



Department of Geography and Urban Studies presents

The Benjamin H. Kohl Social Justice Lecture



# HABEAS COCA: BOLIVIA'S COMMUNITY CONTROL OF COCA

**Linda Farthing**

*Independent writer, educator, and activist*



**Date**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Time**

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Followed by reception

**Location**

1810 Conference Suite, Liacouras Walk  
Temple University

**Linda Farthing** has written extensively on drug policy, particularly on coca leaf. She is co-author of *Habeas Coca: Bolivia's Community Control of Coca* (2015), a research project of the Andean Information Network and editor of "Re-imagining Drug Policy in the Americas" for NACLA. She field produced the film *Cocaine Unwrapped* (in Bolivia) and has written a drug policy curriculum for high school students. She is co-author of *Impasse in Bolivia, From the Mines to the Streets: a Bolivian activist's life*, and *Evo's Bolivia: Continuity and Change with the late Dr. Benjamin Kohl* who was Professor of Geography at Temple.

Her talk discusses the history, politics and social context of coca leaf in Bolivia. In 2004, Bolivia broke definitively with twenty years of the US-financed the War on Drugs when it adopted the cato accord, which permits farmers to grow a subsistence amount of coca. Since 2009, under Evo Morales, this policy is known as community control of coca. The talk explores the successes and challenges facing this novel approach to drug crop control.