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**FROM THE EDITOR*****Dear SLAS Member,***

The start of 2001 presents fresh challenges to Latin America. Peru is still trying to adjust to the dramatic resignation of President Fujimori and the ongoing revelations about its causes. Ecuador is now under a state of emergency. However, the biggest worry must be *Plan Colombia*. Ostensibly, this programme involves an investment package, stemming from the US, to curb drug production in Colombia. Within the country, many people fear that this will not be limited to its stated aims, but will fuel further conflict between the government, guerrilla groups and paramilitaries, with innocent civilians caught in the crossfire.

There are reports that many people have fled the Putumayo into Ecuador. In the east, individuals, and even whole villages, have escaped to Venezuela. The UN High Commission for Refugees has responded by setting up refugee centres and making plans for further exodus. In Brazil, the armed forces have moved men and equipment to border areas to prepare for an invasion of drug producers.

*Plan Colombia* is causing mounting anxiety. This was reflected in the meeting of the twelve South American Presidents in Brasilia at the end of August, 2000. This produced joint statements on issues affecting the whole of South America. Colombia took up a major part of the time, displacing issues such as economic integration. All Presidents supported efforts to end internal conflict in Colombia but there was evidence of growing concern. This has been deepened by the recent Presidential election in the US and the policies which may follow.

***Elizabeth Allen***

## **DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE, NUMBER 69,**

**The last date will be midday on 16th March 2001.** Unfortunately, any material, other than SLAS Annual Conference reports, arriving after this date will not be able to be included until the October 2001 issue.

**Material and contributions:** Please send material for inclusion to the Editor, care of Karen Hegyi. **Karen** is available to give information or to receive *SLAS Newsletter* copy on Monday and Thursday (all day) and Friday mornings. Karen Hegyi, Centre for Latin American Research, Department of Geography and Topographic Science, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ, Tel:0141 339 8855 ext. 0935 Email:khegyi@geog.gla.ac.uk

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## **SOCIETY FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES REVISED CONSTITUTION (2001)**

**To be presented to the AGM of SLAS, at the SLAS Annual Conference 2001**

### **1. Name of the Society**

The name of the association shall be the Society for Latin American Studies (hereafter the Society).

### **2. Objects**

The objects of the Society shall be to advance and promote the study of Latin America within the United Kingdom, and in particular to:

- (a) sponsor an annual conference for Latin Americanists.

- (b) sponsor or co-sponsor such other conferences or meetings as the Society shall from time to time deem appropriate.
- (c) publish a periodical bulletin, the *Bulletin of Latin American Research* (BLAR), of which the Society will retain ownership of the copyright to the content and title.
- (d) maintain a web-site for the Society and publish other publications as the Society shall from time to time deem appropriate; and
- (e) co-operate with public, academic and institutional bodies which have similar interests or objectives.

### **3. Charitable Status**

The Society shall be constituted and registered as a charity in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

### **4. Government of the Society**

- (a) The whole body of the members in General Meeting shall constitute the highest governing body of the Society.
- (b) All the business of the Society not reserved to a General Meeting by this Constitution shall be conducted by a Committee and Officers elected in accordance with this Constitution and the Society's Standing Orders.

### **5. Membership**

- (a) Membership of the Society shall be open to any person concerned with Latin American studies.
- (b) Members shall be such persons as shall have applied in due form, on condition of payment of an annual subscription (which may be at a lower rate for students in full-time or part-time education or for the unwaged).
- (c) Members of the Society shall have the right:
  - (d) to attend, initiate business and vote at General Meetings of the Society, each member having one vote;
  - (e) to stand for election to the offices and committees of the Society;
  - (f) to receive the publications distributed by the Society and such other privileges as the Committee may from time to time determine.

- (g) Membership of the Society shall terminate in any of the following events:
- (h) where the member has submitted their resignation in writing and the Committee is satisfied that the member's obligations to the Society have been discharged;
- (i) where the member's subscription is more than one year in arrears and the Committee so resolves;
- (j) where the Committee has given notice to the member that it proposes to terminate his or her membership and has in fact so terminated it, this shall be ratified at a general meeting of the membership by a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and voting.

## **6. The Officers of the Society**

- a) The Officers of the Society shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall be elected in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Society's Standing Orders.
- b) Officers must be ordinary Members of the Society and must reside principally in Europe.
- c) The Officers of the Society will be elected as follows:
- (i) The President and Vice-President shall hold office for two years and shall not be immediately eligible for re-election to the same office.
- (ii) The Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary shall hold office for two years and shall be immediately eligible for re-election to the same office.
- (iii) The officers shall be elected in such a way that two officers are elected in one year and two officers in the alternate year.
- c) The duties of
- i) the President shall be:
- to chair the meetings of the Society and its Committee;
  - to oversee the efficient functioning of the Society;
  - to represent the Society to other bodies and institutions;
  - to maintain the Members of the Committee fully informed of all developments with respect to the Society.

ii) the Vice-President shall be to deputise for the President in his/her absence and to carry out such other of the President's duties as the President may request.

iii) the Secretary shall be:

- to keep the archives and carry on such correspondence of the Society as the President shall from time to time require;
- serve notice of such meetings as the Constitution, the Committee or the Members shall from time to time require;
- keep the minutes of the meetings of the Society and its Committee;
- oversee the organisation of the academic programme of the Society's annual conference;
- to administer the annual election of Officers and Committee Members;
- carry out such other duties as the Society shall from time to time deem appropriate.

iv) the Treasurer shall be:

- to manage such financial assets as the Society possesses;
- to operate such bank accounts as the Society shall from time to time set up, on his/her own signature and, for sums over a limit that shall be determined by the Committee, that of the President;
- to keep the books of the Society which s/he shall have audited annually by an independent examiner in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission and for presentation to the Annual General Meeting;
- to present such other accounts as the Committee shall from time to time require;
- to prepare annual accounts to be circulated to the Committee for its meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting.

v) the Membership Secretary shall be:

- to oversee the collection of applications for membership;
- to oversee the collection of subscriptions, renewals and arrears of members;
- to have the power to issue receipts;

- to maintain a current list of members.

With the approval of the Committee, the Membership Secretary shall be permitted to delegate all or some of his/her duties to a third party, but shall retain a supervisory function over its activities.

## **7. The Committee**

a) The management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of all the Officers of the Society and six ordinary Members to be elected as provided below. The Committee shall also have as members ex-officio the Past President, the *SLAS Newsletter* Editor, the SLAS IT Advisor, the representative of PILAS (Postgraduates in Latin American Studies), the coordinating editor or BLAR (or another editor as his/her delegate), and the Organiser of the Annual Conference. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional members (who will not have voting rights).

b) The six ordinary members of the Committee, who must be Members of the Society and reside principally in Europe, shall be elected by the Society as laid down in the Standing Orders for its Annual General Meeting. An ordinary Member of the Committee shall hold office for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election.

c) The co-opted Members shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Society following their co-option.

d) The Committee shall meet at least once a year, and at other times when convened by the President.

e) The Committee may constitute such sub-committees as it sees fit for the more efficient conduct of its business and, unless the Committee resolves otherwise, such sub-committees shall have the power to act without further reference to the Committee.

