Abstract

The main argument of this article develops around the concept of citizenship which I will examine taking as a starting point contributions made in the fields of law studies, philosophy and anthropology. There have been considerable advances in the social sciences with the proposition and discussion of new composite concepts such as multicultural citizenship, intercultural citizenship, and ethnic citizenship. With ethnic citizenship in particular, scholars have been trying to respond to the history and nature of the demands, claims and struggles that indigenous organisations and communities, movements and their leaders have made in Latin America over the past three decades. ¿Who proposed this concept, and when, where and for what purposes was it developed? Who is using this concept now and in what social and political contexts? This discussion leads me to ask whether it is possible to speak of an emerging, alternative Latin American model of interpretation?

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