This conference focuses on the impact of bio-politics on the configuration of Latin American societies, from colonial times to the present. The topics indicated below suggest some of the possible directions this reflection could follow. We encourage theoretical / political elaboration as well as trans-disciplinary approaches to the issues at hand.

- The individual body and body politic
- Life, death, and the discourses of war
- Power, reason, passion, and the body
- Organicism, Darwinism, and the national project
- Bio-powers and the State, the law, the Panopticon
- Sexuality / eroticism / corporal exploitation
- Good manners, habits, behaviors, social practices and citizenry
- Codifications and transgressions of gender
- Nationalism and Miscegenation
- Nations, borders, and nomadic bodies
- Nature / nurture and artificial bodies
- Theories and Practices of Race (slavery, discrimination, social classification)
- Medical discourses (Hygiene, Eugenics, Disability)
- The body in motion (work, dance, sex)
- Torture, martyrdom, heroism
- The commodification of the body
- The ethics and the aesthetics of pain
- Voyeurism, performance, and the glamourization of violence
- Strategies of representation of the body in literature, film and the visual arts

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