

Conversation: A Carrier Bag Theory of More Than Listening

Convener biographies

The conveners of this Conversation are all engaged in work at the intersections of feminist anthropology and design, and collaborators on the project [Mending the New](#). The project aims to develop a framework for reconciliation with communities that have been crafting textiles and have been severely affected by armed conflict in Colombia. The project works with communities that, through textile making, commit themselves to memory and reconciliation in the municipalities of Bojayá and Quibdó – both in Chocó – María La Baja in the region Montes de María, Sonsón in the Oriente Antioqueño region, Carmen de Bolívar, in the department of Bolívar, Turbo in Antioquia and the Guaméz Valley in Putumayo. As well as documenting memories of war, textile crafting generates spaces of common reflection and has a healing, restorative and constructive potential that negotiates memory and reconciliation.

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Alexandra Chocontá Piraquive is a Colombian researcher and feminist ethnographer. She has a bachelor degree in anthropology and a master's in gender studies. She has been researching the social, cultural, and political meaning of contemporary textile practices and craftivism since 2016. She is also exploring how neoliberalism and white feminism is impacting the lives of vulnerable women in Colombia, shaping hegemonic ideas around gender, youth, and sexuality. Currently, she is a Ph.D. student and a Teaching Assistant at the Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Minnesota.

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