

Dept of Social Science – Job Talk

International Development Studies (IDS)

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Date:
Monday,
April 29

Times:
Research
10:00 am
– 11:30 am

Teaching
2:00 pm
– 3:30 pm

Location:
822 Ross
South

All sessions will be open to faculty & students.

Light refreshments will be provided.

The Unmaking of a Revolution: Indigenous, Afro-descendant and Campesino Movements and the Authoritarianism of the Left



Research Presentation Abstract: My presentation will focus on providing a critical overview of the relations between the Ortega regime in Nicaragua and the social movements that have mobilized against it, especially the Indigenous, campesino, and Afro-descendant activism since 2007 when the second Ortega administration took office. The argument advanced is that the Indigenous / Afro / Peasant mobilization in Nicaragua had largely been a struggle for securing access to land, autonomy rights, and livelihood in the years prior to the political crisis, but it radically shifted in 2018 towards denouncing and resisting the increasingly authoritarian, anti-democratic rule of the FSLN regime. The limited practical effect of autonomy rights, an ongoing transformation of agrarian structures that marginalizes peasant economies, including precarious land tenure agreements for campesino colonists in southern Nicaragua, and the state's confrontational promotion of extractive forms of capitalist accumulation, have all coalesced to produce both novel articulation of collective agency by subaltern actors and challenges to the authoritarian state.

Miguel González (PhD) is an Assistant Professor in the International Development Studies program at York University, Toronto, Canada. His current research interests relate to two broad themes and projects: Indigenous self-governance and territorial autonomous regimes in Latin America; and the governance of small-scale fisheries in the global south, with a particular geographical concentration in the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast. Miguel is a researcher associated with the Global Partnership for Small-Scale Fisheries Research (<http://toobigtoignore.net>) and with the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) at York University.