

## MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE ON VIOLENCE AND DEMOCRACY RESEARCH **VIODEMOS**

Impact Area: Social sciences  
Speciality: Anthropology, sociology, political science, legal science, history, art.

VIODEMOS development is an integral analysis about how the exceptional everyday forms of state violence and non-state violence affect the practices of citizenship and democratic governance in Chile, through a comparative and interdisciplinary research strategy.

VIODEMOS contributes with empirical and conceptualization innovative studies that address the interweaving between structural, symbolic, and direct violence, and it identifies the practice that breaks these cycles of violence. It develops new forms to evaluate the democracy that considers how the violence affects the internal functioning and the quality of the state institutions and civilian practices. The center has a theoretical focus that links violence and democracy, addressing every day the criminal and political violence in a joint framework. Our methodology of qualitative and quantitative data analysis from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective, wants to contribute to state agencies and organisations of the civil society. To VIODEMOS, the production of innovative research and world class, the formulation of supplies to the public policies and the collaboration with social actors are together.

Lines of research have been developed in areas such as a) structural violence and discrimination; b) urban segregation, crime, drug trafficking and insecurity, and c) social and ethnic conflicts, processes of political radicalisation and securitisation practices. Interdisciplinary research and theoretical innovation of each line of work, generating an intense dialogue between the lines has been realised. Specialist knowledge and recommendations about prevention and violence reduction is offered. It wants to establish a programme of public reflection that sensitises social actors like public policy makers.

### Research lines:

- Structural Violence and Inequality.
- Criminal Violence and Urban Insecurity.
- Political, Ethnic Violence and Radicalization.



### >> SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTIVITY:

Millennium Institute recently awarded; no publications have been reported.





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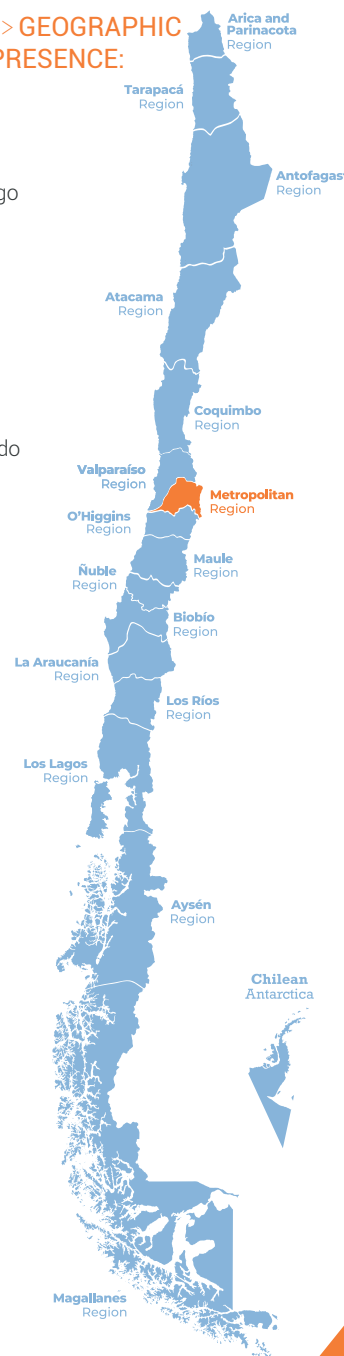
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>> GEOGRAPHIC PRESENCE:



>> MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

**Short-term:**

- Develop interdisciplinary research and theoretical innovation.
- Generate joint activities and analysis between the different lines.
- Establish an agenda for public reflection that sensitise to policy makers, decision makers and social actors.
- Provide specialised knowledges and specific recommendations about prevention and violence reduction.

**Long-term:**

- Consolidate a research agenda in Chile and the region that addresses violence in democracy.
- Consolidate collaboration with institutes and centres in the region and the global south.
- Provide independent counselling with academic support to social organisations and policy makers.



>> OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

VIODEMOS has an Educational Improvement Plan strategy with four components:

- Civic education programme.
- Dissemination of results in the media.
- Collaboration with visual artists, writing and performance.
- Direct collaboration with interlocutors in the research process.

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