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Amy C. Lind: *Resignifying 'Development' in Ecuador: Sexual/Gender Politics, Plurinationalism, Postneoliberal Futures*

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This presentation examines the work that activists from various social movements have done to resignify key concepts such as family, nation, and economic well-being as part of the work of social, economic, and political transformation in Ecuador. I explore ways that both the process of such resignification as well as the resignifications themselves open up spaces for the coming together of LGBTI, feminist, migrants' rights, and indigenous struggles in the context of the 'post-neoliberal' Citizen Revolution. I look particularly closely at the ways that queerness play into new state development logics, such as in how 'LGBTI rights' are embraced by the state – as in the appointment of 'out' lesbian activist Carina Vance as Minister of Health in January 2012 – while more traditional social movement demands, such as reproductive and indigenous rights, remain marginalized and mostly 'outside' the Citizen Revolution, and heteronormativity continues to underly state policies and assistance programs. What is at stake in the state's seemingly contradictory embrace of LGBTI struggles and ambivalent stance towards feminist and anti-racist struggles? How, if at all, does a "queering" of (post)neoliberal development lead to broader queries of global inequalities? Likewise, how might this lead to new forms of homonormativities? I draw out the implications of this study for Ecuador's proposed post-capitalist and decolonial future, and for broader discussions of decoloniality, queer politics, and alternatives to neoliberalism in the Global South.

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