The symposium « Societies, Crises and Public Health in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean » is organized by the Institut des Amériques, the European Union – Latin American Foundation (EU-LAC), the French Agency for Development and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs as part of the Latin American and Caribbean Week.
PRESENTATION

European and Latin-American societies, like the rest of the world, have faced in 2020 a major health crisis which led to multiple repercussions in many areas. New questionings have arisen concerning the functioning of the different national health systems, the existent economic models and the inequalities they may induce, the social cohesion of each country and international relations.

By neglecting the prevention and the organization of the response to pandemics, most of the governments are faced with painful choices between public health, economic activity and the preservation of citizens' liberties. In the past, the authorities generally have considered that economic growth would pay dividends allowing to finance health services. In 2021, it will most probably be the control of the pandemic - at global level - which conditions the return to social life and economic activity.

Beyond the health crisis and the thousands of deaths (more than 530 000 in the European Union and more than 750 000 for Latin America and the Caribbean, that is to say almost half of the deaths in the world in March 2021 according to WHO), the symposium Societies, Crises and Public Health in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean proposes to reflect on the first lessons of this global crisis. The purpose is therefore to invite researchers as well as social and political leaders to lead a comparative analysis between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, through three round tables:

1) Health systems work within political organizations where decision making is either rather centralized, or situated at a regional or provincial level. The geographical area that concerns us proposes different forms of organization, from a strong State power to a more federal configuration; we will here focus on public health decision-making.

2) The health crisis revealed and often increased social inequalities that we will consider at various levels: between men and women, between territories, between people in precarious situations or from the informal sector, and those who have social protection, and finally between countries, particularly through the question of research funding.

3) If, in emergency, the first decisions were political, since March 2020, other actors emerged and question more largely the question of civil society’s role (citizen and scientific collectives, NGO...) in public health policies. This experience has certainly much to teach us for the construction of a post-pandemic world.
The debates will take place in French, English and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

**Yves Saint-Geours**, President of the Institut des Amériques (IdA)

**Adrián Bonilla**, Executive Director of the European Union – Latin American Foundation (EU-LAC)

**Matthieu Peyraud**, Director of Culture, Education and Research Department and of Network at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)

**Bruno Leclerc**, Director of the Latin America Department, French Agency for Development (AFD)

**Anne-Peggy Hellequin**, Professor in Geography, Université de Paris Nanterre, LADYSS Laboratory
The considerations on healthiness and hygiene in the territories have progressively become a public matter, most often local and then national. Upon becoming a sovereign function, public health has been organized within the framework of a more or less centralized or federal political system. Faced with the sanitary crisis, decisions have been made by the State or at the level of Provinces, Lander or Estados (Mexico). In this round table, starting with a brief presentation of the health system and its organization in the countries invited, the aim will be to show the contributions of each system and the difficulties they encountered.

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION & DEBATE
Alexis Le Quinio, Associate Professor in Public Law, Sciences Po Lyon, France

SPEAKERS
Luisa Basilia Iñiguez Rojas, Professor Emeritus in Geography at the Universidad de La Habana, Cuba
Egidio Luis Motti, Economist, Centre d'Economie de l'Université Paris Nord, France
Yeli Víquez Rodríguez, Director of the Health Area of Poás, Ministry of Health, Costa Rica
Miguel Ángel González Block, Director of Evisys Consulting, Associate Researcher to the University Anáhuac and honorary researcher at the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Mexico
Stéphanie Seydoux, Ambassador for Global Health, France

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PRESENTATION:

In 2020 and 2021, the pandemic revealed and often aggravated health inequalities in European, Latin-American and Caribbean societies. They are linked to inequalities in health status, in healthcare or social protection, in housing conditions, in access to employment and even in access to education. This round table will focus on gender inequalities due to insufficient social protection or inequalities concerning the more vulnerable people. Lastly, the round table will address the issue of research funding as revealing of North and South inequalities and the potential cooperation.

