



## SACRED PLANTS FORUM: USES AND NORMS Press Release

Chacruna.net, the Drugs, Politics and Culture Collective, and Western-CIESAS have organized the Sacred Plants Forum: Uses and Norms, which will take place on November 21 and 22, 2018 at the National School of Anthropology and History (ENAH) in Mexico City.

This event follows up on the successful Sacred Plants Congress of the Americas that was held in February of this year. Its objectives are to inform and make visible the current debates regarding psychoactive plants and substances, as well as to generate a space for reflection from interdisciplinary and intercultural perspectives on the different uses and conceptions of plants and substances.

The two days of the forum will be composed of nine roundtables that will discuss various topics, including the ethnography of traditional and contemporary uses of mushrooms and psychoactive plants; drugs from a historical perspective; peyote legality, territory and conservation; controversies surrounding the *Bufo alvarius* toad; harm reduction; therapeutic uses of psychedelics; and the regulation of illegal plants and substances.

Indigenous Mazatec and Wixárika people will participate in the forum; as well as more than 35 national and international speakers. In attendance will be distinguished researchers from anthropology, history, biology, medicine, psychotherapy, and drug policy, and students of plants and psychoactive substances, including Bia Labate, Antonella Fagetti, Julio Glockner, Ricardo Pérez Monfort and Anya Loizaga-Velder. There will also be a presentation by Hannah R. Tierney and Jordie Ryan Martin of the University of California at San Francisco, who will discuss their group therapy research with psilocybin.

A highlight will be the keynote address on peyote conservation by Texas botanist Martin Terry, who is the President of the Cactus Conservation Institute.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information: <https://chacruna.net/sacred-plants-forum/>

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