- f) The Committee shall make Standing Orders for regulating the affairs of the Society and the Committee, and for the conduct of meetings and elections.
  
- g) The President shall preside over the meetings of the Society and the Committee. When the President is unable to act, the Vice-President (or failing the Vice-President, any other member of the Committee designated by the President or the Vice-President) may exercise any of the functions of the President as provided in the Society's Standing Orders.
  
- h) The Committee shall be deemed to have a quorum when at least seven of the seventeen voting members are present.

### **8. Meetings of the Society**

- a) The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting of its Members once in each calendar year.
  
- b) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include:
  - i) the notification of the election of officers of the Society;
  - ii) the notification of the election of ordinary Members of the Committee;
  - iii) the receipt of the audited accounts of the preceding financial year;
  - iv) the receipt of a general report by the Committee on the activities of the Society;
  - v) the appointment of auditors;
  - vi) any other business relating to the Society and its affairs.
  
- c) The President may, or at the request in writing of not fewer than ten Members of the Society, shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss any matter of which not less than twenty-eight days' notice has been given to Members.
  
- d) Twenty-eight days' notice of every General Meeting and of the business to be transacted therein shall be given to all Members.
  
- e) A General Meeting shall be constituted when there are present:

- i) the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice-President;
- ii) one other of the officers of the Society; and
- iii) 20 paid up members of the Society.

f) The Society shall meet at such other times as the Committee may determine. At such meetings business other than that for which the meeting has been called shall be transacted.

**9. Amendment of Constitution**

- a) This Constitution may be amended by a resolution approved by not fewer than two-thirds of the Members of the Society present and voting at a General Meeting.
- b) Any proposal for an amendment of the Constitution shall be in writing, be submitted not less than fourteen days before the date of the General Meeting at which it is sought to move the amendment, and shall either:
  - i) be submitted by the Committee; or
  - ii) be supported by at least ten Members of the Society who have signified their support in writing or by email.

**10. Property of the Society**

- a) The property of the Society, other than cash to such amounts as the Committee shall from time to time specify, which shall be under the control of the Treasurer, shall be vested in trustees who will be all the current members of the Committee.
- b) In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Society any remaining assets, after all liabilities have been discharged, shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the Society, but shall be transferred to some other institution or institutions having objectives similar in whole or in part to the objectives of the Society, as the members of the Society at or before the time of dissolution shall determine.

**Will Fowler, Rachel Sieder, Peter Wade, 29 January 2001**

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**SOCIETY FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES  
REVISED STANDING ORDERS (2001)**

**To be presented to the AGM of SLAS, at the SLAS Annual Conference 2001  
at the University of Birmingham.**

**1. Election of members**

- a) Persons wishing to join the society shall supply to the Membership Secretary (or his/her approved delegate):
- i) a letter or form of application; and
  - ii) such membership subscription as shall have been determined by the Society at an AGM.
- b) Members will be deemed to have resigned if:
- i) they shall have signified the same to the Membership Secretary (or his/her approved delegate)
  - ii) they shall have failed for one year to maintain their subscription.

**2. Elections**

The election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee will take place annually, prior to the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the following procedures:

- a) Two months prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall circulate the membership with a notice informing them of the vacancies that will occur on the Committee and request written nominations within 21 days.
- b) All nominations for elected posts will require a proposer and seconder. The nominee, proposer and seconder must be fully paid-up members of the Society. The nominee shall have signified his/her willingness to stand.
- c) Twenty-eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall notify the members of the nominees.

d) If for an office there is only one nominee, the office will be filled. If there is more than one, and as long as a data-base with the e-mail addresses of all of the members has not been completed, ballot papers shall then be circulated to members, accompanied by a pre-paid envelope and statements of up to 200 words each prepared by each candidate, outlining his/her relevant background and qualifications for the post. The ballot forms shall be returned to the Secretary by a date earlier than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Once the aforementioned data-base is running, the same procedure shall be followed with the difference that all communications shall be carried out electronically.

e) The Secretary shall inform the President of the outcome of the elections and the President shall inform the Annual General Meeting.

### **3. The Conduct of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

a) The Committee shall in each calendar year, appoint a time and place for the AGM of the Society in the ensuing year.

b) Not less than 28 days prior to the AGM the Secretary shall circulate to the members:

- i) an Agenda showing what business is to be transacted
- ii) the minutes of the previous AGM
- iii) a statement of accounts as audited, for the previous calendar year
- iv) such other documents as the Committee shall determine.

c) Amendments to the Constitution shall be entertained only in General Meetings.

- i) Amendments shall be entertained only when a written proposal has been submitted either by the Committee or not less than ten members who shall have signified their support for it
- ii) The Secretary shall keep hard copy of the proposal and shall circulate, by post or email, the text of the amendment to the members not less than 14 days before the meeting
- iii) At the meeting, the President shall call for debate
- iv) The meeting will then proceed to a vote

v) An amendment shall require the approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

e) Amendments to the Standing Orders

i) Amendments to the Standing Orders may be entertained at a duly constituted meeting of the Society and, after debate, the meeting shall then proceed to a vote.

ii) Voting on an amendments to the Standing Orders shall be by simple majority.

f) Suspension of the Standing Orders

i) Suspension of the Standing Orders shall be entertained at a duly constituted meeting of the Society.

ii) Standing Orders may be suspended only after two-thirds of the members present and voting have indicated their assent.

**Will Fowler, Rachel Sieder, Peter Wade, 29 January 2001**

***SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2001***

***University of Birmingham April 2001***

***University House & Arts Building***

***Friday, April 6th – Sunday, April 8th 2001***

The University of Birmingham welcomes the *Society for Latin American Studies* to its leafy, redbrick campus again - after a 20-year gap: the 1981 SLAS Conference was the last one to be held here. The Birmingham Latin American community is doing its best for your stay to be an enjoyable one! On the evening of Friday, April 6th, there will be an innovative plenary session with a concert by one of Birmingham's Latin American institutions – *Caliche*, a South American musical group that has been active in the UK for 15 years.

The concert will have the theme of *“Representing South American Music in the UK”* with commentary provided by one of the original founders of the group, Carlos Munoz. You can find more about Caliche on their website: [HYPERLINK](#)

<http://www.calichemusic.com> <http://www.calichemusic.com> The concert with commentary will be preceded by a reception funded by the Chilean embassy and hosted by the ambassador, His Excellency Cristian Barros.