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION & DEBATE

Vera Chiodi, Associate Professor of Economics, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – CREDA, France

SPEAKERS

Alberto Arenas de Mesa, Director of the Social Development Department, ECLA, Chile

Anna Barrera Vivero, Senior Programme Manager, EU-LAC Foundation, Germany

Merike Blofield, Professor in Political science at Hamburg University and Director of the GIGA Institute for Latin America Studies, Germany

Health expert from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

Yazdan Yazdanpanah, Director of the French Agency for Research on AIDS and Viral Hepatitis (ANRS) of the Institut I3M. Head of the Infectious and Tropical Diseases Department, Bichat Claude Bernard Hospital, France
WHAT PARTICIPATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES?

3rd SESSION · JUNE 2 · 4pm–6pm (UTC+2)

The debates will take place in French, English and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

PRESENTATION:

Already involved in other health areas, such as access to healthcare or medicine, civil society participated in the pandemic response. Indeed, associations and citizens groups tried to respond to the inequalities the crisis worsened. Beyond fundamental research, scientists also got involved reaching out to the general public or promoting access to medicines. This round table will allow us to see how different members of society have succeeded in multiplying the initiatives.

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION & DEBATE

Alicia Márquez Murrieta, Research Professor, Department of Politics and Economics, Institut de Investigaciones Dr. José María Luis Mora, Mexico and associate professor at Centre d’Études des Mouvements Sociaux (EHESS-Paris)

SPEAKERS:

Natalia Pasternak, President of the Question of Science Institute, Brazil

Patrícia Laczynski, Professor of public policies at the Federal University of São Paulo, Instituto das Cidades, Brazil

Francisco A. Rossi Buenaventura, Doctor, specialist in Epidemiology and Senior Advisor at IFARMA Foundation, Colombia

Andrea Costafreda, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Oxfam Intermón, Spain

Áine Markham, Vice-President of Médecins sans frontières’ International Board

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Anne-Peggy Hellequin

Scientific coordinator of the « Societies, Crises and Public Health » symposium

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Anne-Peggy Hellequin is Professor of geography at the Université de Paris Nanterre. She is in charge of the LADYSS workshop Health, health challenges and territory (UMR 7533) and she is co-director of the Territory, City and Health Master (UPN-UPEC). Her research themes are urban territories, air pollution, territorial inequalities and risks representations. She is the scientific coordinator of the symposium Societies, Crisis and Public Health in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Alexis Le Quinio

Scientific coordinator of the 1st session « Public decision and health systems: between resilience and innovation »

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Alexis Le Quinio holds a Law PhD from the Université d’Aix-Marseille, and is a lecturer in Public Law qualified to direct research in Public Law at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Lyon. Member of the boards of directors of the French section of the Ibero-American Institute of Constitutional Law (IIDC) and of the Association française de droit des collectivités locales (AFDCL), he is a specialist of comparative constitutional law. Some of his works deal with latino-american constitutionalism and the mutations and functioning of legal regimes in this area of the Americas, particularly regarding State organization and democratic participation processes.
Vera Chiodi

Scientific coordinator of the 2nd session « were Health inequalities revealed by the crisis? »

Associate Professor of Economics at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Institut des Hautes Études de l’Amérique latine-CREDA)

Vera Chiodi is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Institut des Hautes Études de l’Amérique latine) and a member of the Centre de Recherche et de Documentation des Amériques (CREDA UMR 7227). Since September 2020, she has been on an academic sabbatical year. She is co-director of the Public and Collective Action Research Axis (ACAP) of the CREDA. She obtained her PhD in Economics at the Ecole d’économie de Paris, and then did a post-doctoral fellowship at the J-PAL Poverty Action Lab. She is affiliated to the Centro de Estudio para el Desarrollo Urbano, of the Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her research focuses on development economics, economics of education and labor market. She just won the call for projects entitled Procope Plus 2021 Partenariat Hubert Curien (PHC), financed by the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI). She recently published « More is more. Livelihood interventions and child labor in the agricultural sector ».

