



New and old forms of colonialism: critical border thinking in Latin American universities

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Problem

- Colonialism
- Old ways of colonialism
- New ways of colonialism

- Universities in Latin America (LATAM)
Counterbalancing old and new forms
of colonialism.
- Border thinking (Anzaldúa, 2012)


Decolonial studies

- ▶ Coloniality:
Colonialism + Modernity
- ▶ Matrix of power: race
and labour
- ▶ Superior/inferior
- ▶ Indigenous peoples,
their languages and
knowledges, inferior.
- ▶ Border thinking
(Anzaldúa, 2012)



Casta Painting from the end of the 18th century or beginning of 19th century. Author unknown. The caption reads "From a Spanish man and an Amerindian woman, a Mestizo is produced"





Old forms of colonialism

- Universities as spaces to educate the elite
- Salamanca and Napoleonic model
- Teaching – oriented universities
- Massification of higher education
- Inequalities persist.

New ways of colonialism

- World class university
- International rankings and Latin America. Ambivalent relationship
- Academic dependency.

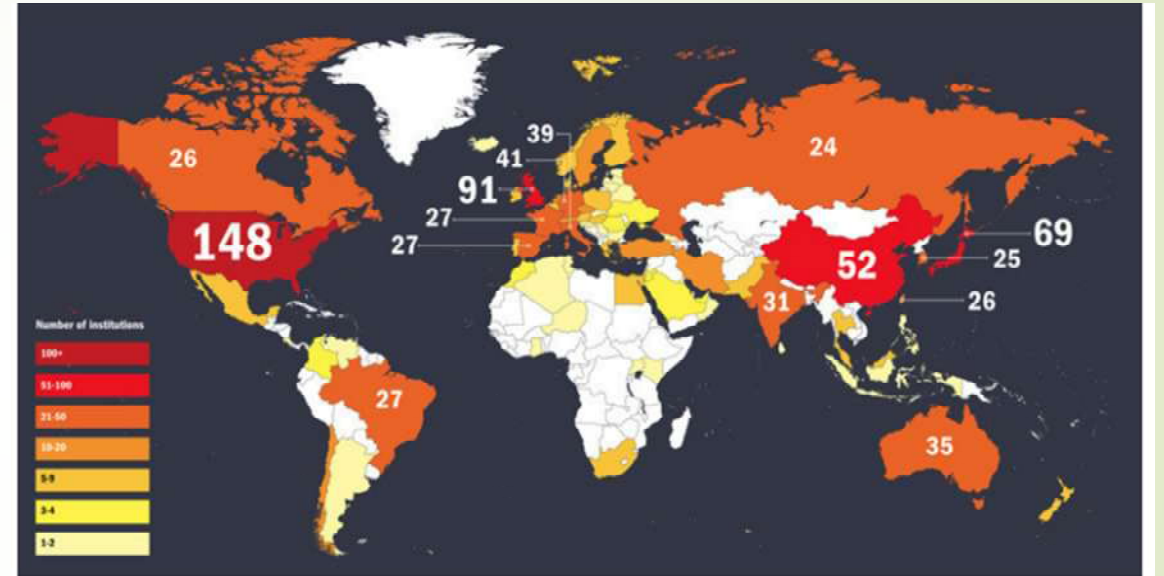


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Research questions

- i) What are the main patterns of publication contained in the Web of Science, Scopus and SciELO journals about colonialism in universities in Latin America;
- (ii) What are the main challenges identified in the literature regarding forms of colonialism that shape universities in Latin America
- (iii) In which ways have Latin American universities been coping with these tensions and contesting forms of colonialism?



