

Revista de Estudios Sociales

CALL FOR PAPERS

Revista de Estudios Sociales of Universidad de los Andes (Colombia) kindly invites the academic community to submit articles for a special issue on the topic of “**Queer Peacebuilding**”.

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Abstracts should be submitted **between August 1st and November 30th, 2021**

* Abstracts, of no more than 250 words, must include title, authors, objective/context, methodology, originality, conclusions, and keywords. They must be sent to the guest editors at: Jamie Hagen (j.hagen@qub.ac.uk), Melanie Judge (melanie@justcommunication.co.za), Samuel Ritholtz (samuel.ritholtz@qeh.ox.ac.uk) y José Fernando Serrano Amaya (jf.serranom@uniandes.edu.co).

Articles should be submitted **between February 15th and March 15th, 2022**

Submissions will be accepted in either **English, Spanish, or Portuguese**. Submissions should follow the editorial and stylistic guidelines of *RES* (<https://revistas.uniandes.edu.co/for-authors/res/editorial-policy>).

All papers should be submitted through ScholarOne’s platform:
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This proposed special issue explores what “queering” means in the context of peacebuilding. The issue addresses an unexamined gap in peacebuilding efforts to achieve gender justice and inclusive security in conflict-affected societies, namely the unique experiences of LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer) individuals and their collective efforts to achieve social justice in contexts of sociopolitical violence. Although there is now over two decades of work to include attention to gender in peacebuilding efforts, little of this work focuses specifically on queer perspectives.

This special issue will document and analyze the practices and impacts of queer inclusion efforts, as well as how these translate in meaningful ways and for future peacebuilding efforts. Its contribution will inform better practice for local and international actors working to include attention to LGBTIQ individuals in peace, security, and social justice agendas as informed by the Colombian and other contexts. The issue also seeks to complicate existing understandings of the inclusion or invisibility of gender and sexual diversity in political transitions, revealing previously unexplored dynamics of queering peace and security.

The issue takes the Colombian case as a point of departure and will include queer peacebuilding efforts elsewhere in the world. The 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement has been heralded globally as novel, because of its inclusion of LGBTIQ actors in the peacemaking discussions, signaling the first time that a gender-inclusive peace deal has mainstreamed LGBTIQ voices. However, this inclusion has also become a topic of intense public and political debate and still faces several challenges.

A special issue on queer peacebuilding in the *Revista de Estudios Sociales* will provide an academic forum through which scholars, activists, and policymakers can address the gap between security and queer peacebuilding. The issue will draw comparisons with how queer peacebuilding is understood within and across the post-conflict peacebuilding contexts of Northern Ireland, South Africa, and elsewhere around the world. A dialogue across diverse international experiences of queer inclusion will contribute to reflections on the implementation of gender and sexual inclusion objectives as defined by those who have participated in peacebuilding in Colombia. It will also explore key concepts of relevance, and their use, in queer peacebuilding initiatives globally. While the special issue will produce academic papers related to the topic, it will also initiate a digital queer peacebuilding archive. The archive will memorialize peacebuilding activism and other transformational efforts of LGBTIQ communities during periods of internal armed conflict and in post-conflict transitions.

Suggested Thematic Lines

In expressing and questioning the concept of queer peacebuilding, the issue will invite papers broadly related to the following themes:

- **Queer challenges to tropes of peace:** How does queering reshape discourse and structures of peace? How is peace understood and experienced by LGBTIQ people?
- **From paper to practice - LGBTIQ experiences of peace:** What are the tensions and contradictions between the grand narratives and gestures of peace deals (often highly visible), and the more hidden realities of the post-peace condition and its violent continuities for LGBTIQ persons?
- **Queering security:** Does “security” mean being more secure for feminist and queer communities? How does this relate to “backsliding of LGBT inclusion” during and after peace processes? What are the security versus securitization dynamics that links to the forms of governance that emerge after political transition?
- **Constituting (queer) peace:** How do both contemporary and historical archives of queer activism offer critical perspectives on peace? How does this link with queer regimes of truth and advocacy give meaning to queer inclusion?

- **Intersectional approaches to queer peacebuilding:** Who gets included in queer peacebuilding collaborations? What gets cut from the more radical project when things are whittled down to the LGBTIQ mainstreaming or inclusion initiative?

If you plan to submit a paper or have any questions about the possible fit of a project, please contact the guest editors at: Jamie Hagen (J.Hagen@qub.ac.uk), Melanie Judge (melanie@justcommunication.co.za), Samuel Ritholtz (samuel.ritholtz@qeh.ox.ac.uk) y José Fernando Serrano Amaya (jf.serranom@uniandes.edu.co).