The Birmingham modern art scene has for long had strong connections with Latin America. An exhibition called *"Displaced"* by artists from the University of Central England (UCE) toured Chile, Argentina and Brazil with much success in 1998/1999. An exhibition of Chilean artists was well-received at the Midlands Arts Centre earlier this year. At SLAS 2001, there will be a session on the *"Construction of Latin American identities within globalised visual arts cultures"* organised by Maria Gaete Gwynne and Peter Grego of UCE. Furthermore, the main contemporary art gallery of Birmingham, the Ikon, will be holding a show by a leading contemporary Brazilian artist, Beatriz Milhazes, at the time of the conference. On Saturday evening between approximately 6pm and 7.30pm, the Ikon will be hosting a reception for all those attending the SLAS conference (buses provided both ways!). Following this, University House will be the venue for the SLAS 2001 Conference dinner and a *salsa* disco.

A significant number of sessions are being organised by Latin Americanists from the West Midlands, such as Paul Henderson (SLAS Secretary) and Kepa Artaraz from the University of Wolverhampton, and Conrad James and Andrew Nickson from the University of Birmingham. The titles of these and other sessions (as of November 21st, 2000) can be found below, and updates can be found on the conference website: [HYPERLINK http://www.bham.ac.uk/geography/gwynne.htm](http://www.bham.ac.uk/geography/gwynne.htm) <http://www.bham.ac.uk/geography/gwynne.htm> If you would like to contribute a paper to a session at this late date, please contact the convenor by email as soon as possible. There may be some slots left.

I hope that many SLAS members (and non-members) will come to the SLAS Annual Conference 2001 at the University of Birmingham. Please fill out a booking form as soon as you can. If you book after Friday, March 2nd, there will be a £10 surcharge. Furthermore, there is an absolute deadline for bookings this year. Those who book after Friday, March 30th 2001 cannot be guaranteed accommodation and meals. I look forward to seeing you all at Brum in 2001!

**Conference Organiser: Bob Gwynne School of Geography, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK. Tel: (44) 121-414-5541; Fax: (44) 121-414-5528; Email: r.n.gwynne@bham.ac.uk**

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## **SLAS 2001: ANNUAL CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA**

The following sessions are being organised for the SLAS 2001 Conference in Birmingham. If you would like to give a paper in one of the sessions, please contact the session organiser(s) directly. This information has already been circulated in a separate mailing to all SLAS Members, in December 2000. It is repeated here, just in case you mislaid the previous mailing...

### **1. "Citizenship, community and state"**

Convenor: Fiona Wilson. email: FWI@cdr.dk

**2. "Construction of Latin American identities within globalised visual arts cultures"**. Convenors: Maria Gaete Gwynne and Peter Grego, Univ. Central England email:mggwynne@hotmail.com and Petergrego@hotmail.com

### **3. "Contemporary Brazilian politics"**

Convenor:Fiona Macaulay email: fiona.macaulay@brazilian-studies.oxford.ac.uk

### **4. "Contemporary Venezuela"**

Convenors: Daniel H. Levine and Jose Molina email: dhldylan@umich.edu and Jmolina@umich.edu

### **5. "History of the Press in Latin America"**

Convenor: Laura Llull, Univ. Nacional del Sur, Argentina. email: llull@infovia.com.ar

### **7. "Land Tenure Issues in Latin America"**

Convenor: Flavio de Souza, Univ. Federal de Alagoas, Brazil. email:  
fdesouza@ctec.ufal.br

**8. “Latin American Literature: Past, Present and Future”**

Convenor: Victoria Carpenter, Univ. Hull. email: V.Carpenter@selc.hull.ac.uk

**9. “Mexican Presidents”**

Convenor: Will Fowler, Univ. St. Andrews. Contact email: wmfl@st-and.ac.uk

**10. “Modern Cuban History”**

Convenor: Kepa Artaraz, Univ. Wolverhampton. email: K.Artaraz@wlv.ac.uk

**SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2001:  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

University House & Arts Building, The University Of Birmingham  
Friday, April 6th - Sunday, April 8th 2001

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**Email**

**SLAS MEMBERSHIP** (please tick two appropriate boxes)

1. Are you a member of the Society for Latin American Studies? ( )

2. If not, would you like to become a member? ( )

(Please tick box, fill out a SLAS Membership Form from the front of this SLAS Newsletter, and send it direct to Blackwell Publishers)

3. I am not a member of SLAS ( )

(Please tick box and add an additional conference fee of £10)

**CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

It is recommended that all conference participants book accommodation and meals for the above conference before Friday, March 2nd 2001. After that time, there will be a surcharge of £10.00 on all bookings. Furthermore, there is an absolute deadline for bookings this year. This is Friday, March 30th 2001 - those who book after that date cannot be guaranteed accommodation and meals.

Please use the attached form or download one from the SLAS Birmingham web site, which is: <http://www.bham.ac.uk/geography/gwynne.htm>

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM (page 2)**

**1. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE WITH ACCOMMODATION.**

There are two types of accommodation on offer. Most conference participants will be accommodated in University House and Mason Hall. A limited amount of premium accommodation (en suite facilities) is also on offer (at higher prices) at Lucas House.

**Please tick below as regards the package you would prefer**

(a) Full accommodation, meals and conference fees at University House or Mason Hall from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. Cost £130.00 (£140.00 for bookings received after March 2nd, 2001) ( )

There are five double rooms in University House – if you would like one of these rooms please tick the box below and indicate in the space provided the name of the person you wish to share the room with. There will be a discount of £20.00 per person for those sharing.

(I wish to share my room with \_\_\_\_\_)

(b) Full accommodation with en suite facilities, meals and conference fees at Lucas House from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. Cost £200.00 (£210.00 for bookings received after March 2nd, 2001) ( )

**2. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION BUT WITH MEALS .**

Cost £80.00 (£90 for bookings received after Mar. 2nd, 2001) ( )

**3. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY ONLY WITH MEALS**

Cost £60.00 (£70 for bookings received after March 2nd, 2001) ( )

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM (page 3)**

**4. POSTGRADUATE PACKAGE (REDUCED RATE) FOR WHOLE**

**CONFERENCE.** Full accommodation, meals and conference fees at University House or Mason Hall from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. Cost £100.00 (£110.00 for bookings received after March 2nd, 2001) ( )

**TOTAL COST OF PAYMENT**

**£** \_\_\_\_\_

**(MEMBERSHIP PLUS CONFERENCE PACKAGE)**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS****i) Disabled facilities**

These are available at University House. Please contact the Conference Organiser directly about these.

**ii) Special Dietary Requirements**

Please indicate below if you wish to order:

Vegetarian Meals ( )

Special Diet ( )

(Please give details)

For any further information please contact the Conference Organiser, Bob Gwynne, (0121 414 5541; r.n.gwynne@bham.ac.uk) or Conference Secretary, Claire Clarke (0121 414 5531). Please make your cheque payable to The University of Birmingham and send it together with this form to Marcus Cannon, Accounts Office, School of Geography and Environmental Sciences, The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, UK no later than March 2nd, 2001.