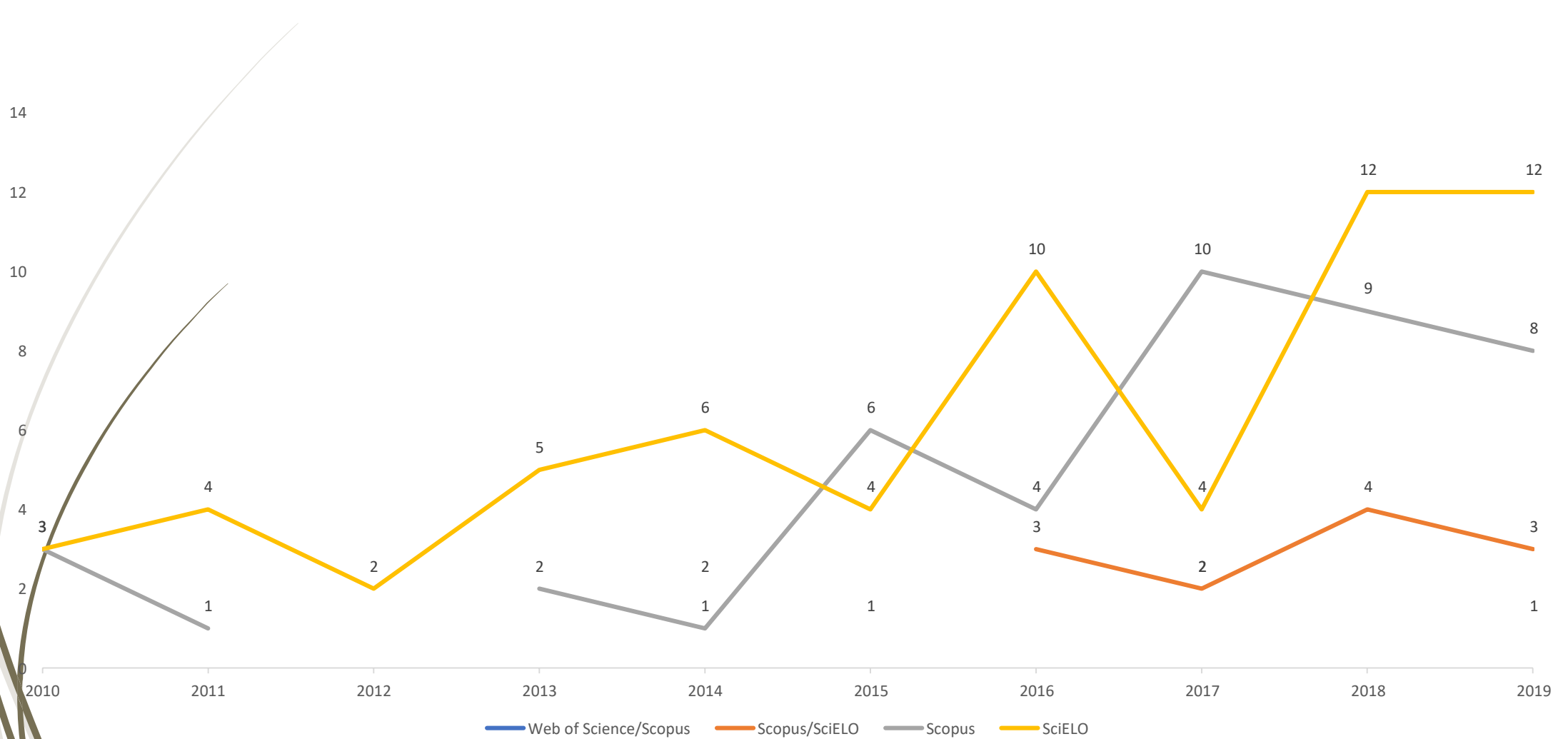
Methodology

Examination of articles (WoSc, Scopus & SciELO) with at least one author affiliated to a Latin American university between 2010-2019.

