



**FLACSO**  
**ARGENTINA**

## **YOUTH RESEARCH PROGRAM**

The Youth Research Program was created in 1994 on the initiative of the FLACSO Academic Direction, Argentina Branch, and over ten years it has developed its activity through an interdisciplinary approach, with the collaboration of experts in various thematic fields.

The Youth Program carries out different activities related to the production of knowledge focused on design of programs and youth politics. Moreover, it promotes training actions among diverse institutional actors such as governmental agents, youth associations, scientists etc working on tasks related to the life conditions of young people from a wide perspective. Furthermore, it actively participates in different international networks of production and knowledge exchange on youth and youth politics by actively disclosing information obtained through own research and from the Latin America and European Community experience, as inputs for the development of politics and research.

The Program exhibits the concept of youth as a societal category, in which social (structural) and individual factors take part, requiring, in order to be apprehended, the joint use of tools stemming from the different scientific disciplines (Sociology; Economy, Educational Sciences; Psychology, Ethnology). The Programme involves diverse areas of work such as Education; Employment; Political and Social Participation; Attitudes; Opinions and Values; Use of Psychoactive Substances; Youth Cultures; New Technologies; Youth migration; Use of Free Time; Sexuality; Youth Public Politics.

## RESEARCH

- 2013-2010**     **Project: “Labor inclusion of secondary school graduates: 10 years later”**  
The aim of the project is to make contributions to the discussion concerning the link between education and employment and regarding the new youth condition stemming from a study of longitudinal cut on secondary school graduates in different socio-economic junctures.  
The proposal is related to re-editing an investigation carried out ten years ago. It also proposes to continue the follow-up of the cohort of 1999 graduates in order to ask about changes taking place in the socio-occupational trajectories of secondary school graduates. On the other hand, it proposes to create a new panel of graduates belonging to the 2010 cohort in order to explore the new characteristics of the post-secondary school inclusion.  
It has the financial support of the National Agency of Scientific and Technological Researches.
- 2009-2006**     **Intersections between inequality and secondary-school: Analysis of the production and reproduction dynamics of scholar and social inequality.**  
The project was carried out in the following venues: Salta, Neuquén, Province of Buenos Aires and City of Buenos Aires. It focused on the analysis of the relationship between secondary school and social inequalities, including therein economic, political, gender, generational, ethnical and cultural variables. This comparative study referred to three central aspects of scholar formation: political formation (relationship with rules and authority), formation in reading and writing and formation for the productive life. It has the financial support of the National Agency of Scientific and Technological Researches
- 2007-2005**     **The “Transformations of the labor market in response to the economic and social politics reforms of the nineties” Project: a study on the labor performance of young people in the neighbors surrounding the City of Buenos Aires”.**  
Objective: the Project is based on an empirical research of the dynamic of the labor inclusion and qualification of young people throughout the nineties decade in the neighbors surrounding the City of Buenos Aires. A development of a quantitative research emerging from the analysis and re-categorization of data obtained from secondary sources is foreseen with the financial support of the National Agency of Scientific and Technological Researches.
- 2005-2004**     **Study and characterization of networks, platforms and regional and local youth arrangement tables**  
The general objective was to study, systematize and integrate the existing data regarding the associated networks functioning (platforms and youth arrangement tables or equivalent institutional environments), so as to produce and offer support data for the strategies of networks development, and making such data available through the field actors.
- 2004-1999**     **The labor inclusion of graduates from medium level schools**  
Objective: To exhibit the relationship between education and employment within the framework of the labor market crisis in our country. The research was carried out steaming from an empiric work on the dynamic of the labor inclusion

of graduates from medium level schools on the basis of the triangulation of different techniques of social research such as follow up of graduates, carrying out of interviews and focused groups.

- 2004-2003 Representations and youth participation: the case of the young people from the Unemployed Workers Movement of Lanus**  
The Project was orientated to meditate on the particular experience of young people involved in a new social movement which emerged from the Argentine context during the last decade. Financial support received from the Latin American Council on Social Sciences (CLACSO) and the Swedish Agency for the International Development (Asdi).
- 2000-1998 Young people and identity in the cyberspace**  
Research on the formation of adolescents' identity within the cyberspace and on their usage practices of new communications technologies.
- 1999 Social and political participation of young people of the Province of Buenos Aires. Experience of the School of Government for Young People (Escuela de Gobierno para Jóvenes - EGJ). Young people talk.**  
Design, carrying out and definite analysis of a study on the characteristics and participative motivations of young people (men and female) involved in the EGJ experience. Under Secretariat of Public Function; Governing General Secretariat; Province of Buenos Aires.
- 1998 Assistance and Mental Health Prevention Politics for adolescence in the 90's in the City of Buenos Aires**  
Objective: To study the institutions working on the assistance and prevention of the adolescence problems in the City of Buenos Aires by analyzing the institutional dimension in the therapeutic and preventive exhibition of the adolescents' problems.
- 1997-1995 First Report on Youth of the City of Buenos Aires.**  
Objectives: To study and produce knowledge regarding the young people situation in the City of Buenos Aires and to contrast the data obtained with the youth politics developed from the point of view of their optimization.
- 1994 Encounter of Youth Research.**  
Launching of the Argentine Network of Youth Researchers. It took place in Buenos Aires, at the FLACSO offices, in December.

## TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- 2011 – Migratory trajectories to Argentina of young paraguayans**  
**2010** The objective of this bi-national project is to produce knowledge on the mobility of young Paraguayans to Argentina, focusing specially on gender inequalities and determining factors that can be seen throughout the migration process. It will also analyze and characterize the transitions to adulthood experienced by Paraguayan second generation immigrants.  
The proposal is carried OUT by FLACSO (Argentina Branch) and the Youth Observatory, dependent on the Youth Vice Ministry (Viceministerio de la Juventud) of the Republic of Paraguay. It has the financial support of UN Women.
- 2009- Latin American Association of Young People – FLACSO Chile –**  
**2007 FLACSO Argentina**  
Its objective was to create a space where the Latin American and the Caribbean young people could interact and participate in the production of knowledge on youth from their own perspective. Throughout the project a scholarship contest was financed, meetings with youth associations were organized and different diagnosis on the social situation of young people in Argentina were carried out.
- 2005- Survey concerning life conditions of young people and adults in**  
**2004 neighbors surrounding the City of Buenos Aires, Neuquén, Posadas and Salta**  
**FLACSO-WORLD BANK**  
It refers to a Study on the life conditions of young people and adults concerning 2,000 cases through the application of a survey which will take place in the surroundings of the City of Buenos Aires, Neuquén, Posadas and Salta.  
The general objective is to study data related to the socio-demographic, educational, labor, sanitary, housing conditions of young people between 15 and 24 years of age, as well as, their social participation etc.
- 2005- Youth Arrangement Table of the City of Buenos Aires.**  
**1999** The Youth Arrangement Table of the City of Buenos Aires has been carrying out for the last six years, with the technical support of FLACSO, discussion encounters with candidates for election posts (city legislators and national deputies), and also, in this occasion, representatives of the youth sectors of different political parties.
- 2005 Exchange and Youth Organizations Networks Training Group.**  
Along with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES).  
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- 2005-2004**      **Exchange and Training of Youth Local Areas**  
Along with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES).  
The Youth Areas Working Group is looking for the creation of a dialogue environment, exchange of experiences and training, orientated to the consolidation of youth local areas, as well as the clarification of learning and the study of new strategies.
- 2000**      **Youth Ombudsmen Institution Project.**  
This Project is a Rights Promotion Program of young people thought as a space of customized and confidential assistance where free of charge consulting is offered to young people in the City of Buenos Aires within the framework of the Ombudsmen Institution for the People of Buenos Aires (Defensoría del Pueblo de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires).
- 1999**      **Students' House (University Federation of Buenos Aires)**  
Project Design; start-up of house and management components. The general concept was based on the experience developed from de management of Youth Houses.
- 1999-1998**      **Youth Government School**  
Design and formation of the teaching staff for the module on "Youth and youth politics" of the Youth Government School. Under Secretariat of the Public Function; Governing General Secretariat; Province of Buenos Aires.
- 1998**      **Local Youth Councils: From Discussion to Action**  
Joint initiative with the Youth Arrangement Table of the City of Buenos Aires. The objective of these events was to exhibit the problems of the creation and future development of the Local Youth Council; to produce strategies related to its concretion looking for the creation of a dynamic and participative space to meditate on the situation of young people of the city.
- 1997**      **Workshops on "Youth rights"**  
Design and coordination for the Strengthening Program of Youth Development (Programa de Fortalecimiento del Desarrollo Juvenil - PFDJ) for the Social Development Secretariat (SDS) of one workshop on "Youth rights".
- 1995**      **Youth Politics in Latin America: Assessment and Design. "Argentina Report"**  
Consulting activity at the request of the Ibero American Youth Organization - OIJ (Organización Iberoamericana de la Juventud), for which the total number of programs and actions addressed to young people from the National State and many provincial venues was studied. Furthermore, an overview concerning the situation of young people and a relationship of the work of Non-governmental Organizations of young people were offered.