**11. “Spanish Caribbean Women”**

Convenor: Conrad James, Univ. Birmingham. email: c.m.james.1@bham.ac.uk

**12. “State Reform and Democratization in Paraguay”**

Convenor: Andrew Nickson, Univ. Birmingham. email: r.a.nickson@bham.ac.uk

**13. “Sustainability: theory and practice”**

Convenor: Jonathan Barton, Univ. East Anglia. email: j.r.barton@uea.ac.uk

**14. “Ten Years of Transition in Chile”**

Convenor: Warwick Murray, Brunel Univ. email: warwick.murray@brunel.ac.uk

**15. “2 de octubre no se olvida”: The Legacy of 1968 in Contemporary**

**Mexico.** Convenor: Chris Harris, University of Liverpool. Contact email:

christopher.harris@liverpool.ac.uk

**16. Plus a PILAS session** (specially focussed on the interests of postgraduate students in Latin American studies.)

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## **SLAS CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA CALLS FOR PAPERS:**

These sessions will be part of the 2001 SLAS Conference to place at the University of Birmingham from Friday 6 April to Sunday 8 April. Please visit the SLAS website: <http://www.slas.org.uk>

**1. Land Tenure Issues in Latin America. Convenor: Flavio de Souza**

The convenor's own interests range from land reform, access to land, rights to land, land tenure disputes, and dynamics of tenure security (mostly in low-income urban settlements). The themes that take people's perspectives on the issues of land tenure as described above are strongly encouraged. By bringing together a number of studies on people's perspectives on land tenure issues, this panel seeks to explore alternative approaches towards the democratization of

land tenure among Latin American citizens. This panel will be in sessions lasting 1.5 hours each, allowing 3 papers of 20 minutes duration, plus 10 minutes each questions and discussion. The number of sessions will depend on the number of participants. Interested participants and provisional titles are:

- Gender and property in urban Mexico: popular perspectives and policy oversights, Ann Varley
- Regularising informal settlements in Brazil: legalisation, security of tenure and city management, Edesio Fernandes
- Decentralisation or Fragmentation? Reflections on Urban Land Reform in Mexico, Gareth Jones
- Is urban land tenure an issue in Peru? Ayako Kagawa and Jan Turksta
- Emerging forms of indigenous property in the Amazon: the case of Rondonia, Libeccio Luca
- La tragedia de los informales - Tierra y Reglas en América Latina, Frank Vogelgesang
- Maria Clara Medina (title to be announced)
- Housing land tenure with limited security in Brazil, Flavio de Souza

For further information, please send your abstracts (300 words max.) and enquiries to: Dr. Flavio de Souza, Departamento de Arquitetura e Urbanismo, Universidade Federal de Alagoas, Campus A C Simoes, Tabuleiro, Maceio - AL 57072-970 Brazil. or Email to (preferably): fdesouza@ctec.ufal.br

Unfortunately, SLAS cannot help with travel costs. There is some funding available for post graduate students based in the UK. Please visit the SLAS website: <http://www.slas.org.uk>

## **2. Aspects of contemporary Paraguay. Convenor: Andrew Nickson**

The convenor's own interests range from state reform, decentralization, urban water supply, democratization, privatisation and regulation, the crisis of national identity, and language. This panel will be in sessions lasting 1.5 hours each, allowing 3 papers of 20 minutes duration, plus 10 minutes each questions and discussion. The number of sessions will depend on the number of participants. The following papers (provisional titles) are confirmed:

- Raymond Harris - The re-encuentro of 1955 and its relevance to the power struggle inside the Colorado Party;
- Hugo Chaparro - Paraguay and its China connection
- Katie Nabbs - Community radios in Paraguay;
- Andrew Nickson - The failed state of state reform;
- Peter Lambert - Mercosur: why does Paraguay bother?
- Ricardo Medina - to be announced

Please send abstracts (300 words max.) or enquiries to: Andrew Nickson, International Development Department, School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, England; Tel: 00 44 121 414 4990; FAX: 00 44 121 414 5032 Email: r.a.nickson@bham.ac.uk Visite nuestra homepage: <http://www.bham.ac.uk/IDD>

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## **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & STREET CHILDREN IN PUEBLA, MEXICO**

### ***REPORT FROM THE SLAS TRAVEL AWARD 2000***

**Anne-Marie Smith, University of Liverpool, November 2000**

Readers of the newsletter will already be familiar with the Mexican NGO, 'JUCONI' (Junto Con los Niños), thanks to the various reports and updates provided by Jean Starr over the past few years. I am grateful to SLAS for a travel grant which enabled me to spend a month with Juconi last July to carry out some research for my MA dissertation. I am pleased to provide a brief report of my trip and hence an update on Juconi's work. My project set out to investigate how children's rights, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), could translate into the real life of individual children – in this case, of street children. At the root of my enquiry was the somewhat ambiguous question of how children 'gain access to their rights'

### **SLAS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**



**(2) Intensive programme.** This can last from 12 to 18 months, and depending on where the child has come from, will take place either in Casa Juconi (purpose built 'half-way house' for boys who have been living on the street), Centro Juconi (Juconi's 'day-school' for children who work in the market on their parents stalls), or, as in the case of street working children, in the family home.

**(3) Follow-on.** All children are part of JUCONI's follow-on programme, which can last from 1 to 3 years depending on the needs of the children and their families. This ensures that change is long term and can be sustained.

Irrespective of the programme a child is part of, JUCONI's objective is always the same: to get the children off and away from the street forever. On average, 90% of the children attended to by JUCONI achieve this objective.

**'Doing research'.** One month was a very short time in which to establish relationships with the children and 'do research'. I was also very aware of the intrusiveness of the researcher in such a project where daily activities are extremely organised and centre around children who are emotionally very vulnerable. Nevertheless, I quickly became very involved: I taught English every day at the Centro JUCONI for a couple of hours to six very bright and very lively teenagers (aged between 11 and 14). The children attend school either in the morning or the afternoon, so the Centre has a rotation system of classes. These include help with school work and individual 'problem solving' tasks; the children also learn about personal hygiene etc and have their own toothbrushes at the Centre.

One of the highlights of our English class was a project about their market, Mercado Hidalgo. (Having just learnt adjectives the children's descriptions included: noisy, dirty, colourful, big, smelly, hot.) Our project involved going around the market armed with a vocabulary list of just about everything on sale there, from watermelons and fresh coriander to puppies and goldfish. We caused quite a stir, the *'maestra de ingles'* and six boisterous students running from stall to stall shouting *'maestra! maestra! ¿cómo se dice flores de calabaza?'*, and accompanied by two visiting Mormons keen to pick up the Spanish for crabapples and cabbage.

