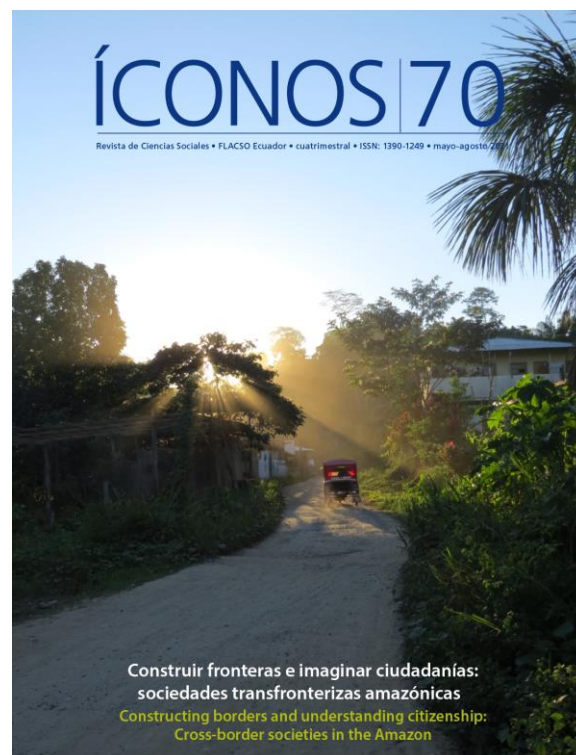


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CONSTRUCTING BORDERS AND UNDERSTANDING CITIZENSHIP: CROSS-BORDER SOCIETIES IN THE AMAZON



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The formation of Nation states in Latin America is a theme that has attracted the interdisciplinary attention of the social sciences, especially of anthropology, history, sociology, geography and political science. One of the problems Nation states face is the marking of the boundaries of their borders as part of the definition of their sovereignty.

There are indigenous peoples in the Amazon basin who shared these borders even before the formation of the States. This issue calls for in-depth research on the subject, which has not been conducted yet in the social sciences in Latin America.

In this context, border zones require a specific analysis. The goal of this dossier is to deepen the understanding of the border zones in the Amazon shared by nine countries in the region. This dossier seeks to compile different articles about the way in which indigenous communities at the margins of the State become part of this entity through processes of identity construction, appropriation of territories and new senses of authority.

History, socio-political mechanisms, and identity and citizenship mechanisms are particularly important because indigenous communities in these border Amazon territories become part of a “national society” through them. This dossier seeks to explain their incorporation as citizens and the creation of intercultural identity.

It is also interesting to analyze the emergence of ethno-political identities (indigenous and non-indigenous), which are unprecedented or barely analyzed as such, in order to highlight their historical, political, and social relevance, as well as their contribution to the formation of States and nations.

In this context, it is necessary to conduct a comparative analysis between societies located in cross-border spaces in the Amazon in order to understand the complex phenomena of building citizenship and belonging to States and nations. It is also important to explain the diverse routes this process takes. The possible themes of reflection for the articles include the following:

1. The strategies and mechanisms of nationalization of States directed towards the populations in border zones.
2. The citizenship imaginaries stemming from discontinuous experiences with different actors that have developed territorial governance (the army, missions, extractive businesses, and conservation and development non-governmental organizations).
3. The local political dynamics, especially the struggle dynamics of indigenous organizations seeking to access their rights over their territory and resources, and the complex relations with the rest of the economic, political and local agents (illegal traffickers, settlers, military soldiers, etc.).

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