PROGRAM

Friday, April 22 *(Athenaeum)*
5:00 p.m. Welcome
Professor **Beverly Nagel**, Dean of College

Uncommoning Nature
Marisol de la Cadena, Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Davis.

Reception to follow

*Dinner**

Saturday, April 23 *(Athenaeum)*
9:00 a.m. Coffee and rolls

9:30 a.m. *Sumak Kawsy and diversity/Sumak Kawsay as diversity*
Sarah Radcliffe, Professor of Geography at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow at Christ's College, Cambridge.

10:30 a.m. *Reasons of State*
Bruno Bosteels, Professor of Romance Studies at Cornell University.

11:30 a.m. ***Final Comments***

Lunch*

*Dinner and Lunch for invited guests only

All Events Are Open To The Public

* Dinner and lunch will be hosted for alumni, majors, concentrators, faculty and special guests of the Latin American Studies Program at Carleton College.

Please **RSVP** for dinner and/or lunch to Mary Tatge at mtatge@carleton.edu or at 507-222-4252 by April 8, 2016.

For further questions, contact this year's Foro Latinoamericano organizer Professor Silvia López (slopez@carleton.edu or x4240)

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Foro Latinoamericano 2016

Sumak Kawsay
(Buen vivir/Good Life)

April 22-23, 2016

Sarah Radcliffe is Professor of Geography at the University of Cambridge, where she is also a Fellow of Christ's College. She is interested in social difference and exclusion in postcolonial contexts and in relation to development policy, especially in the Andes. Her most recent book is *Dilemmas of Difference: Indigenous women and the limits of postcolonial development policy* (Duke University Press, 2015) .

Marisol de la Cadena is an anthropologist, born in Peru, who teaches at UC Davis. In 2008 she was a John Simon Guggenheim fellow. Her most recent book, *Earth-Beings: Ecologies of Practice across Andean Worlds*, has been recently published by Duke University Press (2015). During the academic year 2012–2013 she organized (with Mario Blaser) "Indigenous Cosmopolitics: Dialogues about the Reconstitution of Worlds," a John E. Sawyer Seminar held at UC Davis.

Bruno Bosteels is Professor of Romance Studies at Cornell University. He is the author of several books, including *Badiou and Politics* (Duke University Press, 2011); *The Actuality of Communism* (Verso, 2011) and *Marx and Freud in Latin America: Politics, Psychoanalysis and Religion in Times of Terror* (Verso, 2012). His latest book is *The Mexican Commune* (Duke University Press, forthcoming).

Each year, students, faculty and alumni of the Latin American Studies Program convene to share in an academic experience that brings to the fore and to campus a major topic, event, and country of Latin America. Originally designed as a capstone experience for the students of the program, we have expanded the Foro to include our alumni and the program's entire faculty in order to give it a truly communal sense. The Foro will also provide the Carleton community at large with the opportunity to participate in a major event involving Latin America.

This year the Foro will examine the concept of *Sumak Kawsay* (kichwa for "good life") and its critical development and practical deployment. "The "Good Life" paradigm developed as a rejection of neoliberalism. It is based on the Andean indigenous worldview which recognizes the interconnection between all living elements and beings, human and non-human, and the reciprocal relationship between their worlds. This correspondence and complementarity of the world of humans and nature, as defining of the good life of all, has been an integral part of the political experiments in the Andean world of the last decade and has been incorporated into the new constitutions of Ecuador (2008) and Bolivia (2009). The Ecuadoran constitution (articles 275°-278°. Title VI: Development Regime) incorporates the principles of *Sumak Kawsay* in the following way: "The Good Life will require that people, communities, towns and nations enjoy effectively their rights and enact their responsibilities within the frame of intercultural life, with respect for their diversity, and in harmonic coexistence with nature." This year we come together to understand better what *Sumak Kawsay* means and where it is today.