On Wednesday afternoons I accompanied the *'educadores'* to Colonia Santa Anita on the outskirts of Puebla, where they had just begun the *Operation Friendship* programme with four children from two different families. Watching the teaching and learning going on there was, for me, an example of how these children can 'gain access to their rights' – in this case the right to an education. The *educadores* brought a folding table and bench, and bright and fun materials and involved the children in dynamic learning activities. These children had been selling *tortillas* at busy intersections in the city; two of them will soon be going to school, with the ongoing support of JUCONI *educadores*.

**Some concluding thoughts.** Considering the social and economic backgrounds of many of the children I met, I was amazed at how clued up they were about their rights. Mexican school textbooks teach children very early on about their rights as Mexican citizens, and as children, quoting the Mexican Constitution and the CRC. On the day of the presidential elections on July 2nd, children also went to vote for their rights; they all had 'voting cards' and the results of these elections were published nationally and sent to all schools. Children's rights certainly have a high profile in Mexico, but at times the ideals as set out in the CRC seemed very far removed from the daily realities of most of the children I met.

Notwithstanding the obvious gap between official rhetoric and children's realities, at grassroots level NGOs can make a difference. The dedication and hard work of JUCONI's *'educadores'*, together with the political leverage gained from the CRC (as a signatory to the CRC, the Mexican government is legally bound to it), is in fact ensuring that these children can not only 'gain access' to their rights, but can hopefully sustain it.

This short research trip was a privileged insight not only into the daily world of children whose lives are being made a whole lot better by JUCONI's work, but also into the complexities of working and surviving as an NGO in Mexico. Despite the obstacles and uncertainties of such an existence, JUCONI's strength has come, in the words of their Director General, Alison Lane, "biting off a small bit and chewing it well".

**Post script:** I would like to thank Jean Starr and Gareth Jones for their help in establishing contact with Juconi. I am especially grateful to Jean for providing me with useful advice and background reading at the start of this project.

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### ***SLAS TRAVEL GRANTS TO LATIN AMERICA 2001***

SLAS is to make five annual awards to postgraduate students in Latin American Studies to encourage and assist in overseas fieldwork. It is aimed at those preparing for a Ph. D in topics related to Latin American Studies. Applicants should be based primarily at a British institution of higher education, but may be of any nationality.

The criteria for the award are: quality of project design; potential significance of the research; support from referees; and financial need. there is no application form, but an outline of the proposed research (max. 500 words); a contact address and telephone numbers; details of qualifications and affiliations; and full details of all existing or expected financial support, must be included, with three copies of each submission

Applicants must also ensure that two academic referees (one would normally be from the supervisor) arrive by the 12th March deadline (or a date agreed with the SLAS Secretary). Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be considered. completed applications will be judged by a panel composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the society and the result notified during the Annual SLAS Conference. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The Award must be spent on travel costs. The successful candidate is required to provide a short report for the SLAS Newsletter. The awards for the year 2001 are expected to be £600 sterling each. Applications and references must be received by 12 March by Paul Henderson, SLAS Secretary, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dudley Campus, University of Wolverhampton, Castle View, Dudley, DY1 3HR.

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**TRAVEL GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
**ATTENDING CONFERENCES**

Graduate students are invited to apply for assistance with travel expenses for conference attendance. To be eligible you must be: a member of SLAS; a current graduate student at a UK university; and giving a paper at the conference. Please note that funds are limited and SLAS can offer only a *contribution* to expenses. Please send an original and one copy of each of the following: an abstract of the paper; a breakdown on the estimated costs; a letter of reference from your supervisor; a statement of any financial support already available to Dr Paul Henderson, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dudley Campus, University of Wolverhampton, Castle View, Dudley DY1 3HR, Email: fa1941@wlv.ac.uk

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**FOURTH PILAS CONFERENCE REPORT**

The '*Postgraduates in Latin American Studies*' (PILAS) Fourth Annual Conference took place on Saturday 16th December 2000 at the University of Wolverhampton. Following the tradition set by previous PILAS conferences, it provided postgraduates with a unique opportunity to present their ongoing research to their peers in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

This year, the University of Wolverhampton received more than forty participants, a feat of dedication given that they all had to beat the weather and the collapsed rail network to arrive to Wolverhampton on time. The general consensus of all the participants was that the conference was particularly successful due to both the level of quality of many of the papers presented and the high number of first-time participants who managed to attend, thus, ensuring the constant renewal of the postgraduate community and of members necessary for the long-term growth of PILAS.

The papers were organised around four main panels. The first to start were **Sebastien Ardouin**, from the University of Bradford, with a clear and informative account of Argentinian Party Politics since the 1980s, and **Zenen Santana-Delgado**, from the University of Durham, who analysed Cuba's position in the world from the perspective of international relations. Both of these accounts were complemented by a paper presented by **Katie Wright**, from the University of Liverpool, who spoke about the interrelation of economics and health from a gender perspective, focusing on the case study provided by a number of shanty-towns of Lima and making a number of recommendations for health policy.

After lunch, participants were asked to choose between one of the two parallel sessions taking place. The first focussed on Caribbean literature and culture, with papers by participants from as far as Dublin, Bristol and the University of Wolverhampton. Par Kumaraswami offered a thought provoking paper on women's autobiography focusing on Alina Fernandez's *Alina: Memorias de la hija rebelde de Fidel*. Her gendered approach was complemented by the presentation made by **Odile Ferly** who concentrated on the inadequacy of the pan-Africanist quest as presented by women's fiction from the Caribbean.

Both papers had implications for the study of self and national identities, subjects that were also dealt with by **Jill Ingham** in her study of Carpentier's *El acoso* and **Carlos Uxo's** study of the role of afro-Cuban religions in the formulation of Cuban national identity. The later argued that santería is being appropriated by current Cuban literature as a quintessential Cuban attribute, something which is characteristic of the Special Period.

The second parallel session of the afternoon introduced a series of topics that mixed the old with the contemporary. **Alexandra Arellano**, from the University of Lancaster, offered a sociological analysis of the 'Inca Festival of the Sun', focusing on concepts such as 'authenticity' and 'vulgarisation of history' in order to explain the complex set of economic and heritage relations behind the revival of the Inca past.

Other participants included **Anne-Marie Smith**, from the University of Liverpool, who spoke of her research on Children's rights in Mexico and Venezuela, attesting to both the enormous symbolic importance attributed to them and perhaps the limited practical effect children's rights have. Finally, **Mo Hume**, also from the University of Liverpool, gave an account of her experiences in El Salvador to illustrate the limitations of a peace process in a society that still produces thousands of politically motivated murders every year and ended with a number of recommendations to end what she termed as 'the violent peace'.

The final panel of the day was dominated by economics and development issues. Although the papers presented, like in the previous cases, had a multidisciplinary approach, all cases related in some way or other to Mercosur either in terms of security issues, development policy or economics. **Andrea Oelsner** spoke from the perspective of the former.

**Amaury Hoste**, from the University of Birmingham, argued in favour of the need to create a Mercosur-wide Regional Development Fund, and **Laura Gomez Mera**, from Oxford, examined some of the implications of the auto industry crisis in Mercosur. The final presentation was given by **Mar Rubio**, from LSE, who referred to the case study provided by Venezuela to propose that one of the reasons for the failure of resource-rich countries to develop may have been the lack of adequate performance indicators.

