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Cultural Consumption and Social Inequalities in Latin America

In the last few decades, cultural consumption has become in one of the keys to understand the cultural dynamics of life in Latin-american's societies. Cultural consumption is not just symbolic goods possession, it includes illusions and expectations of social integration. At the same time, cultural consumption show how the differences between social sectors have been reinforced in Latin America. The aim of the session is to examine how social stratification is associated with lifestyles and cultural consumption in Latin America. The session will focus on empirical studies in Latin America cultural consumption patterns.

The session will include topics as (a) changes in cultural consumption and TIC'S inequalities in Latin American countries –like internet access-, (b) the relation between social cleavages, attitudes and cultural consumption patterns in a comparative and/or over-time perspective and (c) life-style patterns between social classes, including issues related to artistic consumption –theatre, cinema, visual arts, tv, etc- and cultural values.