



Doctorate in

# SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

## DESCRIPTION

Established in 1966, the Doctorate in Social Anthropology has formed over the years prominent anthropologists, notable at national and international levels. The Universidad Iberoamericana (Ibero) opened this research-based training area supported by its invaluable tradition of humanistic education, aiming to understand and rigorously analyze the changing social realities of today's world.

The ability acquired by our graduates to investigate, analyze and understand relevant aspects of social realities and social problems enables them to engage professionally in positions that can influence policy-making and tackle problems faced by our society.

## CONTEXT AND RELEVANCE

Anthropologists possess the necessary theoretical and methodological background and analytical skills to create and disseminate new knowledge and to take part in public debates on contemporary societies' major topics and concerns.

In today's world, training social anthropologists is a vital and ineluctable responsibility and this is particularly true in societies such as ours: Mexico, since its origins, is a multiethnic and multicultural society. Over the last decades, its population has moved from mainly rural to mainly urban. Vast sectors of the population, both in the countryside and in the cities, are transforming their livelihoods. New technologies influence in a number of ways the everyday life and productivity of most people. Contemporary changes in Mexico, as in other countries, are quick and profound, with diverse expressions in different local and regional environments, and in different social groups. Today, more than ever, Mexico needs to rely on highly qualified human resources to:

1. Document, analyze and understand:
  - The country's ethnic and sociocultural diversity and the challenges and problems it entails.
  - The social, cultural and technological changes occurring at local, regional, national and international settings, identifying the challenges and issues they encompass.
  - The multiple solutions and adaptations of local societies and social groups to global dynamics and processes.
  - The multiple and diverse consequences of the globalization process in the daily life and productivity of the different social groups.
  - Generate and disseminate novel knowledge on relevant aspects of current sociocultural reality.
3. Study specific aspects of domestic issues and reality.
4. Search for novel solutions to modern social problems.
5. Conduct top-level research in the field of Social Anthropology at higher education and research centers.

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The Doctorate in Social Anthropology is acknowledged by CONACYT's National Program of Quality Graduate Studies (PNPC) with International Level.

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## LINKAGE

Our graduate program is co-founder of the Angel Palerm and Arturo Warman Chairs and of the Classic and Contemporary Book Collection. We have links with the following national institutions:

- Academia Mexicana de Ciencias, AMC
- Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS
- Colegio de Etnólogos y Antropólogos Sociales, CEAS
- Colegio de la Frontera Sur
- El Colegio de Michoacán, COLMICH
- Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia, ENAH
- Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, INAH
- Red Mexicana de Programas de Antropología (RED MIFA)
- Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM)/ Departamento de Antropología
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)/Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas e Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales
- And with the following foreign institutions:
  - American Anthropological Association
  - City University of New York / New School for Social Research
  - Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)
  - Högskolan i Halmstad
  - Instituto Cubano de Antropología, INCAN
  - Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Pensamiento Latinoamericano
  - International Union of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences
  - Johns Hopkins University
  - Latin American Studies Association
  - Michigan State University
  - Sophia University
  - The Americas Research Network (ARENET)
  - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
  - Universidad de Chile/Departamento de Antropología

## OBJECTIVES

### General

The Doctorate is designed to train top-level researchers dominating a field of knowledge and further specializing empirically and conceptually in a specific topic to develop new knowledge and use it innovatively to solve social problems.

### Specific

- To study further a specific topic, empirically and conceptually, and attain an acknowledged expertise in the subject.
- To apply anthropological approaches and theoretical concepts in field research in original and novel forms.
- To pose thought-provoking research questions that advance social anthropology knowledge, in both its ethnographic and explanatory aspects.
- To develop original anthropological research.
- To use their expertise to produce knowledge and novel methodologies designed to solve social problems.

## APPLICANTS PROFILE

Candidates must have a high-quality academic training at master's level. Other important requirements are: demonstrate interest and abilities to be trained as researchers; prove their skills to understand anthropological texts written in English and in Spanish; and be able to devote full-time to their doctoral studies and to engage in long field-working periods.

## GRADUATES' PROFILE

The objective of the program is to train top-level researchers, who upon graduation possess the theoretical knowledge of the discipline, the ability to produce new knowledge via empirical research contributing to the development of social anthropology, and are able to engage in public debate on the crucial topics and issues of contemporary societies.

## FIELD OF WORK

The graduate is prepared to carry out top- level teaching and research activities at higher education and research centers. He/she is also prepared to participate in public debates addressing the most complex and decisive issues of contemporary society and can serve as an advisor for institutions, organizations and public and/or private companies, identifying and finding feasible solution to specific problems.