In sum, the fourth annual PILAS conference represented a positive experience for all those who participated and a guarantee of the future presence of a vibrant postgraduate community in Latin American Studies.

Finally, I would like to report shortly on the PILAS Annual General Meeting, which took place at the end of the December conference. The AGM decided that all PILAS positions will be annually put to the AGM's test and vote. I would like to take this opportunity to announce the changeover of all three PILAS posts.

- The current president, **Kepa Artaraz**, will be replaced by **Laura Gomez Mera**

- The current secretary, **Sally Gainsbury**, by **Andrea Oelsner**  
A.Oelsner1@lse.ac.uk.
- Finally, our IT officer, **Sean Burgues**, will be replaced by **Sebastien Ardouin**  
s.ardouin@bradford.ac.uk.

All the new posts will be announced again and become effective during the forthcoming SLAS conference at the University of Birmingham 6-8 April 2001. We wish the new team good luck and success in the organisation of next year's postgraduate conference and in any new challenges PILAS decides to undertake.

**Kepa Artaraz (PILAS President) and Sally Gainsbury (PILAS Secretary)**

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### ***HAROLD BLAKEMORE ESSAY PRIZE 2001***

The Society for Latin American Studies invites current or recent\* postgraduates of British Universities to submit an essay for consideration for the *Harold Blakemore Prize*. The generosity of the many donors to the memorial fund administered by the Society means that the prize in this year will be £200. The subject of the essay should fall within the field of Latin American Studies and the work should not have been published elsewhere. Essays submitted in previous years should not be resubmitted, and former winners of the prize may not apply. The winning essay may be considered by the Editors for publication in the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*. Two copies of the essay, which should be double spaced and no more than 8,000 words in length, should be submitted to the President of the Society by 12 th March 2001 (or a date agreed with him). A panel of judges for the prize will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society at the University of Birmingham from the 6 - 8th April 2001. Contact David Lehmann, President, Society for Latin American Studies, Centre for Latin American Studies, History Faculty Building, West Road University of Cambridge, Cambridge, CB3 9EF. Email: ad1@cam.ac.uk

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### ***SLAS MEMBERS NEWS 2001***

**ANNA MARIA BICALHO**, is currently carrying out research at ILAS- University of Texas, Austin, USA, where she is a Visiting Scholar for the year 2000-2001. Her

study is looking at rural restructuring around Manaus, in Brazilian Amazonia.  
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**SYLVIA CHANT**, at the Department of Geography and Environment at the LSE will be Visiting Professor in Gender Studies at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in March 2001 and this will involve participation in a 30 hour doctoral course on 'Análisis del desarrollo socioeconómico en América Latina desde una perspectiva de género'. Sylvia is presently working with Nikki Craske (ILAS Liverpool) on a book entitled *Gender in Latin America* for the Latin America Bureau, and would welcome details and or copies of relevant publications by SLAS Members. This Autumn, Sylvia, in conjunction with Matthew Guttman (Department of Anthropology at Brown University) will have a book published by Oxfam called *Mainstreaming men into gender and development*, price £12.95.

**ELIZABETH DORE**, Email: elizabeth.dore@port.ac.uk, will be leaving the University of Portsmouth and taking up a post in the Department of Modern Languages of the University of Southampton on 1 March 2001.

**VALERIE FIFER**, reports that a new edition of her book was published in December 2000. This is: *Bolivia*, Clio Press, Oxford, in the World Bibliographical Series, Vol. 89, in hardback with 333pp. This new edition has 1,005 annotated entries covering all aspects of Bolivia, providing the most comprehensive bibliographic reference available on the country.

**SCOTT WILLIAM HOEFLE**, is visiting scholar at the ILAS University of Texas at Austin for the year 2000 - 2001. His research is concerned with a study of the US frontier. Email: scotthoefle@hotmail.com

**ROSALEEN HOWARD** obtained a Leverhulme Trust Research Grant in 1998-1999 to carry out field research in the Andes. Her project is a comparative study of current developments in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia around language planning and indigenous education. She conducted interviews and carried out observations in classrooms, with a focus on the ideologies of language and cultural identity that

underlie both state language policies and communicative practices at the grassroots. She plans two books and a number of articles based on the study. Rosaleen has also co-produced a language teaching package for Quechua including coursebook and multimedia programme on CD-ROM. The package - called 'Kawsay Vida' - will be available for purchase from Summer 2001. Enquiries by e-mail to [rosy1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:rosy1@liv.ac.uk)

**BRIGIDA PASTOR**, University of Glasgow, received an AHRB grant to support by sabbatical Leave (Jan-October 2001) and a Research Grant from the British Academy to support a project on Cuban and Spanish film. She is organising a panel (Cultura e Identidad en Latinoamerica y El Caribe) for the X Congress of International Federation of Latinoamerican and Caribbean Studies (X FIEALC), 26-29 June, 2001 to take place in Moscu. Brigida still welcome the submission of

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proposals (addressed to her e-mail address B.Pastor@hispanic.arts.gla.ac.uk). Brigida has been invited to present a paper on the Spanish film maker Luis Bunuel at the 55th Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, 19-21 April 2001. She has also been invited to give a talk on Hispanic film at the Spanish Society in Glasgow which is normally held at the University of Strathclyde, 1 February 2001. Email: B.Pastor@hispanic.arts.gla.ac.uk

**HERMAN PRAGER** has moved from Fredericksburg, Texas, to Austin Texas.

**DAVID WOOD**, Department of Hispanic studies, University of Sheffield, is currently working on Peruvian theatre and popular culture in the twentieth century. He has published the first monograph on *The fictions of Alfredo Bryce Echenique*, in the Kings College, London Series, 2000. David has an AHRB Research Leave Award for 2001 to study popular Peruvian culture and will give a paper at a conference on *Heterogeneity in Peruvian Literature* in Lima in April 2001, funded by the British academy. He is also organising a conference on *Sporting Cultures: Hispanic and European perspectives* at the University of Sheffield in January 2002.

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## **CONFERENCES**

### **The La Condamine Expedition: Measuring the Earth**

**Faculty of Economics, Toulouse, and the Library of the University**

**“Toulouse 1 - Sciences sociales”, Toulouse, France, May 21, 2001**

In 1735, four French scholars, members of the French Academy, Pierre Bouguer, Louis Godin, Joseph de Jussieu and Charles de La Condamine, left France for Quito. There were ten team members in all whose objective was to determine the shape of the earth by measuring one degree of the earth's meridian on the equator. Meanwhile, another team led by Pierre-Louis Moreau de Maupertuis was to perform the same task in Lapland. Ten years later, after a series of extraordinary difficulties and perilous adventures, a smaller and weakened team came back to France. But Science, at the expense of the lives of some and the mental and physical health of many others had progressed: the arc

of the meridian had been measured (barring a miscalculation of 22 meters over 110 kilometers) numerous astronomic observations had been made, maps drawn up, a treatise on cinchona was published and rubber introduced to Europe.