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- 2010 Seminar “Young people, education and employment. Challenges of social inclusion in the third millenium” FLACSO – OIT**  
**The Youth Research Program and the OIT** (Labor International Organization) organized a seminar called: *“Young people, education and employment. Challenges of social inclusion in the third millenium”*, which took place at FLACSO offices on April 7th, 8th and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2008 International Forum on Youth and Youth Politics in the Globalized World**  
For the purpose of promoting dialogue and exchange among experts in youth subjects in the national and international scope, **the International Forum on Youth and Youth Politics in the Globalized World** was carried out. This Forum was organized by the Federal Ministry of Health, Family and Youth of the Republic of Austria, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the FLACSO Argentina, and sponsored by the Ibero American Youth Organization.
- 2006 Autonomous University of Barcelona (Autonomous University of Barcelona) - Research Group on Education and Work (Grupo de Investigación sobre educación y trabajo - GRET)**  
Academic Exchange between the Youth Program and the GRET from January to March, 2006. Commencement of a program of joint activities related to the prospective study on the youth inclusion in large cities.
- 2006 International Seminar “Researches on Youth and Public Politics in Latin America”.**  
It was held within the framework of the “International Forum on the Social Sciences - Policy Nexus” (IFSP)-organized by the UNESCO- between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006. It was called by the FLACSO Youth Project, Argentina Branch, and the CELAJU, and co-organized by the FES. This seminar was held on days 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. During the encounter, a balance of the way walked since the celebration of the International Youth Year (1985) up to the present time, and the challenges and initiatives to be promoted in the future from the point of view of the Millenium Development Objectives (2015) were introduced.
- 2005-2004 Mercocities Youth Thematic Unity.**  
Active participation in the Mercocities Summit held on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, December, 2004 in n Buenos Aires (Argentina); and also in the Summit held in December, 2005 in Santo André (Brazil).
- 2003 Encounter for Youth Leaders Training.**  
Course on Training of Leaders of the South Cone. Latin America.  
It was organized by the Uruguay Youth Forum (Foro Juvenil del Uruguay) and the Latin American Youth Forum (Foro Latinoamericano de Juventud - FLAJ).
- 2002-2000 Youth German Institute (DJI)**  
The “Analysis of the labor trajectories of young people throughout the training career: comparison of theoretical and methodological principles” Project. Comparison and Exchange between the projects: “The labor inclusion of graduates from medium level schools” and “Misleading Trajectories? Evaluation

of employment policies for young adults in Europe regarding non-intended effects of social exclusion” (DJI Deutsches Jugendinstitut e.V.).

- 2002-1997**    **Coordination of the Youth Working Group - CLACSO (1997 - 2003)**  
The WG performed its activities from virtual work through a campus, and the organization of annual discussion encounters. The 1999 annual encounter was held in Buenos Aires under the title: “The social and political participation of young people by the end of this century”, and it is evidenced in the book entitled in the same way. The 2000 encounter was held in Costa Rica aiming to contribute to a substantive discussion “The re-setting up of the youth transition: exclusions and answers”. The last Group encounter was held in May, 2002 under the subject “Young people and the society of the information. Globalization and anti-globalization in Europe and Latin America”.

## MAIN PUBLICATIONS

- Bendit R., Hahn M. y Miranda A. editores (2008): **Los jóvenes y el futuro: procesos de inclusión social y patrones de vulnerabilidad en un mundo globalizado.** Prometeo Libros. Buenos Aires. Argentina
- Miranda A. (2007): **La nueva condición joven: educación, desigualdad, empleo.** Fundación Octubre de Trabajadores de Edificios. Buenos Aires. Argentina.
- Filmus, D, C. Kaplan, A. Miranda y M. Moragues (2001): **Cada vez más necesaria, cada vez más insuficiente: la escuela media en épocas de globalización.** Editorial Santillana, Buenos Aires. Argentina. (with translation to Portuguese).
- Balardini, Sergio comp. (2000): La participación social y política de los jóvenes en el horizonte del nuevo siglo. CLACSO- Colección Grupos de Trabajo de CLACSO, Buenos Aires.
- Bendit R. (1998): Juventud y políticas de juventud entre la sociedad civil y el Estado: la problemática de las estructuras adecuadas. La juventud latinoamericana en los procesos de globalización: opción por los jóvenes. F.-. EUDEBA. Buenos Aires.

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