



WISC-MISA Exploratory Workshop Report

The World International Studies Committee (WISC) and the Mexican International Studies Association (MISA) co-organized the one-day workshop “The Current State and Future of IR Studies in the Global South”, which was held at the MISA Conference in Cancun, Mexico, in October 2015.

Besides the delegations from MISA and ISA, WISC and MISA received eleven applications for participation from scholars from around the world. Six were jointly selected, one applied for (and received) a travel grant from WISC.

Participants submitted short memos (approx. 3-5 pages) ahead of the conference that addressed reflections responding to two main analytical inquiries: a) What should be the key themes and the primary theoretical concerns in International Studies in the Global South?; and b) How should individual scholars and professional organizations in the Global South contribute to strengthen IR at the national, regional and global levels?

The exploratory workshop was held in the Room Contoy of the Cancún Convention Center, on Friday, October 16, 2015, in Cancún, Mexico, within the larger organization of the 29th Annual Convention of the Mexican International Studies Association (MISA). MISA covered the following expenses:

1. Airfare and lodging for Paul Diehl, President of the International Studies Association
2. Lodging for Amitav Acharya, Past President of the International Studies Association
3. Lodging for Roberto Dominguez, Co-organizer of the Exploratory Workshop
4. Ten hotel rooms (for three days and two nights) for the participants in the workshop coming from outside Mexico.
5. Lunch for 21 participants in the workshop
6. Rent of the meeting room at the Cancun Convention Center.

The workshop produced three main outputs: a) most of the short memos were published in the monthly newsletters of MISA in December 2015 and January 2016; b) two summaries of the discussions were uploaded to the WISC webpage; and c) a proposal for a Special Issue of the Journal *Relaciones Internacionales* (in Spanish) is under review.

This is the list of the 21 participants (candidates sponsored jointly by MISA and WISC in italics):



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| 1. | Paul Diehl | ISA/University of Texas at Dallas |
| 2. | Amitav Acharya | ISA/American University |
| 3. | Modesto Seara Vázquez | MISA (Founder)/President of Universidad del Mar |
| 4. | <i>Andreas Herbert-Rothe</i> | <i>University of Applied Sciences Fulda (Germany)</i> |
| 5. | Christian Denzi | Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Germany) |
| 6. | <i>Nancy Wright</i> | <i>Long Island University-Brooklyn (USA)</i> |
| 7. | <i>Paula Ruiz</i> | <i>Universidad Externado de Colombia (Colombia)</i> |
| 8. | <i>Ralf J. Leiteritz</i> | <i>Universidad del Rosario (Colombia)</i> |
| 9. | <i>Yazmine Zein</i> | <i>Future University (Egypt)</i> |
| 10. | Alberto Lozano | Universidad del Mar |
| 11. | Alejandro Chanona | National Autonomous University of Mexico |
| 12. | Consuelo Dávila | President of MISA |
| 13. | Dámaso Morales | National Autonomous University of Mexico |
| 14. | Iliana Cid | National Autonomous University of Mexico |
| 15. | <i>Jessica de Alba Ulloa</i> | <i>Universidad Anahuac</i> |
| 16. | Marianne Mechand | Universidad de Las Americas |
| 17. | David Sarquis | Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México |
| 18. | Yadira Gálvez | National Autonomous University of Mexico |
| 19. | Rafael Velázquez | Universidad Autónoma de Baja California |
| 20. | Gunther Hellmann | WISC/Goethe University (co-organizer) |
| 21. | Roberto Domínguez | MISA/Suffolk University (co-organizer) |

Consuelo Davila (MISA President 2013-15)
Rafael Velazquez (MISA President 2015-17)
Roberto Domínguez (MISA Vice-President for External Relations)