The second meeting of Barbados and the first congress of black culture in the Americas: Shared horizons between indigenous and afro-descendants in Latin America

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This article comparatively analyzes the first continental meetings organized by indigenous activists and Afro-descendants in Latin America: the Second meeting of Barbados (Segunda Reunión de Barbados) and the First Congress of Black Culture in the Americas (Primer Congreso de la Cultura Negra de las Américas), both held in 1977. Based on the conference proceedings, we question the historical intersection that not only identify a common context but also shared discourses and aspirations, such as the struggle against racism, the formulation of an anti-colonial critique, and the construction of a political-cultural identity. As we argue, the discussions and proposals made in these gatherings can be considered foundational of the current indigenous and Afro-descendant movements.