# FACULTY MEMBERS

### Jesús Alberto Cabañas Osorio

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#### Lines of Research:

Culture Criticism and Visual Studies, Cultural Semiotics, Applied Semiotics.

#### Relevant Publications:

"Mutaciones estéticas y cultura mediática: cosmética política y cosmética de la apariencia física". Verdedas: Revista de Pensamiento Sociológico, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. pp. 45-75. Año 12, núm. 22, 2011; "El exotismo en el cuerpo. Un estudio de lo corporal en la llamada cabaretera o mujer fatal del cine mexicano". TRAMAS: Subjetividad y Procesos Sociales, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. pp. 287-305, año 12, núm. 32, 2011; "La masculinización de la cámara: la construcción de los discursos de poder en la llamada mujer fatal del cine mexicano". In Género, Cultura, Discurso y Poder: coloquio semiótica de la cultura, México: Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia, ENAH, 2011, pp. 25-38.

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#### Lines of Research:

Power Networks and Justice Systems (coordinator).

**Relevant Publications:** Una etnografía de la administración de la pobreza. La producción social de los programas de desarrollo (México: UIA, 2015); (Trans)formaciones del Estado en los márgenes de Latinoamérica (México: UIA-COLMEX, 2011); Formas reales de la dominación del Estado. Perspectivas interdisciplinarias del poder y la política (México: COLMEX, 2014).

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Local Expressions of Globality.

**Relevant Publications:**

“Una mirada al fenómeno de la piratería de autopartes en México”. In Latin American Perspectives, (Japan: Nanzan University, 2016); “Una mirada a la trayectoria de la política de educación para los indígenas. De la asimilación, a la integración y a la interculturalidad”. In Estudios sobre derecho indígena y patrimonio cultural (México: Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM, 2015); “La migración como proyecto de vida entre la población tzeltal”. In Latin American Perspectives (Japan: Nanzan University, 2012), p.p. 65-83.

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Local Expressions of Globality.

**Relevant Publications:**

Configuraciones productivas en la globalización: trayectorias a la mexicana (México: UIA-CIESAS, 2016); “Institutional Re-structuring in the Social Science World: Seed of Change” (co-authored with Hebe Vessuri). In The Global Social Sciences-Under and Beyond European Universalism. Beyond the Social Sciences, Vol. 3, edited by Michael Kuhn, Hebe Vessuri, Shujiro Yazawa (Stuttgart: World SSH Net/ibidem/Verlag, 2016) pp. 141-167; Espacios globales (México: UIA-Plaza y Valdez, 2007).

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Change and Continuity in Rural Mexico (coordinador) and Local Expressions of Globality

**Relevant Publications:**

Afición futbolística y rivalidades en el México contemporáneo: Una mirada nacional, Co-Ed. (México: UIA, 2012); The Village is Like a Wheel: Rethinking Cargos, Family and Ethnicity in Highland Mexico (University of Arizona Press, 2012); Texcoco en el nuevo milenio: Cambio y continuidad en una región periurbana del Valle de México, co-Coord. (México: UIA, 2010); Azul y oro como mi corazón: Masculinidad, juventud y poder en una porra de los Pumas de la UNAM (México: UIA, 2008).

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Power Networks and Justice Systems

**Relevant Publications:**

“El papel del trabajo y la ayuda en el proceso de reproducción social de la familia indígena-campesina”. In Reconfiguraciones familiares en el México de hoy: miradas críticas (México: UANL/Porrúa, 2015); “Escuela e infancia: cambios y permanencias en una comunidad nahua tlaxcalteca” in: Diálogos sobre educación, Año 6, No. 10, January-June 2015, 17 pp.; “Trabajo y ayuda mutua. Los niños y niñas de San Pedro Tlacuapan” in: Cuicuilco, Vol. 22 No. 64, September-December 2015, pp. 203-222.

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Change and Continuity in Rural Mexico (Coordinator).

**Relevant Publications:**

Familia y parentesco en México y Mesoamérica: Unas miradas antropológicas (Ed.) (México: UIA, 2005); Familias mexicanas en transición: Unas miradas antropológicas (Ed.) (México: UIA, 2005); El matrimonio en Mesoamérica ayer y hoy: Unas miradas antropológicas (Ed.) (México: UIA, 2003)

**Contact:** [david.robichaux@ibero.mx](mailto:david.robichaux@ibero.mx)**Dr. Yerko Castro Neira***Member of the National Research System (SNI) Level 1**INAH Award to the best Doctoral Thesis in Anthropology in Mexico, 2009.**Doctor in Social Anthropology, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana**M.A. in Social Anthropology, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social**B. A. in Social Anthropology, Universidad Católica de Temuco***Lines of Research:**

Power Networks and Justice Systems (coordinator).

