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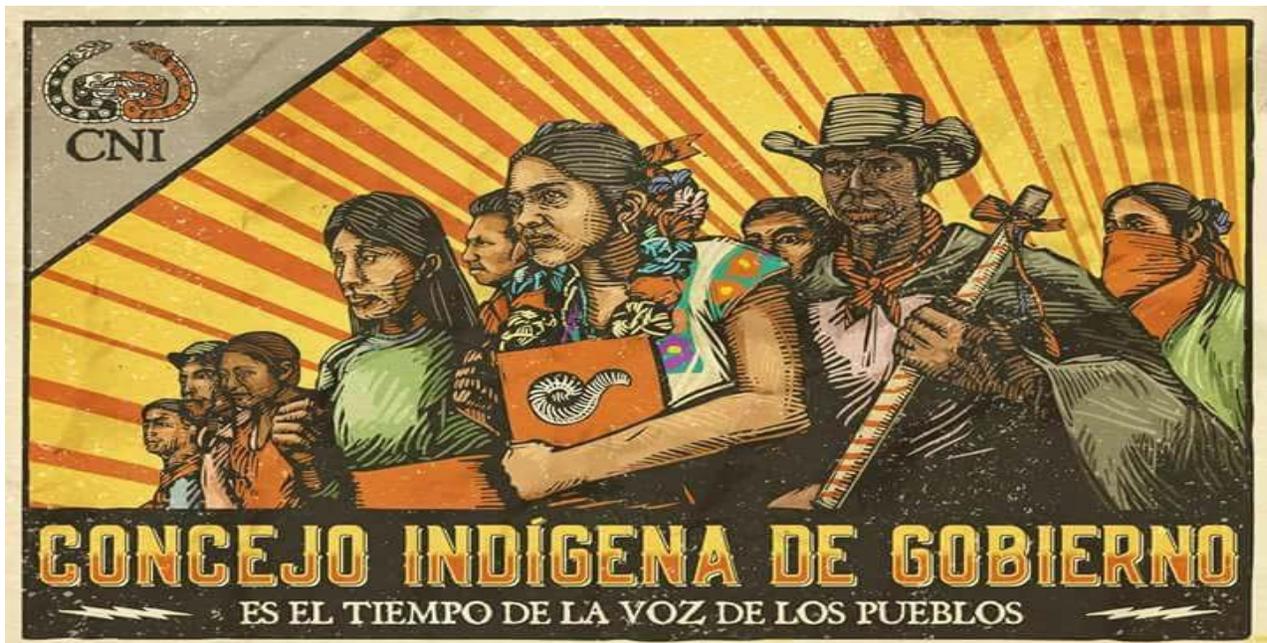
**Civic Innovation Research Initiative (CIRI)**  
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**Presents:**

**"DECOLONISING POLITICS IN MEXICO"  
AND THE FIRST INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENT COUNCIL"  
A CONVERSATION**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

15-17hrs

Room: 3.14



**Speakers:**

Dr. Angeles Eraña, UNAM-Mexico

Dr. Genner Llanes, Leiden University

Dr. Rolando Vazquez, University College Roosevelt

Dr. Rosalba Icaza, ISS

Moderator: Professor Wendy Harcourt, Chair on Gender, Diversity and Sustainable Development (ISS)

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*Decolonising Politics in Mexico and the First Indigenous Government Council*, is a conversation among *academics, students, activists* and interested public in the Netherlands, on the political proposal of the Indigenous Government Council, its impacts for Mexico's politics, regional geo-politics and how politics are understood and practiced in the context of extreme forms of violence and destitution.



**The first part of this event will start at 13hrs** by featuring the documentary "Mirar Morir" ("Watching Them Die") from Temoris Grecko (1:39 minutes) on the events of the 26 September 2014 when 43 students from the Ayotzinapa College in the State of Guerrero were attacked by local police and disappeared. The film presents the events of that night, the collusion of police and army with organized crime, and the Mexican Government's cover-up. This documentary has been screen around the world, in solidarity and support of Ayotzinapa students and their families. A brief conversation on the film moderated by PhD researcher Marina Cadaval will be followed by a break.



