



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

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Excelentísimo señor Rafael Correa  
Presidente de la República de Ecuador

Su Excelencia,

El Consejo Ejecutivo y los ex-presidentes de la Asociación de Estudios Latinoamericanos escribimos para expresar nuestra profunda preocupación por el bienestar de la profesora Manuela Lavinas Picq, quien fue golpeada y detenida en Quito el 13 de agosto y que ahora enfrenta deportación inminente. La Profesora Picq es un miembro activo y respetado de nuestra Asociación académica, la más grande del mundo dedicada al estudio de América Latina, con más de 10.000 miembros.

Manuela Picq es una experta reconocida en relaciones internacionales, movimientos sociales, feminismo, estudios indígenas, y estudios de la sexualidad. Picq es miembro del cuerpo docente y ex decana de la Universidad de San Francisco de Quito, y ha ocupado cargos académicos en Amherst College, Massachusetts, y en la Universidad de Princeton, Nueva Jersey. También contribuye a varias sedes internacionales de noticias en su rol de periodista.

En el momento de su arresto, la profesora Picq estaba participando y cubriendo una protesta legal y pacífica en compañía de otros periodistas y fotógrafos y no estaba armada. La profesora Picq estaba ejerciendo sus derechos a la libertad de expresión, protegidos por la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos (artículos 18 a 20) de la que Ecuador es estado signatario.

Solicitamos respetuosamente que el gobierno ecuatoriano reconsidere estas acciones y hasta qué punto son justas.

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