**Relevant Publications:**

“El monstruo frío del capitalismo. Violencia en la era del trabajo precario y la exclusión política”, Revista Argumentos, UAM-X, Year 28, No. 78, Mayo-Agosto 2015, pp. 93-111; “El gobierno de los indios. Antropología de la formación del estado en Oaxaca, México”, Revista Iconos No. 52, mayo 2015, pp. 59-77; “Migraciones a debate. Las cuestiones políticas en la época de los regímenes de terror”, Desacatos 46, September-December 2014, pp. 32-51; “Justice and its Margins: Understanding the Effects of the State on Indigenous Migrants to the United States”, Latin American Perspectives, Vol. 41 No. 3, Mayo 2014. pp. 90-102; La migración y sus efectos en la cultura (Ed.). México: CONACULTA, 2012); En la orilla de la justicia. Migración y justicia en los márgenes del Estado (México: Editorial Juan Pablos/UAM-I, 2009).

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Environment and Rural Societies

**Relevant Publications:**

Diablos, insurgentes e indios: poética y política de la historia norte de Guerrero (México: INAH, 2016).

**Contact:** [anne.johnson@ibero.mx](mailto:anne.johnson@ibero.mx)**Dr. Emiliano Zollá Márquez***Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology Coordinator**Member of the National Research System (SNI), Candidate**Ph.D. and M.A. in Anthropology, University of London**B.A. in History, UNAM***Lines of research**

Environment and Rural Societies (coordinator)

**Relevant Publications:**

Los pueblos indígenas de Mexico. 100 preguntas, (México: UNAM, 2004)

**Contact:** [emiliano.zolla@ibero.mx](mailto:emiliano.zolla@ibero.mx)**LINES OF RESEARCH****1) Environment and Rural Societies**

Agricultural Systems and Indigenous Societies

Anthropologic Management of Natural Resources

Reserves and Protected Areas

Environment and Economy

**2) Change and Continuity in Rural Mexico**

Kinship and Family

Peasants of the 21st Century

Historical Demography

Perspectivism and Multiculturalism

**3) Local Expression of Globality**

Culture, Society and Sports

Young People and New Urban Identities

Transnational Communities and Diaspora

Firm and Entrepreneurs Technology and Innovation

**4) Power Networks and Justice Systems**

Identity and Citizenship

Public Policy and Social Impact

Legal Pluralism

Globalization of Law

Local Production of Global Policy Regimes

**IDEAL PLAN**

Field Research I	<b>6 credits</b>
Field Research II	<b>6 credits</b>
Doctoral Research Seminar I	<b>6 credits</b>
Doctoral Research Seminar II	<b>6 credits</b>
Doctoral Research Seminar III	<b>6 credits</b>
Doctoral Research Seminar IV	<b>6 credits</b>
Doctoral Thesis Seminar	<b>2 credits</b>

**ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

Requirements to be fulfilled by graduate candidates are:

- Deliver copy of B.A. degree in Social Anthropology or related disciplines (with valid official recognition) and of M.A. degree in Social Anthropology or a related discipline (with valid official recognition).
- Deliver copy of academic transcripts (with list of subjects and grades).
- Deliver copy of birth certificate
- Up-dated curriculum vitae, with supporting documents.
- One photograph size 2.5X3 cm (black and white or color)
- Statement of purpose to join the program, specifying topic areas of interest. The format is free and must be directed to: Dr. Emiliano Zollá, Postgraduate Coordinator.
- Two letters of academic recommendation (free format), directed to: Dr. Emiliano Zollá Márquez, Graduate Coordinator.
- Copies of published papers (thesis, essays, lectures, articles)
- Draft research project (Maximum 10 pages, Arial 12, 1.5 line spacing).
- Certificate of an English level that enables understanding anthropologic texts written in English (e.g. TOEFL or a diploma from a recognized institution).
- Fill out the application form provided by the Graduate Coordination.
- Interview with three professors of the program, prior appointment.
- Take the National Graduate Admission Exam (EXANI-III) at Ibero's campus.
- Fulfill the additional requirements requested by the Admission Committee.
- Be accepted by the Admission Committee and the Technical Social Anthropology Graduate Council, and, if necessary, successfully accredit the preconditions (no cost).

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