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# FLACSO SYSTEM

The Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), established in 1957, is an intergovernmental, multilateral, and regional organization. Autonomous, academic, and plural in nature, it comprises 18 Member States and 2 Observer Countries. Its mission is to promote the production of knowledge, teaching, and research in the Social Sciences, encompassing fields such as sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, law, public administration, public policy, and international relations, among others.

FLACSO conducts academic, research, and technical cooperation activities across Latin America and the Caribbean. The institution is distinguished by its pluralistic, innovative, and multidisciplinary methodological approach, which results from collaborations between academic entities, the public and private sectors, and civil society. Furthermore, FLACSO actively participates in sociopolitical, cultural, and economic debates in the region, analyzing complex contemporary challenges.

Since its inception, FLACSO has worked to regionalize and internationalize Social Sciences in the region, serving as an integral system of regional knowledge production. In the current global context, FLACSO is positioned to make significant contributions to knowledge production about and from Latin America and the Caribbean, broadening the scope of Social Sciences debates beyond regional borders. In line with contemporary challenges, the institution innovates in academic and technical cooperation fields, addressing the specific needs of Member States, their governments, and public, private, and civil society institutions.

# ABOUT THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The General Secretariat serves as FLACSO's legal and administrative representative, ensuring compliance with the institution's objectives, values, and regulations, while promoting the sustainability of the system.

In collaboration with the Governing Board, the General Secretariat implements the mandates of the General Assembly and the Superior Council. It oversees academic management, research, and technical cooperation while strengthening relationships with Member and Observer States. It coordinates regional initiatives aimed at the development and integration of the system.

Dr. Rebecca Forattini Lemos Igreja, a distinguished Brazilian academic, assumed the position of General Secretary for the 2024–2028 term.

## FLACSO SYSTEM

FLACSO adapts to academic innovation, aligning its programs with the present and future needs of society. The institution offers a wide range of postgraduate programs, including master's degrees, doctorates, specializations, and diplomas. FLACSO is committed to maintaining academic excellence by providing comprehensive support to faculty, students, and alumni. The General Secretariat is responsible for issuing awarded diplomas.

EDUCATION

FLACSO conducts specialized academic research with both regional and global reach. Research findings are translated into analyses, precise diagnostics, and specialized publications. These outputs include regional reports, databases, and other formats that facilitate knowledge dissemination and foster dialogue among academics, policymakers, and civil society.

RESEARCH

FLACSO's team of highly trained specialists develops regional and international technical and academic cooperation projects. These projects are implemented through research, studies, workshops, training programs, and publications, as well as other initiatives.

COOPERATION

FLACSO plays a pivotal role in the internationalization of Social Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean. The General Secretariat, supported by an international advisory team, actively promotes partnerships and agreements with international, multilateral, academic, governmental, and civil society institutions.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Culture, in its diverse manifestations, is a fundamental element of our societies. The FLACSO system seeks to promote the rich cultural heritage of Latin America and the Caribbean through various forms of dissemination and expression. To this end, FLACSO Cultural has been launched, an initiative aimed at integrating cultural activities across the system.

CULTURE



**18**

Member States

**13**

Academic Units

**1**

General Secretariat

**2**

Observer Countries:  
Spain and China



**+20,000**

individuals awarded postgraduate degrees



**+100**

postgraduate programs: doctorates, master's, and specializations



**+1,800**

academics, faculty, and researchers



**+90**

books published annually



**+300**

annual research projects

**GEOPOLITICS, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE, ACCESS TO JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL INEQUALITIES, INTERCULTURALITY, GENDER AND CARE, ETHNICITIES, AFRO-LATIN IDENTITIES, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITIES, DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM, MIGRATION, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE, SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DIGITAL EDUCATION, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY, AMONG OTHERS.**