Charles de La Condamine took all the glory: his character enabled him to dominate his less forceful or more reserved colleagues. Though renowned in Latin America - his name has been given to an MA in Economics and Management in Buenos Aires and to a high school in Quito - he is still insufficiently recognized in France despite several issues of an excellent book by Florence Trystam entitled *The Trial of the Stars (Le procès des étoiles*, latest edition: Payot, Paris, 1993). It is for this reason that the year 2001 is a worthy occasion to celebrate this great man and the third centenary of his birth in 1701.

Papers should concern the La Condamine expedition and its contribution and maybe also deal with other XVIII century geodesic and mapping expeditions (Maupertuis, Delambre and Méchain, La Caille, Cassini...). Papers on other post-XVIII century expeditions may be accepted in the light of their interest and relationship with the conference title. There will be an exhibition devoted to the La Condamine expedition. For more details contact: Conference secretary, Josette Pradel, Bibliothèque Universitaire, 11, rue des puits-creusés, 31000 Toulouse France. email: [Josette.Pradel@biu-toulouse.fr](mailto:Josette.Pradel@biu-toulouse.fr)  
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### **III Congreso Internacional de Barroco Iberoamericano**

#### **Territorio, Arte, Espacio Y Sociedad**

#### **Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla, 8/12 de octubre**

Hacia 1980 el tema del Barroco Latinoamericano encrespaba los animos, dando origen a persistentes polemicas sobre la metodologia de analisis y la cualificacion tributaria que sus resultantes artisticas podian tener respecto de los presuntos modelos europeos. Fue entonces cuando el Instituto Italo Latinoamericano de Roma convoco a un amplio espectro de estudiosos que replantearon con sus puntos de vista los terminos del debate. Se consolido de

esta manera un hito de referencia cuyos resultados pueden apreciarse en el Catalogo de la Exposicion y en los dos tomos de las Actas del mencionado Congreso.

Una decada mas tarde, en la ciudad de Queretaro (Mexico) se efectuó un segundo encuentro que posibilitó integrar a una nueva generacion de historiadores del arte y de la arquitectura que pusieron en evidencia los avances que sobre los metodos de analisis se habian efectuado. En la oportunidad se definió que Sevilla habria de ser la sede del proximo encuentro, por lo que la Universidad Pablo de Olavide ha decidido asumir la responsabilidad de llevarlo a cabo como continuidad de una tarea academica relevante.

Es así que al comenzar el nuevo milenio y con la esperanza de asegurar una mayor frecuencia en los encuentros, se han formado un Comité Ejecutivo y un Comité Academico que impulsan la concrecion de este Tercer Congreso, ampliando, para asegurar una lectura mas abarcante, los contenidos del mismo a las manifestaciones del Barroco en los diversos paises de America, así como en Espana y Portugal, a la vez que integrando reflexiones teoricas efectuadas desde otros paises sobre el tema.

Este Congreso es pues una convocatoria amplia a quienes deseen aportar al dialogo y la reflexion sobre el Barroco Iberoamericano contribuyendo a la cabal comprension de su significado y facilitando el dialogo multidisciplinario y generacional que estos encuentros posibilitan. La Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla se complace a traves de sus Comités Academico y Ejecutivo en invitarles a participar activamente en este espacio creativo de ideas y conocimientos. Si desea seguir recibiendo informacion sobre nuestro Congreso contesta a la direccion barroco@dhuma.upo.es. 2. Organiza: Universidad Pablo de Olavide Sevilla, Carretera de Utrera, km. 1, 41013 SEVILLA; Tfno.: 00 34 954 34 93 27; Fax: 00 34 954 34 93 67; hptt:\\www.upo.es

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**International Sociological Association Conferences**

**Migration Between States and Markets**

**Liège, Belgium, May 17 - 19, 2001**

International migration is one of the most expressions of the current process of economic and cultural globalization. At the same time, immigration control stands as one of the ultimate symbols of state sovereignty. As a consequence, there is a growing tension between the needs of the market and the prerogative of the state. All over the world production factors cross borders much more frequently than in the past.

Transnational networks of all types are developing, often as a side effect of state policies, while the decreasing relevance of distance and the new media facilitate cultural exchange. In contrast, states tend to dismiss such claims from the market, and to re-emphasize their sovereign right to control their borders. Immigration is increasingly seen as a threat to sovereign and to national identity. Paradoxically, this happens in a situation where the mayor political decisions on these issues are no longer taken at the national level, but at an international or supra-national level.

Mounting pressure from public opinion seems to have led states into a spiral of constantly tightening their immigration policies, while these same states see themselves obliged to develop a concealed open border policy. To satisfy public opinion states suggest that they effectively control immigration, but in reality they are no longer able to exercise full national sovereignty in this domain.

This constant tension between state and market in a globalizing world also casts doubts on related concepts such as national identity and citizenship. Newly developing communities, based on a shared ethnicity, culture or religion, may be seen as challenges to national unity. The Inter-congress Meeting of RC 31 will question and analyze the tensions between states and markets that result from immigration. We will also analyze the impact of immigration on identity, citizenship, loyalty, integration, cohesion and other notions traditionally linked to the concept of the nation-state, but now increasingly challenged and under discussion. Abstracts of papers (in English) up to 300 words should be sent as soon as possible, latest by March 16, 2001. Contact: Marco Martiniello, Fac. de Droit, Bt. 31 Bte 43, Universite de Liege, 7 blvd. Du Rectorat, B-4000

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**X CONGRESO DE LA FEDERACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS  
SOBRE AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE (FIELAC),  
MOSCÚ, June 25 to 29, 2001.**

To the participants of the World Congress of the Latin Americanists and the Caribologists - the X FIEALC Congress We have a pleasure of sending you the program of thematic symposiums of our Congress. The program includes symposia offered by the experts of different countries by December 1, 2000. The symposia are grouped by large directions for it is easier to you be guided in a choice of a symposium for your statement and participation in discussions according to your interests. Thus you can address your questions about your participation directly to the coordinator of the appropriate symposium (their e-mails are specified in the program) or to the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

All the proposals concerning your paper topics and abstracts (1/2 of typewritten page) should be sent by E-mail and received by the Organizing Committee not later than March 1, 2001. Contact: Dr.Prof. Vladimir Davydov, The president of Organizing Committee of the Congress, or Dr. Tatiana Riutova, The vice-president of Organizing Committee of the Congress, Institute of Latin America, Email: ilaran@pol.ru Email: congreso-ila@mtu-net.ru or website: <http://www.pol.ru/~ilaran>

Seminario: Crítica de proyectos y proyectos críticos de desarrollo  
Una reflexión latinoamericana, con énfasis en la Amazonía. Simposio organizado por el Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonía Peruana, Iquitos, Perú. Coordinador: Jorge Gasché (IIAP-Iquitos /EREA-CNRS Villejuif). El simposio que proponemos se ubica en el ámbito del individuo y la humanidad en el mundo postindustrial (dimensión latinoamericana), y, en particular parámetros no tradicionales del progreso; aspectos humanitarios del desarrollo económico y

tecnológico; la energía social como factor del progreso; el comportamiento irracional en la vida social.

