CLACSO
Latin American Council of Social Sciences

The Largest Global Network of Social Science and the Humanities with a Latin American and Caribbean Perspective

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**CLACSO** is an international nongovernmental institution, associated with UNESCO and created in 1967.

At present, CLACSO has **680 research and postgraduate centers** in the field of social science and the humanities, in **51 nations of South America and other continents**.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To promote social research to combat poverty and inequality, and to strengthen human rights and democratic participation.
- To contribute, through academic research and critical thinking, to the promotion of policies of sustainable development in economic, social, and environmental terms.
- To build bridges between social research and public policies, encouraging innovative, creative, and viable actions to face the major social, educational, cultural, and environmental challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To support the formation of networks of researchers and institutions in social science and the humanities.
- To strengthen the processes of academic internationalization in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To broaden South-South and North-South cooperation and academic dialog.
- To stimulate the development and consolidation of social science and critical thinking in the poorest nations of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- To intervene in the national and regional public debate, contributing the perspectives and results of social research based on results.
- To train government agents, social activists, and media professionals in social, educational, cultural, and environmental topics, introducing them to problems addressed in social science and the evidence that social research contributes.
- To promote open access to the academic production of Latin America and the Caribbean, democratizing knowledge and facilitating its use by diverse political and social actors.

**CLACSO: DATA AND STATISTICS**

- **680 associated member centers**, with more than **25,000 researchers**, public policy makers, and the leaders of social movements on **5 continents**
- **110 Working Groups** formed by more than **5,000 researchers in 31 subject areas** in social science and the humanities
- **1,188 activities and meetings** of the Working Groups
- **1,027 research scholarship** recipients selected from more than **7,000 applicants in 50 scholarship calls**
- **7 specializations** and **14 higher diplomas**, in virtual form
- **1,100 audiovisual productions** produced by CLACSO.tv
- **16,483,500 minutes** of views on the YouTube channel of CLACSO.tv
- **21,000,000 downloads** from the virtual library, containing **500,000 documents of open access**
- **50 institutional alliances** with regional and international organizations (UNESCO, FAO, OXFAM, OAS, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, FORD Foundation, CLATE, and others).
- **21,700 students** participating in training courses taught by **1,312 professors**
- **10,510 students** who received educational scholarships
- More than **200 colloquiums and forums** held throughout the world
- **618 publications edited** for open and free access
- **28 international graduate schools** organized in **18 nations**
- **789 masters and doctoral programs** in the Postgraduate Network
- **415,200 followers on social networks** (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube)
- **2,521 articles** in the press of **31 nations**
CLACSO IN THE WORLD

680 associated institutions in 51 nations

Working groups:
- 5,102 researchers from 63 nations
- More than 1,100 institutions in 54 nations

More than 8,000 students from 38 nations participating in virtual seminars and graduate studies

Scholarship recipients and researchers from 37 nations participating in the South-South Program
WORKING GROUPS

110 Working Groups distributed in 31 subject areas. 5,102 female (56%) and male researchers (44%) from 63 nations on 5 continents

Common property and open access | Climate change, environment, and society | Social science and scientific policy | Communication and power | Sports and society | Right wing and conservative movements | Urban rights | Human rights and memory politics | Rural development | Inequality and poverty | Economics and policies of development | Epistemologies of the south | State and public policy | United States Studies | Feminism and gender policy | Left wing and alternative democracies | Justice and legal studies | Youth and childhood policy | Middle East and Latin America | Migrations and human mobility | Social and citizen movements | Policies of integration | Cultural policies and industries | Educational policies and the right to education | Indigenous peoples | Racism and Afro-Latinos | Religion and policy | Collective health | Social theory | Work and labor relations | Violence and public safety

SOUTH-SOUTH PROGRAM

This program is a space of tri-continental collaboration in which CLACSO gave viability to research projects, training, and publications with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), International Development Economics Associates (IDEAS), and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS), as well as other institutions.

514 researchers and professionals and more than 1,000 students from 60 nations.

POSTGRADUATE NETWORK

To encourage a culture of academic and institutional cooperation among graduate programs in the network, promoting teaching proposals based on collaborative work.

To consolidate a training agenda that develops knowledge with impact on the agenda of public policies and social movements.

To guarantee real opportunities in high-quality graduate training for the entire region, with special emphasis on countries where the field of social science is less developed.

To diversify theoretical, thematic, and methodological focuses, providing visibility and strengthening the lines of work of the graduate programs and CLACSO Working Groups.

To generate knowledge about universities and publish the results of the researchers and graduate programs at member centers.

1312 teachers from 324 member centers contributed with 223 virtual and presentational training proposals, in which 21,700 students participated.

EVALUATION OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

Latin American System of University Evaluation
Promotion of research on supplementary assessment indicators (AMELI).
CLACSO is a member of the advising committee of DORA-San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment.
Promotion of use of indicators of open access in assessment processes (CLACSO+UNESCO+SCIELO+REDALYC).

OPEN ACCESS AND KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

3,000 books from the CLACSO network in complete form
108,000 complete texts from the CLACSO network (articles, books, reports, documents)
950 Latin American journals from social science and the humanities (394,000 articles)

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The area’s work is oriented to presenting the activities, opinions, publications, and projects of CLACSO by means of various platforms, tools, and formats, including articles, social networks, CLACSO TV, and CLACSO Radio.

40,400 followers
303,200 followers
52,000 followers
1,450 audiovisual productions from CLACSO TV

Reproduction in minutes: 16,483.500
Views: 1,671,500
Subscribers: 19,600

PROMOTION OF RESEARCH

To strengthen research on high-priority topics of the regional and global agenda, especially in nations with less relative development in social science and the humanities.

To articulate the exchange of views and experiences among researchers, the agents of public policy, and social activists, through participation in scientific and social events of regional and international scope.

To promote academic excellence in the field of social science and the humanities.

To support, through incentives and individual direction, the training of new generations of researchers.

To encourage the transfer of research abilities to decision-makers in public policy and social movements.

50 calls | More than 7,700 applications from 66 nations
**PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIONS**

**WORKING GROUPS**
110 Working groups with more than 5,100 researchers, public policy makers, social activists, and members of nongovernmental organizations, distributed among 31 subject areas.

**POSTGRADUATE NETWORK IN SOCIAL SCIENCES**
Actions in virtual training, schools, and initiatives of academic cooperation in more than 700 graduate programs (master’s and doctoral). Promotion of strategies of cooperation between graduate training and the development of public policies.

**PROGRAM OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**
Actions of cooperation and exchange among academic institutions of the global south.

**PROGRAM TO PROMOTE RESEARCH**
Activities of collaborative research and the training of researchers.

**VIRTUAL LIBRARY, COLLECTION OF LATIN AMERICAN ACADEMIC JOURNALS, AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR OPEN ACCESS**
One of the world’s largest virtual libraries in social science and the humanities, with more than 2 million downloads per month.

Supportive actions for the promotion of institutional and government policies in the field of open access to scientific knowledge.

**LATIN AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICIES**
Activities to develop institutional abilities in the promotion of democratic public policies.

**EDITORIAL PRODUCTION**
Production of books, magazines, papers, documents, and policy briefs. A well-stocked Virtual Bookstore permits online purchases as well as open access to all of CLACSO’s production and that of its associated institutions.

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**LATIN AMERICAN SYSTEM OF UNIVERSITY EVALUATION**
Platform of academic and institutional evaluation of graduate programs and university centers.