



# WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

29.03.2023, 17:00 Uhr, HS-C (and online)  
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Violent Flows: State and Water Infrastructures in the Port City of Buenaventura, Colombia



Felipe Fernández is a postdoctoral researcher at the Institute for Latin American Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. As a social anthropologist, he

has worked on urban infrastructures, state practices and regional planning. In his doctoral thesis, Felipe ethnographically engaged with the water supply system of the port city of Buenaventura, in southwestern Colombia. Currently, he is working a new research project on lithium extraction and the politics of the underground in the Bolivian Andes.

### kommende Termine

19.04.2023 Sita Hidayah  
Decolonizing Anthropology in Indonesia

26.04.2023 Franz Krause  
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In this presentation, I will talk about the interweaving and overlapping of violence and water infrastructures in the port city of Buenaventura, in southwestern Colombia. By addressing the ways in which the state deprives larger parts of the population from water as a public good, my work demonstrates how the Colombian state reproduces forms of (infra)structural violence. At the same time, it analyzes the ways in which everyday crime threatens and alters the improvised material practices deployed by the population to build water storage systems. Based on extensive fieldwork material gathered between 2018 and 2020, my research contributes to the studies on infrastructure, urban poverty, and violence in Latin America and beyond.

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