

The Jean Augustine Chair in Education in the New Urban Environment Presents:

A Public Lecture with
Dr. Silvia Grinberg



**Degraded Territories, Pedagogical Apparatuses:
Between Management and Abjection**

Silvia M. Grinberg (MA and Dr.) is a researcher at the National Committee of Science and Technology in Argentina (CONICET), Professor of pedagogy and sociology of education, Director of the Centre for Contemporary Pedagogical Studies (National University of San Martín, UNSAM), and Coordinator of the socio-pedagogic division (National University of the Patagonia, UNPA). Silvia's interests include questions of educational inequality, specifically processes of subjectivation related to the ways of operating, procedures and mechanisms by which certain local, regional and global dynamics take shape in school life.

Since 2004, Grinberg has been conducting an ethnographic research project in three schools in the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area (Argentina). After a series of social and economic crises, and years of educational reform, the neighbourhoods of these schools have steadily grown in population and in poverty, creating 'shantytowns.' Grinberg delves into the particularities of pedagogical apparatuses in extremely degraded urban territories in the age of management during years marked by crisis, reform and counter-reform. She will address the ways that the school, after years of social and educational crisis, has become a place where students place their hopes and desires for the future. She suggests that in times of permanent crisis, the school – in the midst of and despite all the contradictions and tensions experienced therein– constitutes the most stable institution in these communities, and that is not a minor fact. The question, then, becomes how survival is possible and what remains of schools and subjects in context where crisis has become the norm. We will offer first a brief conceptual reflection and then delve into a discussion of the research.

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