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**In solidarity with the relatives of  
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This screening is part of an international solidarity tour. Donations will be appreciated.

<https://www.wri-irg.org/en/story/2016/mirar-morir-watch-them-die-documentary-screenings>

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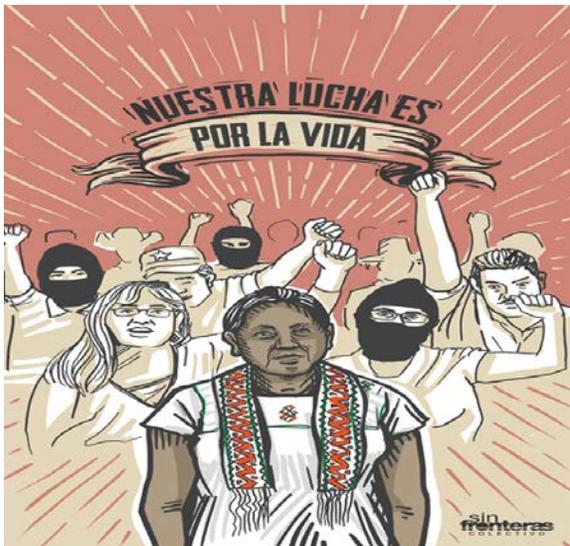
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## Speakers Bio

**Dr Ángeles Eraña** is a researcher at the Philosophical Research Institute at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Her research interests are mainly focused on three areas: epistemology, cognitive sciences and most recently in social and critical ontology. She teaches different graduate and undergraduate seminars in the philosophy degree, masters and PhD. Currently she is a member of the editorial board of *Dianoia*, a philosophical journal. Some of her recent published articles are “Dual process theories vs. Massive modulariy hypotheses”, “The heuristic structure of scientific knowledge”, “El conocimiento como una actividad colectiva”, “‘Nosotros’ somos un sujeto epistémico”, “Una construcción posible de mundos”.



**Dr. Genner Llanes-Ortiz** is a Maya scholar from Yucatán, México. He was awarded a Ford Foundation's International Fellowship Program (IFP), and has a DPhil in Social Anthropology from Sussex University, United Kingdom. He is currently an assistant professor of Heritage of Indigenous Peoples in Leiden University, Netherlands. His research is interested in Indigenous movements, intercultural dialogue, subaltern epistemologies and Indigenous performing arts. He has worked collaboratively with NGOs and Indigenous organizations in Mexico, Ecuador, Belize and Guatemala. His work has explored forms of representing Indigenous knowledge in intercultural education, as well as performatic expression in the cultural and political mobilization of Maya

peoples. More recently, his work focuses on Indigenous art forms (performance art, cinema and music), anti-racism and language revitalization.

**Dr Rolando Vázquez** work is dedicated to develop decolonial ways of thinking, teaching and learning. He is Associate Professor of sociology and diversity fellow of the University College Roosevelt of the University of Utrecht, in The Netherlands. Since 2010 he coordinates with Walter Mignolo the annual Middelburg Decolonial Summer School since 2010. With Gloria Wekker et. al. he wrote the report of the Diversity Commission of the University of Amsterdam. In the last five years he has been developing joint pedagogical initiatives with the Universidad de la Tierra in Oaxaca, Mexico.





**Dr Rosalba Icaza** is a feminist International Studies scholar with 15 year of research, teaching and capacity building expertise in the areas of gender and development, political economy of regionalism in Mexico and Central America and research methodologies. She is based at ISS and is currently Chair of ISS Diversity Team. In 2016, she served as senior researcher at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) Diversity Commission. Prior to ISS, Rosalba was based at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden (2005-2007) thanks to a Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship. She completed a PhD in Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick in the UK in 2005 and a BA in International Relations (cum laude) at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. Rosalba member of the Transnational Network Other Knowledges (RETOS); and collaborate with Unitierra Oaxaca ([www.unitierraoax.org](http://www.unitierraoax.org)).