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Call for Manuscripts for a Thematic Issue of *Latin American Perspectives*

Logistics, Crisis and Resistance Movements in the Americas

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While the logistical age has created a world ceaseless circulation, the material transformations that underpin this new reality are often overlooked. This Call for Papers invites research on the ways that logistics capital has reshaped local landscapes, labor conditions, politics, ecologies and cultures in the peripheries in the Americas and other localities. We are especially interested in papers that approach the issue of logistics capitalism from the perspective of dialectical historical materialism, world systems, dependency, and other critical frameworks that foreground political economy.

This call for papers grew out of a binational research project on the impact of logistics capitalism in the Greater Los Angeles area, Tijuana and the Northern metropolitan zone of CDMX. These have been sites of spatial transformation that form part of an expansive logistics network, including warehouses, highways, trucking, intermodal, and other transportation services that serve as the infrastructure that has bolstered free trade over the last 50 years.

This historical process has spawned destructive warehouse development projects, undertaken by powerful multinational corporations that have enclosed and displaced rural Mexican and Mexican-American communities, and other communities across the globe. This imposition has, as a consequence, uprooted and reorganized local forms of production and social relations in radical ways, generating conflict, violence and resistance. Regions which once found themselves on the periphery of the world economy now serve as key nodal points in a world organized increasingly around precarious global commodity chains.

This call for papers aims to gather scholarly research done in the tradition of critical political economy on the contradictory nature of expanded reproduction, highlighting the dialectic between the expansive tendencies of logistics capital and resistance of local communities and workers. In analyzing the confrontation between capital and labor over land, culture and

resources, we hope to recover and assess the radical possibilities that emerge from this clash of oppositional forces.

Through this call grew out of a binational research community concerned with the impact of logistics infrastructure in the US and Mexico, we are also interested in comparative studies that unearth the impacts of the logistics industry in other parts of Latin America, Western Europe and the Global South.

We seek papers on:

- Regions once peripheral to world history and global commodity chains that have become central nodal points to world trade.
- Comparative work on logistics industries in the US, Mexico and other parts of the globe.
- Theoretical work that sheds light on the historical debate about logistics in relation to production and value.
- The impact of logistics on rural agricultural and ranching communities
- Immigrant labor in the logistics sector.
- Logistics industry and immigration enforcement.

- The use of race and racism in mobilizing or countering the mobilization of warehouse workers.
- Union organization and union busting in the logistics sector.
- Truck traffic, ecological impacts and the labor conditions of truck drivers.
- Logistics industry and health impacts in the workforce.
- Worker's embodiment of work relations, material conditions and technologies.
- The role of digital technologies, monitoring and global tracking systems in the logistics sector.
- Length of work day, night-time work, social interactions and substance use.
- Effects of the logistics industry on people, culture and social reproduction.
- Impacts on the environment, housing, and public space.

- Geography, visual and material studies of the logistics infrastructure.
- Popular culture, art, music and cultures of resistance within logistics corridors.
- Social movements against the encroaching logistics sector.
- Crisis, deglobalization, and the rise of tariffs and its impact on global trade and logistics.

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