Alicia Márquez Murrieta

Scientific coordinator of the 3rd session « What participation for civil society in public health policies? »

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Director of the Social Development Department, ECLAC, United Nations

Director of the Social Development Department of the Economical Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Doctor in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh. He worked for 18 years in the Ministry of Finance in Chile, as Minister of Finance and Budget director. As Minister of Finance he led the 2014 tax reform. He conducted the 2008 structural reform of the pension system as Budget Director and served as Executive Secretary of the Provisional Reform Ministers Committee. Alberto Arenas de Mesa is Professor of the Master in Public Policy for the Economics and Commerce Faculty at the Universidad de Chile, where he teaches a course on Pension Economics. To this date he published 4 books and more than 30 publications linked to fiscal policy, social protection and pensions systems. These publications were published by international organisms like IDB, ECLAC, ILO and specialized reviews.

Anna Barrera Vivero

Senior Programme Manager, EU-LAC Foundation

Dr. Anna Barrera Vivero studied Political Science and Public Law at the Free University of Berlin and obtained her doctoral degree in Political Science from the University of Hamburg and GIGA Institute of Latin American Studies. Currently, she works as Senior Programme Manager in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation, Culture and Multilateral Issues at the EU-LAC Foundation. Her previous positions were related with science as well as international development cooperation. Those positions included the Collaborative Research Centre "Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood" (SFB 700, Free University of Berlin), the German Research Association on Latin America (ADLAf), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM Andean Region), Bucerius Law School Hamburg, Episcopal Action Adveniat and GLS Future Foundation for Development.
Merike Blofield

Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies, German Institute for Global and Regional Studies
Professor of Political Science (University of Hamburg)

Merike Blofield is since January 2020 Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies, and Professor of Political Science at the University of Hamburg. Prior to this she was Professor of Political Science and Director of Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Miami, where she received in 2019 the May Brunson Award for doing the most to improve the status of women. Dr. Blofield has published widely on the intersection of socio-economic, gender and family inequalities and the policy process in Latin America. Most recently she has published several reports on government social protection measures in the wake of COVID-19.

Andrea Costafreda

Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Oxfam Intermón

Andrea Costafreda is a politist and a researcher in development and Latin America studies. She is currently the Director for Latin America and the Caribbean for Oxfam Intermón. She is an Associate Professor of the International Relations Degree of Blanquerna-URL and of the Masters in International Relations from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and from the Barcelona’s Institute of International Studies. She worked as consultant and researcher for bilateral cooperations like the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, the International Relation Direction of Barcelona City Council or for multilateral organizations like the UNDP, the IDB or IDEA International. She has been in charge of the Planification in the General Direction of Cooperation to the Development of the Government of Catalonia, and she also worked as a political analyst in the Catalonia International Institute of Governance, on projects of institutional reinforcement and democratic development with the Regional Direction of the UNDP for Latin America.
Miguel Ángel González Block,
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Dr. González Block graduated in natural sciences and social anthropology from Cambridge University, and obtained his Ph.D. from El Colegio de México in Social Sciences with a specialization in Sociology. Dr. González Block is a Research Associate at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the Universidad Anáhuac. He serves as Director for Mexico of the North American Health Systems Observatory and is the Co-Director of the health systems consulting firm Evisys. Dr. González Block is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the National System of Researchers.

He served as Director of the Center for Health Systems Research at the Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública and director of the World Health Organization's Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. Dr. Gonzalez Block is editor emeritus of the journal Health Research Policy and Systems and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of California at San Diego and an O’Gorman Scholar at Columbia University in New York. Dr. González Block has collaborated throughout his professional career with the Fundación Mexicana para la Salud, the Asociación Mexicana de Instituciones de Seguros and the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, among other organizations.

