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**Affiliation form for REACH – The Research Network for Health and Society
 faculty and students at Florida International University**

For whom?

Please submit this form if you are interested in becoming an affiliate of REACH – The Research Network for Health and Society, an initiative of the Green School of International and Public Affairs, the Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies, and the Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) at Florida International University. *For faculty, we will request that you serve as a peer reviewer within your area of expertise for a colleague (faculty or student) once each academic year (peer reviews may be grants, papers, or concepts).*

REACH's mission is “to advance interdisciplinary social science research and training on health and society in the Global South, and to develop and disseminate evidence-based and policy relevant knowledge and solutions to address health concerns in the region.” Read more about REACH at the end of this form.

What to do?

Please provide us the following information:

Name:

Email:

FIU Department / Program:

Faculty member

Student

Areas of interest:

Brief Bio: Please tell us about your specific work / interests

Collaborations / networking

Training

Presentations / panels

Documentaries / exhibitions

Please add up to five key words describing your areas of interest and expertise (will inform peer reviews):

Please send completed form to marpadi@fiu.edu

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Research Network for Health and Society, an initiative of the Green School for International and Public Affairs, the Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies, and the Latin American and Caribbean Center, Florida International University.

Lead Faculty:

[Mark Padilla](#), PhD, Director (overall administrative leadership)

[Nelson Varas-Díaz](#), PhD, Associate Director (Documentary films & Artistic Production)

[Sheilla Rodríguez-Madera](#), PhD, Associate Director (trainings and internships)

Mission: To advance interdisciplinary social science research and training on health and society in the Global South, and to develop and disseminate evidence-based and policy relevant knowledge and solutions to address health concerns in the region.

Vision: To transform “health and society” scholarship in the broadest terms, advancing policy relevant social science research collaboration and engagement to ensure that Florida International University is at the forefront of interdisciplinary efforts in the Global South.

Goals:

- (1) To expand the breadth and depth of rigorous policy-relevant social science research that addresses itself to understanding the causes and consequences of complex health problems that face the Global South.
- (2) To foster interdisciplinary social science approaches and collaborations that extend beyond the traditional health science disciplines of medicine and public health.
- (3) To train a new generation of scholars in innovative research techniques using interdisciplinary approaches and the application of knowledge to policy.

Specific Objectives of Goal 1: To expand the breadth and depth of rigorous policy-relevant social science research that addresses itself to understanding the causes and consequences of complex health problems that face the Global South.

1. To implement research that takes into consideration individual, communal, political-economic and socio-cultural factors of health concerns in the Global South.
2. To develop and fortify research areas that are critical for successfully confronting health disparities among socially vulnerabilized populations in the Global South.
3. To foster partnerships between stakeholders in these endeavors including researchers, communities, funders and policy makers.
4. To strengthen infrastructure for research and dissemination of policy relevant scientific knowledge.



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Specific Objectives of Goal 2: To foster interdisciplinary social science approaches and collaborations that extend beyond the traditional health science disciplines of medicine and public health.

1. To promote linkages between communities and institutions that can jointly establish sustainable research agendas on health issues in the Global South.
2. To create space for dialogue and project development among differently positioned researchers from a broad range of disciplinary backgrounds.
3. To facilitate communication and translation of research findings among the policy makers and the public.

Specific Objectives of Goal 3: To train a new generation of scholars in innovative research techniques using interdisciplinary approaches and the application of knowledge to policy.

1. To provide health related research training opportunities for FIU colleagues, national and international collaborators at all levels (e.g., internships, research fellowships).
2. To create a space for grant development, systematic feedback, and workshopping of grant proposals or project concepts, using peer review sessions.
3. To develop innovative mixed and alternative/artistic methods (e.g., PhotoVoice, documentary film, narrative production) to inform social science research on health.
4. To enhance community engagement experiences and skills among trainees, collaborators and investigators to jointly promote sustainable research agendas.