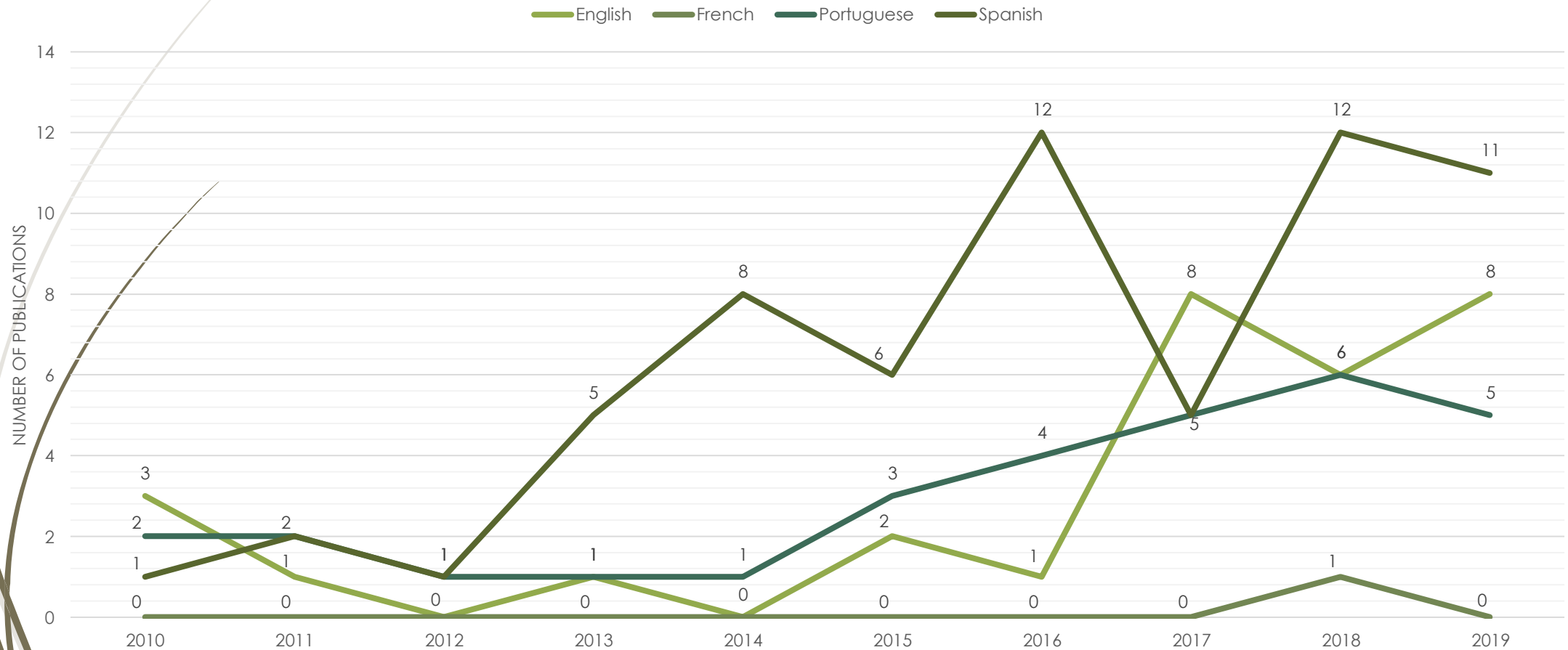
Key search terms: higher education, colonial, internationalisation (and interrelated terms), in English, Spanish & Portuguese.

Sample & Analysis : 124 papers. Descriptive (124 papers) & thematic analysis (24 papers).

