My research project is concerned with local knowledge: it looks at the ways in which Mexican Indigenous adolescents (re)produce the systems of ideas, values and practices about sexual health in their communities. It also pursues the goal of identifying the extent to which this representational system mediates Indigenous adolescents’ engagement with sexuality. Using a dialogical approach, fieldwork was conducted in urban and rural settings in the highlands of Puebla, East-Central Mexico.

The overarching theoretical framework of my project is the theory of social representations. Within this approach, I attempt to sharpen the hypothesis of cognitive polyphasis by drawing upon the concept of hybridity, borrowed from cultural studies. This research is funded by the Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT).