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Rethinking Contemporary Latin American Art

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Building upon the intersections of heritage studies, art history, visual culture, and performance studies laid by scholars such as Rick López, Terry Smith, Adriana Zavala, Rita Segato, Diana Taylor, and David Joselit, among others, this Special Issue of Arts seeks contributions that critically map the co-constitutive dynamics among art and heritage in contemporary Latin America. This may include essays dedicated to Latin American art in terms of: markets and globalization: critical examinations of maker categories (i.e. "folk art") and Latin American positionality; dynamics among intangible heritage (i.e. foodways, spiritual rituals, dance) and visual artistic production; expressions of urban-rural or South-South artistic relationships; negotiations of indigeneity, indigenisms, craft, or vernacular making in contemporary art; the impact of migrations, mobility, and diasporic identities; gender parity and artistic "tradition" or labor; and/or object-centered museal and institutional practices as acts of constituting or resisting definitions of contemporary Latin American art and/or heritage.

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