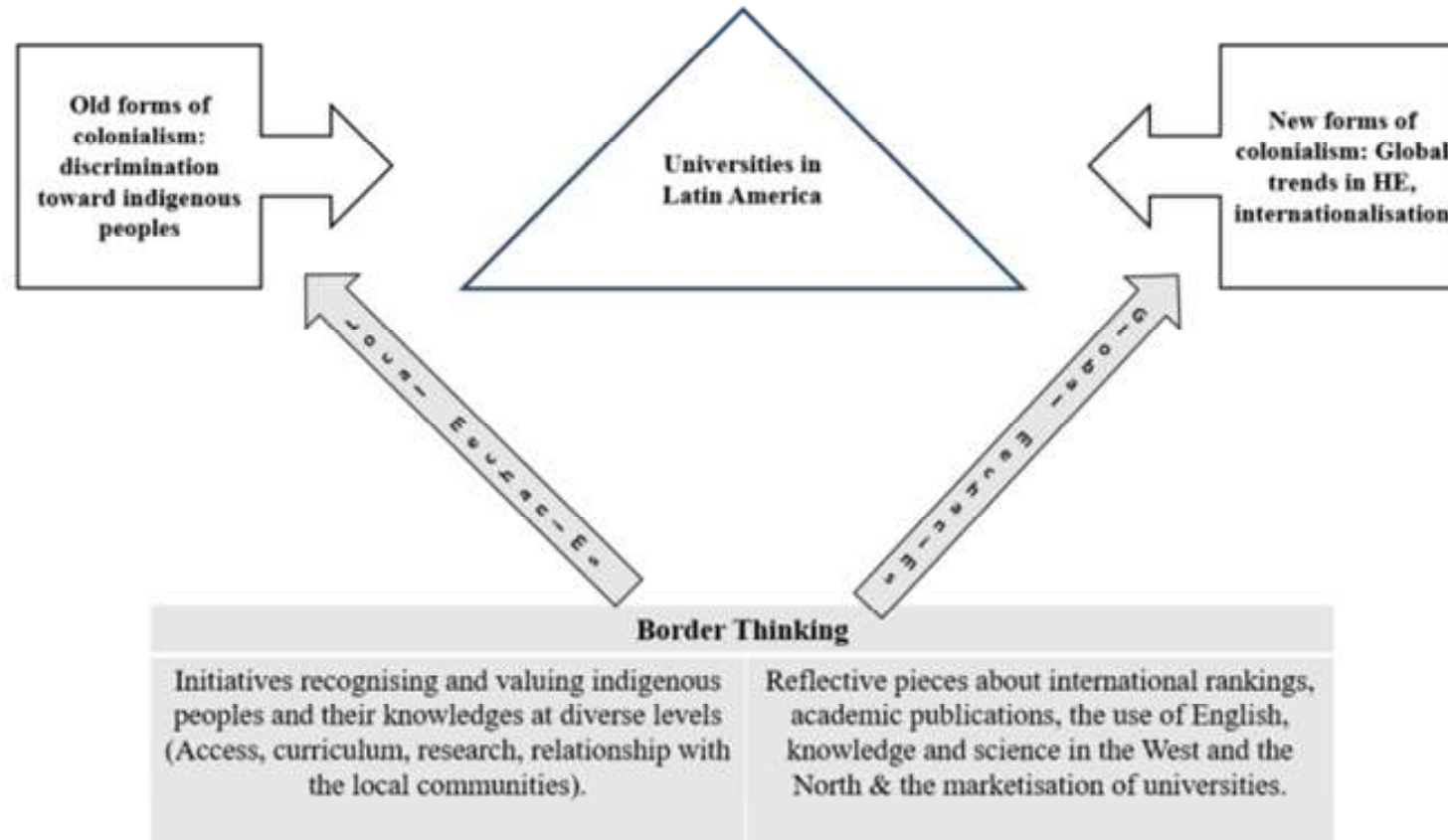
Publication trends by year of publication in WoScc, Scopus and SciELO indexes (2010-2019)



Publication trends by language (2010-2019)



Universities' local and global mechanisms mitigating new and old forms of colonialism



Discussion

Double discrimination:

- ▶ an inherited discriminatory pattern that has been reproduced and reinforced by and within Latin American universities (matrix of power), and
- ▶ a discriminating situation arising from processes of exportation and importation of imaginaries about elite world-class universities

- ▶ Spaces for border thinking and agency.