Luisa Basilia Iñiguez Rojas
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Luisa Basilia Iñiguez Rojas holds a degree in Geography (1970), professor (1982) and Dr. in geographical sciences from the Universidad de La Habana (1985), she is now Professor Emeritus at the Universidad de La Habana (2019) and Professor at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)- Cuba Program at the Universidad de La Habana. Luisa Iñiguez is also an honorary member of the Scientific Council of the Universidad de La Habana (2013). She has been the coordinator of a large number of researches in Cuba and abroad, on spatial inequalities of well-being and health. She worked for PAHO/WHO in Latin American countries and she has been an advisor for the State Foundation for Environmental Engineering in Rio de Janeiro, visiting professor at the National School of Public Health of the Osvaldo Cruz Foundation for the Ministry of Health in Brazil. She participated in conferences in national institutions and in various countries of Latin America, in the United States, Japan and Spain. Luisisa Iñiguez gave master classes on Geography in national and foreign reviews and she coordinated seven books.
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Patricia Laczynski is Associate Professor at the Federal University of São Paulo, Instituto das Cidades, Campus Zona Leste. She graduated in Business Administration from EAESP-Fundação Getulio Vargas (1992), has an MA (2003) and a PhD in Public Administration and Government from EAESP-Fundação Getulio Vargas (2012). She has experience in public policies, with professional experience in the Inter-Union Department of Statistics and Socioeconomic Studies - Dieese (Labor Observatories) and Municipal Government of Santo André. She worked as a professor at Escola DIEESE and at SENAC. Her current research includes: inequality and privatisation of democracy; neoliberalism in large cities; labour and income policies for youth in urban peripheries.

Áine Markham

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With over 25 years’ experience in the humanitarian field, she has worked predominantly for MSF since 1994, where she has held senior management positions both in the field and at headquarters, including Director of Operations from 1999 to 2004. During this period, she played a key role in leading and overseeing the organization’s humanitarian activities in challenging contexts, setting priorities and negotiating access to the various countries under her strategic dossier. Following a move to Africa and Latin America from 2004, she has worked as an independent consultant for national and international NGOs, Foundations and Academic Institutions specialising in humanitarian and global public health issues, including designing and implementation of research projects. Over the years, she has served on a number of non-profit boards and was first elected to the MSF International Board in 2015. Áine trained as a general and paediatric nurse in her home country Ireland. She holds a master’s degree in public health and in international politics.
Egidio Luis Miotti
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Luis Egidio Miotti is a professor of economics at the Economic Center of the Université Sorbonne Paris Nord. He holds a master’s degree and a PhD in economics from Université Paris 7. He has taught in various national and foreign institutions (Argentina, Brazil, Japan and various African countries). Currently in charge of “Methods and Development” at Observatoire de Sciences et Technologie (OST-HCERES). He served as an expert for the Commission d’Évaluation des Investissements d’Avenir pour l’évaluation d’impact for the PIA program as well as for the Charpin Commission and for the evaluation of innovation subsidies for the European Commission. In addition, he was an invited expert for the Commission Nationale de Evaluation des Politiques d’Innovation (Commissariat à la Stratégie). His research focuses on international economy, development, economic growth and industrial economics (innovation and technology), science and technology. His international experience (programs in Latin America, in Africa and Asia) and his expertise in economics have led him to be consulted by various international organizations like the UNDP, ECLAC, the World Bank and the IMF.

