Briefcase
Institute of Regional Studies (INER)
Medellín, Colombia 2019
Territories and knowledge in dialogue for the production of relevant, critical and transforming knowledge
Who we are?

The Institute of Regional Studies -INER for their initials in Spanish- is an academic unit of the Universidad de Antioquia, created in 1989 for the production of new knowledge about the territorial realities of the department of Antioquia and the contribution to the understanding of university regionalization.

The INER is substantiated on interdisciplinary research and creative and inclusive work with participatory methodologies, contributing to social science debates and producing relevant inputs for territorial public policies.

In 1996 the INER began its teaching processes with the implementation of the Specialization in Theories, Methods and Techniques in Social Research. The master's degree was opened in 2006 in Socio-Spatial Studies and since 2016 started the process of creating a Phd in Socio-Spatial Studies.
Specialization in Theories, Methods and Techniques in Regionalized Social Research (Medellin and other regions of Antioquia such as Oriente, Urabá, Bajo Cauca.) Since 1996. Master's Degree in Socio-Spatial Studies, since 2006. Participation in the undergraduate Territorial Development, since 2015. Formulation of PhD in Socio-Spatial Studies, since 2016. Formulation and development of frameworks and special agreements. Internships and national and international exchanges.

Academic production from different research groups: Studies of the territory (Colciencias Category A1), Regional and Socio-Environmental Dynamics (REERDSA) (Colciencias Category A1), Conflicts and violence (Colciencias Category B), Culture, violence and territory (CVT) - Strategic Resources, Region and Social Research (Modellin and other regions of Antioquia such as Oriente, Urabá, Bajo Cauca). Since 1996 - Master's Degree in Socio-Spatial Development and welfare, Conflict, security and peace, Geographies and political agencies, Space configuration, processes, Subjetivities and political agencies.

Continuous training: - Certification program. - Communication of knowledge through: Radio program "Knowledge to tell" (Radio Station UdeA 1410 AM), Newsletters, "University Portal. - Open Chair Hernán Henao Delgado, since 2011. - Cineclub Nanook, since 2014.

RESEARCH
TEACHING
EXTENSION
what do we do?
Knowledge management
Analysis of research problems

Subjectivities and political agencies
Space configuration, processes

Conflict, security and peace
Geographies and political agencies

Development and welfare

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Results

1. Formulation, implementation, evaluation and advice of research and extension projects since the territorial approach with academic peers, public-private institutions and social and community actors.

2. Strengthening the capacities of local and regional actors for the analysis and intervention of their social realities: co-creation with community and institutional researchers.

3. Design and publication of knowledge products:
   - New methodologies
   - Articles and books
   - Pedagogical notebooks and audiovisuals
   - Research reports for the incidence on public policies.

4. Strengthening of local, regional, national and international work networks.
Themes of interest

- Spatial statutes
- Territorial conflicts
- Socio-spatial justice
- Geographies of war and peace, of memory, of gender
- Hierarchies and scalar analysis.
- Social cartographies and participatory methodologies
- Configuration and transformation of places, borders and regions.
- Space and production of subjectivities.
- Spatial hierarchies and scalar analysis.
- Agency of materialities, landscapes and heritage in temporal space articulation processes.
- Armed conflict and peace construction.
- Political transitions.

- Human security and human rights
- Alternative and situated forms of the political
- Critical readings of development and welfare
- Socio-environmental conflicts
- Health policies
- Geopolitics and economy
- Poverty and inequalities
- Citizen participation for development
- Local knowledge and situated thoughts, southern epistemologies and border epistemologies
- Epistemic diversity
- Geo-education and critical educational processes.
Who have we worked with?

Allies and academic networks

**National**
- Bank of the Republic
- National Unit for Land Restitution
- Institute of Culture and Heritage of Antioquia
- Government of Antioquia
- Metropolitan Area of the Aburrá Valley
- Institute for the Development of Antioquia (IDEA)
- Chamber of Commerce of Medellín for Antioquia
- COMFAMA and CONFIAR
- ISAGEN, productive energy
- SURA Group
- ARGOS Group
- Mayor of Medellín, Rionegro, Sonsón, Carmen de Viboral, among others.
- Environmental Corporations: CORPOURABÁ CORANTIOQUIA
- Public and private universities
- Region Corporation
- Water Justice Network
- Voices of Peace Inter-Institutional Board
- Alliance for Territory and Peasant Life in the Aburrá Valley
- COLCIENCIAS

**International**
- Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO)
- International Network of Socio-Spatial Studies (RISE)
- Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC)
- Latin American Network of Researchers in Didactics of Geography (LADGEO)
- International Network of Researchers in Party, Nation and Culture Studies (RIEF))
- Territorial Management of Rural Development Network - Mexico (GTD)
- School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS - Paris)
- International Development Research Center (IDRC Canada)
- Humboldt Institute
- Universities: National University of Austral Patagonia, Argentina; College of Michoacán, Mexico; Federal University Fluminense, Brazil; National University of Cuenca, Ecuador; among others.
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Institutional platform and social networks

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