CIAA

The Centre's main objective is to carry out archaeological and anthropological research in the country, in a scientific and multidisciplinary framework, as an agent of development.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

- Regional Archaeological Project La Corona (with Tulane University)
- Mayan and Contemporary Conceptions of Cancer (with ETH, Switzerland)
- Semetabaj Archaeological Project (with Stanford)
- Guatemalan Migrants as Transnational Social Actors Organizations
- Rio Seco Archaeological Project

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CIAA conducts research since 1985 in different fields of archeology and anthropology, with the participation of national and foreign professionals and of students in the social science field.

**Research areas:**

1. **Field Archaeology:**
   - conduct surveys and excavations in the three large archaeological regions of Guatemala (South Coast, Highland, and Low Lands).

2. **Medical anthropology and public health:** estudios relacionados a las percepciones del cáncer y otras afecciones epidémicas

3. **Analysis of ceramic materials**
   - found in archaeological sites in the South Coast and Highlands of Guatemala.

4. **Local economic development**

5. **Archives:**
   - UVG’s Sociocultural Documentation Center and special collections in library.

6. **Peace and conflict studies**

7. **Guatemalan immigrants abroad studies**

8. **Management and handling of cultural heritage:** Especially as related to archaeological parks, sustainable tourism, sacred sites, and intangible heritage.

9. **Museology:**
   - Museum of Cultures of the South Coast (South Campus).

10. **Ethnohistory:**
    - Research of hispanic and indigenous documents during colonial time.

11. **Use of geographical tools for regional analysis in archeology** (in collaboration with the GIS lab at UVG).

12. **Archaeobotany:**
    - Analysis of microbotanics remains from archaeological contexts (in collaboration with the Departments of Microbiology and Biology at UVG).

13. **Archaeological Chemistry:**
    - Soil analysis of archaeological contents (in collaboration with the Chemistry department at UVG).

14. **Astro-archeology:**
    - Research of orientations of buildings and sculptures related to heavenly bodies.