

Abstract

The main goal of this thesis is to study the life and customs of the Lacandon Indians, one of the smallest indigenous groups of Maya origin, who live in two villages in the Lacandon jungle, in Chiapas, Mexico. The thesis is focused on Lacandon life from the time when they were living in relative isolation from the outside world, and also on changes that have occurred during the 20th century. It has been particularly considered the changes in the Lacandon family and the position of Lacandon women. The study is based on available ethnographic studies, gender theories and especially on my own research realized in the communities of Lacanjá and Nahá from 2008 to 2012.