Natalia Pasternak
President of the Question of Science Institute

Natalia Pasternak has a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with a PhD and post-doctorate in Microbiology, in the field of Molecular Genetics of Bacteria at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. She is the former director in Brazil of the international festival of scientific communication "Pint of Science", invited columnist for the Brazilian national newspaper "O Globo", Brazilian "Health" magazine, and for The Skeptic magazine (UK). She is a visiting professor at Fundação Getulio Vargas Public Administration School and contributes as a visiting scholar at the University of São Paulo, at the Vaccine Development Laboratory. She is currently the publisher of Question of Science magazine and president of Question of Science Institute, the first Brazilian Institute for the promotion of skepticism and rational thinking. In 2020, Natalia became a fellow of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (USA).
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Senior Advisor at IFARMA Foundation, an NGO dedicated to research and advocacy for the right to health and access to an appropriate use of medicines, with 20 years of experience in pharmaceutical policies in Colombia and Latin America. IFARMA has developed works on the impact of intellectual property on prices and access to medicines. In association with other organizations, IFARMA has presented requests for a Mandatory License for medicines for HIV (Lopinavir/ritonavir), cancer (Imatinib) and hepatitis C. Although none of them has been granted, it led to significant price reductions. IFARMA is part of REDLAM, a network of organizations specialized in access to medicines, which includes Acción Internacional para la Salud for Peru, ABIA for Brazil, Grupo Efecto Positivo Foundation for Argentina and IFARMA for Colombia.

Stéphanie Seydoux

Ambassador for Global Health

Stéphanie Seydoux has been appointed Ambassador of France for Global Health in 2018, to represent France in different international organizations (Global Fund, Unitaid...). She led the preparation for the Sixth Replenishment Global Funds’ Conference in Lyon, in October 2019, and currently participates to the multilateral French response to the Covid-19 crisis (particularly through the ACT-A), which was developed in parallel with the reinforcement of the major health and development priorities such as the strengthening of health systems, gender equality, the fight against pandemics, among others.

After starting her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stéphanie Seydoux joined the General Inspectorate of Social Affairs (IGAS) in 2004. From 2007 to 2010, she was in charge of the promotion of equality in the High Authority for the fight against discrimination and for equality. From 2010 to 2013, she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as first advisor, assistant to the head of post at the French Embassy in Kenya. She was Head of the Womens’ rights departement from 2014 to 2017.

Yeli Víquez Rodríguez

Director of Poas Health Area Ministry of Health, Costa Rica

Dr. Yeli Víquez Rodríguez has been a public health expert and a Ministry of Health official since 1986. She has held management positions in local and regional instances of the Health Ministry of Costa Rica. Since 1997, she has served as Director of Poas’ Health Area, township of Alajuela province, Costa Rica. She has participated in the response to emergencies of diverse nature as subcoordinator of the Poas Municipal Emergency Committee and currently leads the health sector work team for the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the local area.
Yazdan Yazdanpanah

Director of the ANRS and the Institut I3M
Head of the Infectious and Tropical Diseases Department, Bichat Claude Bernard hospital

In 2021, Dr. Yazdan Yazdanpanah has been appointed Director of l’Agence nationale des maladies infectieuses émergentes (ANRS) which funds and coordinates research on HIV, hepatitis, STIs, tuberculosis and emerging and re-emerging infections. Since 2017, he is also the Director of the I3M Institute (Immunology, Inflammation, Infectiology, et Microbiology) which brings together the main actors of this thematic in France as part of Aviesan, the National Alliance for Life and Health Sciences.

Yazdan Yazdanpanah is currently leading an Inserm working group on decision analysis in infectious diseases. He directs the Infectious Diseases Department of the Bichat Claude Bernard hospital, and is a professor of medicine at the Université Paris Diderot, France. He is a member of the COVID-19 Scientific Committee for President Emmanuel Macron. Since May 2019, he has been President of the Boards of Directors of the European and Developing Countries Partnership on Clinical Trials (EDCTP). He is also Vice-President of the Glopid R international network (Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness). Yazdan Yazdanpanah became a doctor at the Medicine Faculty of Lille, France, in 1996. He graduated from the same institution, first as a hepato-gastroenterologist, and then as a specialist of infectious diseases in 2002. He obtained a Master of Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health of Boston, in the United States, in 2000, and a PhD in Public Health at the École de santé publique de Bordeaux in 2002. In 2006, he became Professor in infectious diseases.
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