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Espinosa works on political and environmental anthropology. She has done extensive ethnographic and ethnohistorical research in the Colombian Amazonia (Middle Caquetá River and Amazon River) and the southwestern Andes (Cauca and south of Tolima, Saldaña River Basin) with Andoque, Cocama, and Pijao indigenous peoples. She is the author one of the most well-known studies on the indigenous leader Manuel Quintín Lame (1883-1963). Her book, *La civilización montés: la visión india y el trasegar de Manuel Quintín Lame en Colombia* (Uniandes, 2009), was the recipient of the 3rd place, LASA's Monserrat Ordoñez Award (2010), and "Mención de Honor" in Social Sciences from the Fundación Alejandro Ángel Escobar (2010). She was Associate Editor of Anthropology of the *Latin American Research Review (LARR)* from 2016 to 2020.

Espinosa has studied the forging of indigenous political subjectivities in the Amazon and the Andes, as well the transformation of indigeneity after the 1991 constitutional change and the multicultural turn in Colombia. Her approach has privileged the point of view of indigenous intellectuals, sages, artists, and women leaders, and has focused on the spatial and temporal dimensions of social memory, practical knowledges, cultural politics, and political participation. Currently, Espinosa works on the experimental field of anthropology of life; she combines a political ecology of life with landscape biography, weather-world phenomenology, and multispecies ethnography. She is a senior member of the transdisciplinary research group *Ecological History and Social Memory* based on Uniandes. Her research is oriented to analyzing multi-scalar sociopolitical and environmental tensions surrounding State intervention and environmental and territorial policies in the Volcanic Complex Doña Juana (Nariño). She works on a critical perspective of disaster risk reduction based on an ecopolitics of care. She also keeps ongoing research on Manuel Quintín Lame's utopia and universality from below. Recently, she has joined Misak intellectual Julio Cesar

Tunubalá in his research on traditional midwifery, reproductive health and territorial harmony, following his own interpretation of cosmopolitics.

Espinosa strongly advocates the importance of horizontal dialogues between scientific knowledges and local/vernacular knowledges, as well as multidisciplinary and systemic approaches to vulnerability and disaster risk reduction.

She is the author of the following books:

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