

# Latin American Network of Organization Studies



REOL

Report to the Organization Studies community

Organization Studies, as a field of knowledge, aims the study of organizations and organizational processes. In Latin America, its development has been characterized by heterogeneity and diversity, closely connected to Administration. With the intention of creating a space for collective constructions that considers the reality of OS, as well as our particular and identitarian characteristics, a series of ideas and conversations regarding the creation of some kind of association in the region took place. They converged, in a meeting held at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago de Chile, in September 26 2019, to the concrete decision of creating an association.

In July 16, at the University EAFIT, in Medellin, Colombia, the founding letter of the Latin American Network of Organization Studies was signed. With the representation of five academic networks, three witnesses, four observers and 33 participants, it was created a network aiming the comprehensive scientific production in the study of organizational phenomena in the region. With this founding letter, REOL assumed, as an ethical commitment, a critical, emancipatory and decolonial perspective, as well as the respect and the defence of the integrity of life in community. It was also decided the elaboration of statutes that would expose the basis, principles, means of participation and election of the governing bodies, and the constitution of REOL as a civil association.

As a result, the members of REOL inform the academic community that on September 8 2020, in the first session of the Board of Directors, the Statutes of the Latin American Network of Organization Studies were approved and, as a consequence, the policies of participation and the authorities who will have the responsibility of directing the association in the next years. The Board, which will be supported by a Consultive Board composed by the representation of the distinct networks of the region, is composed as follows:

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