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Dr. Clelia O. Rodríguez is a global scholar, author, mom and auntie, born and raised in the ancestral lands of the Nawat, the Chorti-Maya and the Lenka Peoples, what is presently El Salvador. She earned her MA and PhD from the University of Toronto. Before holding a Human Rights Traveling Study Abroad Professorship in the United States, Nepal, Jordan, and Chile, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Ghana. Her political pedagogical interests are presently: Decolonization in Education, Settler Colonialism, Popular Education, Pedagogies of Liberation and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching. As a Gender Advisor, she has worked in Cuba, Bolivia, and Kenya, most recently.

She is the founder of [SEEDS for Change](#), a learning transnational collective that brings together Black, Indigenous and people from the Global Majority to co-create land-based and Indigenous ways of knowing. She is the author of *Decolonizing Academia: Poverty, Pain and Oppression*. Her work has been published in the [Journal of Curriculum and Pedagogy](#), in the [Journal of Popular Education, Critical Pedagogy and Militant Research](#) in Chile, the [Black Youth Project, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in the South](#), [Radical Teacher: A Socialist, Feminist, and Anti-Racist Journal on the Theory and Practice of Teaching](#), [Postcolonial Studies](#), [Revista Iberoamericana](#), [Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education](#) and the [Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies](#). She recently received the 2022 ACPA Latinx Network Community Advancement Service Award for her support and encouragement towards the needs of Latinx students and professionals in higher education and has been nominated twice for awards in Excellency in teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Clelia is brewing her second book titled: *The Politics of the Uterus*.