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**Territorial Development in Latin America and Caribbean:
public policies, experience and networks”**

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Symposium proposal

***Promoting Socially-Inclusive Growth through Rural Urban
Linkages in Functional Territories of Latin America***

Proposal: Territorial Development in Latin America: public policies, experiences and networks

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2- Description of the symposium proposal

The theme of territorial governance will be discussed in light of the neoliberal context which Latin America is living in. The expansion of the logic of capitalist markets is not something new as it has been the logic of expansion since the original accumulation until nowadays. Along with the support of national governments, the capital has been trying to impose models of progress and development on the indigenous farming peoples in Latin America. According to those models, the economic interchange of goods and services are conditioned by the access to the natural resources present in their land, which causes the damaging of their ecosystems and communities. Nevertheless, many indigenous farming peoples in Latin America, have decided to rebuild and strengthen their social organizations in face of the aforementioned issues. This has been done as a way to defend their lands and build a better quality of life for themselves without having to destroy their ecosystems. The strategies being used are based on a solidarity cooperation among communities as well as on support networks in which universities have been playing a crucial role. The papers which comprise this symposium aim to: present the contexts of territorial development in Latin America; analyze successful cases of territorial development community policies and strategies in Mexico, Argentina and Brazil; and strengthen the themes of food and nutritional security, agroecology, indigenous farming peoples, territoriality and ethnoecology. They also aim to highlight the importance of academia and I&D Institutions in processes involving the creation of community wellbeing alternatives.

The relevance of this symposium is about the construction of a diagnosis of territorial development in Latin America in face of the neoliberal context in which the continent is under as well as the strengthening of successful experiences in Mexico and Brazil, and the promotion of the theme of territorial governance in networks acting in Latin America aimed at Territorial Development, Agroecology, Sovereignty and Nutritional and Food Security, Ethnoecology and the aging in Latin America. In the case of Mexico for some decades, there have been experiences of praxis of peasant reproduction alternating with economic rationality. These processes highlight the emergence of the community as the organizing axis for the economic reproduction of the local population; that is, as a "social order of corporate community character" that is



presented as an active participant institution in the allocation of resources. The process that forges the local community is based on the constitution of community networks at regional level to confront the market powers as well as the formation of networks of social organizations for the defense of the territory. The ability of these communities to generate surpluses has been through cooperatives focused on the production and marketing of organic products, as well as eco-tourism projects. All these actions have contributed to the community benefit. In the case of Argentina, the work experience of the project "Management, access and use of NR, CG & ES" of INTA will be presented within the framework of the recent territorial dynamics, and the policies oriented to the regulation of access and use of natural resources and to the indigenous peasant family farming, implemented in the last 15 years. This project of national scope gathers interdisciplinary groups that work in different regions of Argentina, together with communities and groups of producers organized around processes of territorial disputes. The project is made up of teams with extensive experience, as well as teams in formation, which have formed working arrangements with institutions and organizations in the territory to promote strategies for the collective construction of knowledge and the strengthening of areas of democratic management of the territory. In the framework of these actions, the territory, in its different scales, emerges as a category of analysis, geographic framework of study and place of social action. The developed experiences allow not only account of territorial development strategies built on the articulation and empowerment of local actors and the integration of the various sectoral policies, within the framework of current disputes. They also highlight how this work is done and has been done within the framework of conditions of possibility that have historically been defined by the territorial diversity and inequality inherent in capitalist territorial development. In the Brazilian case, the Research and Management Network for Territorial Development will be presented, in the context of the policy developed between 2003 and 2016; besides highlighting the experience of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, in the development of successful territorial dynamics. It is noteworthy that after the neoliberal transformations under way in the country, the public policies for family agriculture and indigenous peasants were disrupted. In this context, we describe the experiences of maintaining territorial governance in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, which are due to the strengthening of the participation of the Territorial Development Councils, with the participation of the academy as an active actor in the process. The experiences are based on territorial management processes, involving different levels, regarding the realization of an international project and the construction of intersectoral mechanisms in the policies related to agroecology, biodiversity conservation, inequality and socio-biodiversity valorisation (Butiazais Route and Solidary Chain of Native Fruits).

3- Format of the symposium

The symposium will run for 2 hours and it is organized in 3 stages. Initially will be carried out the contextualization and presentation of the objectives of the symposium and the dynamics of work (10 minutes). In the second phase (80 minutes), 5 presentations will be made regarding the experiences, policies and networks related to territorial development in the countries of Latin America, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil. In the third stage (30 minutes), the public will be motivated to share other experiences from Latin American countries, as a basis for the discussion on how to strengthen the experiences, networks and institutions focused on territorial development among the countries present. As a continuation of the process, it will be proposed the organization of an upcoming symposium that will integrate the programming of: 1. the III International Conference on Agriculture and Food into an Urbanized Society, which will be promoted by the International Committee composed of worldwide scientific institutions, coordinated by Prof. Gianluca Brunori, from the University of Pisa, UFRGS and partner institutions, to be held in September 2018. The theme of the Conference will be Healthy foods, socio-biodiversity and sustainable agro-food systems: innovations from consumption to production.; 2. the First Latin American Seminar-Workshop on "Diverse knowledge towards a complex approach to territorial transformations" sponsored by a Regional Committee composed



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of Scientific, R&D and S&T institutions, coordinated by MSc. Sandra Ledesma, from INTA, held in August 2018 in the city of La Banda, province of Santiago del Estero (Argentina). The themes of the seminar-workshop will be Strategies to enhance the approach of complex problems linked to development and territorial sustainability: territorial transformations, strategies and logics of social subjects and production systems, governability and governance of natural resources, common goods and ecosystem services.

In this context, the relevance of successful experiences in Latin American countries that hold a large part of the world's biodiversity, which is managed by a significant number of peasants, indigenous peoples and traditional communities present in Latin America, is highlighted. It is recommended the participation of researchers and representatives of Latin American countries interested in strengthening research, policies and management around territorial development in the countries.

4- Proposed speakers and titles of papers

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Paper: Community strategies for territorial development: experiences from México

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Paper: The sustainability and equity of territorial development: between Public Policies and community strategies. Experiences in several territories of Argentina

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Paper: Territorial policies and promotion of socio-biodiversity in Brazil: the intersectoriality promoting social inclusion and conservation of biodiversity