



São Paulo School of Advanced Science
Immigration, Environmental Violence and Colonialism:
Strategies and Policies for Current Dynamics
of Expulsion and Resistance



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INTRODUCTION

Contemporary societies face converging crises — mass displacement, renewed wars, environmental collapse, deepening inequalities, and the erosion of fundamental rights amid rising authoritarianism. These intertwined dynamics reshape forms of life, subjectivities, and possibilities for resistance, while enduring colonial logics continue to structure global economies, politics, and knowledge systems. Amid this ethical, political, and scientific urgency, the School — organized by the **Laboratory Psychoanalysis, Society and Politics (PSOPOL)** at the **Institute of Psychology, University of São Paulo (IP-USP)**, and funded by **FAPESP**, with institutional support from **AUCANI-USP** — seeks to foster critical training and collective knowledge production through an interdisciplinary space dedicated to **solidary epistemologies** and the pursuit of **epistemic equity**, recognizing the value of plural and historically silenced forms of knowledge. Confirmed speakers: **Marie-Caroline Saglio-Yatzimirsky, Roberto Beneduce, Shose Kessi, Francesco Callegaro, Gabriel Feltran, Miriam Debieux Rosa, Sean Jacobs, and Petronilha Gonçalves e Silva**. * *The School will be conducted in English.*

THEMATIC AXES

- **Immigration** will be explored not only as a geographic displacement but as a subjective and political experience marked by dehumanization and resistance;
- **Environmental violence** will be addressed as a product of colonial and capitalist logics, highlighting Indigenous cosmologies and proposals for ecological transition and climate justice;
- **Colonialism** is approached as an ongoing structure that permeates economic hierarchies, racial regimes, and knowledge systems. It serves as the transversal axis of the School. *Check out our website.*

STUDENT SELECTION

Up to **100 students — master's, doctoral, postdoctoral, and undergraduate** — will be selected to participate in the course according to the **criteria** listed on the website. FAPESP will cover **travel expenses** (airfare or ground transportation), travel **insurance** (for international students, as per values listed at www.fapesp.br/2921), and daily stipends for hotel, food and transportation (according to FAPESP rates) **for students coming from other cities, states, or countries**. During the event, all students will have access to the USP cafeteria for lunch. **FAPESP scholarship holders must use the Technical Reserve** for expenses.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are expected to fully attend and participate in all scheduled course activities

APPLY NOW on our website:

 <https://internationaloffice.usp.br/spsas/>

- **International applications: until January 20, 2026**
- **Contact:** espca.ip@usp.br

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – *in English or Portuguese*

1. Completed application form (basic personal information)
2. FAPESP model CV or a concise academic CV (up to 5 pages), highlighting relevant scientific activities (including publications in high-impact international journals)
3. Updated academic transcript
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor
5. Motivation letter including:
 - a. Why the applicant wishes to participate in the School (it is recommended that the applicant describe their situation regarding the selection criteria listed below);
 - b. A two-page summary of their current research, indicating intersections with the School's themes.
6. Proof of English proficiency: certificates or other documents (e.g., institutional letters, transcripts, publications in English, or course completion certificates) indicating the applicant's English language level. Minimum level: equivalent to B1. It is recommended that participants have sufficient proficiency to take part in all proposed activities.

** Failure to submit any required item will result in disqualification.*

The selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the following criteria:

1. the alignment between the applicant's academic profile and the themes of the course;
2. the quality of the motivation letter, considering the clarity of the applicant's personal, academic, and professional goals related to the event, as well as the quality of the research project;
3. academic trajectory, including educational background, participation in research groups, intellectual production, and engagement in relevant activities;
4. criteria of regional diversity (25 students from the state of São Paulo; 25 from other Brazilian states; 25 international students from the Global North; and 25 from the Global South);

5. among the selected participants, 10 places (5 national and 5 international) will be reserved for students enrolled in bachelor's degree programs;
6. criteria of equity regarding race, gender, and social background, with special attention to candidates from public institutions and those with limited access to international opportunities.
7. all applicants with any student affiliation to the university will be considered, but priority will be given to students who are currently conducting ongoing research;
8. Should it not be possible to fill all available positions based on the combination of the criteria above, the remaining spots will be allocated to the available candidates.

IMPORTANT DATES – APPLY NOW!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Deadline applications: January 20, 2026 **Results:** February 20

Deadline for confirming participation and submitting documents: 2 March , 2026

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