

# ISARS



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## **DECLARATION OF ISARS 2019 “Relation, connections, cosmologies, shamanism and spirit possession under the ethnographic lens” (Santiago, Chile, November 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>) CONFERENCE CANCELLATION**

Dear Delegates,  
Dear Attendees,

It is with great regret that we announce the cancellation of the ISARS conference titled “Relation, connections, cosmologies, shamanism and spirit possession under the ethnographic lens” (November 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>).

It was a very difficult and painful decision. As an organizing and scientific committee, we have been very concerned with the events that have been occurring in Chile, specifically in Santiago, over the last three weeks. We have been keeping a close eye on the situation, and we have been putting off major decisions, until now.

What we thought it was a safe place – Campus San Joaquín, where the conference should have been held – which is far away from the city center and a very large American-style campus, is now unpredictable. It has been safe, all the days of the unrest, until yesterday. But as in any conflict or crisis, especially between a repressive state and its reactive people, there is a measure that we cannot predict. Things can get hairy, very fast.

The Organizing Committee and our Chilean colleagues in particular, made all possible efforts to ensure a safe environment for the delegates but, after the incident at PUC, we had to make the sad and painful decision to cancel the conference as the situation is too uncertain and unpredictable.

The ISARS strongly supports the struggle of Chilean people for social equality and justice and strongly condemn all kinds of violation of social and human rights.

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Diana Riboli,  
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A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Diana Riboli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.