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**"A necessary book, whose essays present reflections that are strategic at this moment in history."**

Ana Lúcia Gazzola  
Rector of Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, 2002-2006

# WHY LATIN AMERICA MATTERS

## - A collection of essays

This collection of essays exploring Why Latin America Matters aims to make the case for the importance of Latin America as a crucial region in global politics and development. With its rich history, culture, enormous resilience and creative innovation in the face of constant threats against nature and human dignity, Latin America can indeed show the way forward for the world.

These essays are presented as an attempt to provide a deeper understanding of significant social, political, economic, environmental, and cultural approaches that have taken place in Latin America during recent decades. These experiences, and perspectives, offer concrete lessons that can provide a decisive framework for profound reflection over growing challenging issues in other regions – particularly in Europe – and at a global scale.

**Moderator:** Soledad Garcia-Ferrari

*Dean of Latin America; Director of the Centre for Latin American Studies, University of Edinburgh*

- **Welcome And Introduction**

*Ludovic Thilly, Chair of the Coimbra Group of Universities*

- **Does Latin America Matter?**

*Ana Lúcia Gazzola, former rector of Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais*

- **Latin American Universities in a Time of Crisis**

*Prue Holmes, Director of Research in the School of Education, Durham University*

- **Amazonia at the Heart of Global Ecological Crisis**

*Gabriela Zuquim, Postdoc researcher, Aarhus University*

- **Nation-State Building in Colombia**

*Juan-David Restrepo-Zapata, National University of Colombia*

- **Conceptions of Childhood Development in Latin America**

*Sebastian J. Lipina, Unidad de Neurobiología Aplicada, CEMIC-CONICET*

- **Coping with Regional Identities in Crises: Perspectives from Latin America**

*Luciana Anapios, Universidad Nacional de San Martín*

- **Migrants in Latin America**

*Valentina Rioseco Vallejos, University of Edinburgh*

- **This is Why Latin America Matters!**

*Álvaro Maglia, Secretario Ejecutivo de Asociación de Universidades Grupo Montevideo*

- **General discussion about Europe-Latin American issues including Q&A**