Egil **Offerdal**, CROP, **NORWAY**

10.15-11.30: Farshad **Araghi**, Florida Atlantic University, **USA:**

The dismantling of the Agrarian Welfare State

Discussant: Göran **Djurfeldt**

Coffee break 11.30-11.45

11.45-13.00: Alicia **Puyana** and Andrea **Santos**, FLACSO, **MEXICO**:

From import substitution to bio-energetics' capitalism. A large period of discrimination against the peasant economy

Discussant: Farshad **Araghi**

13.00-14.30 *Lunch together as guests of the workshop*

Session IV: Policy, self-reliance and peasant poverty (cont.)

14.30-15:45: David **Barkin** and Blanca **Lemus**, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco, **MEXICO**:

Overcoming rural poverty from the bottom up

Discussant: Elma **Montaña**

15.45-16:30: **General discussion on Sessions II, III and IV**

16.30-17:00: **Wrapping up and final information:**

Information on post-event processes to publication of papers as a Zed Book volume in the CROP series "International Studies in Poverty Research". Important information for all paper-givers

End of conference

19.00: *Dinner for registered workshop participants*

El Centro de Estudios Sociológicos (CES) de El Colegio de México, el Posgrado en Desarrollo Rural de la UAM-Xochimilco, CROP (Comparative Research Programme on Poverty) y la Asociación Nacional de Empresas Comercializadoras del Campo (ANEC)



Lugar y hora:
Sala Renato Leduc, Club de Periodistas de México,
Filomeno Mata # 8, Centro Histórico,
Miércoles 14 de marzo 2012
17.30 hrs.

en el marco del *Seminario Internacional Pobreza y Persistencia de Campesinado*
invitan a usted a la mesa redonda

Pobreza y Persistencia del Campesinado. El caso de México. ¿Qué hacer?

con la participación de:

Víctor Suárez,

Director Ejecutivo de ANEC y Coordinador de la Campaña Sin Maíz no hay País.

Armando Bartra,

Profesor del Posgrado en Desarrollo Rural de la UAM-Xochimilco y Director de La Jornada del Campo.

Kostas Vergopoulos,

Profesor de economía de la Universidad de París VIII

Henry Bernstein,

Profesor Emérito de Estudios del Desarrollo de la Escuela de Estudios Orientales y Africanos de la Universidad de Londres y Profesor de la Universidad Agrícola de Beijing.

Luis Arizmendi,

Profesor de economía Política de la Facultad de Economía de la UNAM y director de la Revista Mundo Siglo XXI.

Araceli Damián,

Profesora-Investigadora de El Colegio de México.

Julio Boltvinik,

Profesor-Investigador del CES de El Colegio de México y autor de la columna Economía Moral en La Jornada.