Los organizadores del simposio, siendo miembros de una institución de investigación especializada en temas de ciencias bio-físicas, ecología y eco-desarrollo en el ámbito amazónico peruano el Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonía Peruana (IIAP), quieren dar mayor énfasis a la problemática de la conceptualización y el entendimiento del proceso de realización de proyectos de (eco-)desarrollo en el subcontinente amazónico.

Se ha observado en los últimos años y en el ámbito amazónico un aumento notable del número de proyectos de desarrollo destinado al manejo de recursos, ecosistemas y territorios como consecuencia de la cumbre de Río de Janeiro de 1992 y de la creciente disponibilidad financiera de organismos especializados en este campo de actividades (Banco Mundial, Tratado Amazónico, Cooperación Técnica Internacional, ONG's).

Una gran parte de estos proyectos implican una supuesta participación de la población local (indígena o mestiza/cabocla). Este auge de proyectos nos incita a plantear una reflexión que permita evaluar críticamente los resultados. El simposio se dirige, por un lado, a actores sociales (instituciones, científicos, consultores, promotores, facilitadores) que estuvieron o siguen estando comprometidos con el diseño y la ejecución de proyectos de desarrollo rural, particularmente (aunque no exclusivamente) en el medio del bosque tropical amazónico; y, por el otro, a expertos y decididores de organismos financieros que tienen la vocación de subvencionar este tipo de proyectos.

## **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: LAND DEGRADATION & DESERTIFICATION**

**Instituto de Geografía, UNAM, May 6-13, 2001**

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For general inquiry, abstract submission, registration and request for letters of invitation, please contact the following addresses: International Symposium Land Degradation and Desertification, Attn: Jose Luis Palacio-Prieto, Jose I. Lugo-Hubp, Laura Luna-Gonzalez, Department of Physical Geography, Institute of Geography, UNAM, Ciudad Universitaria, CP 04510, Coyoacan, D.F. Mexico. Phones: (52) 5622-4339, 5622-4340, 5622-4341; Fax: (52) 5616-2145; E-mail address: landegrad@igiris.igeograf.unam.mx  
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### **XIII Congress of the IEHA, Session 33**

#### **The Mountains in Urban Development, History of Upland regions**

Organizers of Session 33, The Mountains in Urban Development, of the XIII Congress of the IEHA have issued a Call for Papers. 2002 is the United Nation's Year of the Mountains in consideration of the fact that mountain regions cover one-fifth of the earth, encompass about a tenth of mankind, and are of general ecological significance.

In Europe, historians pay more and more attention to the alpine area and have created during the last decades improved conditions for comparative research across political, cultural and linguistic borders. The XIII World Congress of the International Economic History Association appears to be the right occasion to start an intercontinental dialogue among historians of the Andes, the Himalayas, the Alps and other upland areas. Our session deals with a particularly promising

topic for that dialogue: the relation between mountains and urban development in the period from 1000 to 2000 A.D.

Two themes are of special interest: (1) urban growth and political power structures, (2) the role of towns in interregional exchange systems. In both cases it is useful to go beyond a selected mountain area, taking into account the wider highland-lowland interactions.

The session is planned to include a dozen contributions. Proposals for a paper with title and abstract should be submitted in English to the organizer till July 31, 2001. Notification on the acceptance of the papers will be given a month later. Some participants from Latin America and Asia will be invited right after the congress to give a few follow-up seminars in Europe.

Please adress your proposal to: Prof. Dr. Jean-François Bergier, Istituto di Storia delle Alpi, Università della Svizzera italiana, Via Lambertenghi 10, CH-6900 Lugano, Switzerland, Ph: 0041 91 912 47 05, Fax: 0041 91 912 47 40 Email: admin@isalp.unisi.ch If using the postal service please add the remark "Buenos Aires 2002" on the envelope. For further information you may contact us anytime. For information, send the message "info EH.NEWS" to lists@eh.net

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**ALAS : (Asociacion Latinoamericana de Sociologia): América Latina: entre la globalización del subdesarrollo y la emergencia de nuevas alternativas. los urgentes desafíos del pensamiento critico latinoamericano".**

**Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala 29 de Octubre al 2 de Noviembre, 2001**

Será el primer Congreso que la Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala, realiza en el siglo que iniciamos y el primero a realizarse en territorio Centro-americano en medio siglo de existencia de ALAS. En el Congreso anterior, realizado en Chile, la preocupación central se orientó hacia la identificación de las rutas posibles que sigue el desarrollo de América Latina; temática que de ninguna manera fue agotada en dicho evento y que será retomada, enriqueciéndola, a

partir de la discusión y análisis de la complejidad de los cambios y las contradicciones sociales emergentes.

Para toda América Latina, pero particularmente para la región Centroamericana, reflexionar en torno a los desafíos, desencantos y crisis generados por los intensos procesos de globalización que afectan a nuestras sociedades, además de pertinente, es una tarea urgente e ineludible para las Ciencias Sociales y para el pensamiento crítico de la región. En este contexto, las transformaciones culturales que, en particular, afectan en el presente a amplios sectores y regiones de este continente, y a América Central en especial, pasa a tener una importancia trascendental.

La actual coyuntura de comienzos de un nuevo siglo nos brinda a los latinoamericanos, en consecuencia, una perspectiva de largo alcance para intentar un balance de este conjunto de procesos, y también para identificar algunas de las claves que nos permitan comprender los caminos futuros. Es propósito central de este nuevo Congreso hacer un esfuerzo de comprensión crítica y de prospectiva general que permita identificar e incidir, ojalá con propuestas de fondo, sobre las tendencias y los desafíos que imponen los procesos en curso en nuestro continente.

Las múltiples transformaciones y experiencias han modificado las economías, las relaciones sociales y culturales, las prácticas políticas, y los vínculos de todo orden con el resto del mundo, evidenciando una creciente e insostenible exclusión, pobreza y precariedad social. En este último sentido podemos hablar, en efecto, de la real necesidad de efectuar el balance de estos grandes cambios y transformaciones registrados en la sociedad y su entorno, así como sobre los retos teóricos, considerando las reformulaciones y los paradigmas emergentes de las últimas décadas.

Este esfuerzo analítico y reflexivo podrá darnos la lucidez necesaria para, desde el ángulo propio de las ciencias sociales, construir propuestas sólidas que contribuyan a la construcción y fortalecimiento de una sociedad distinta sobre principios verdaderamente democráticos y de justicia social. Reafirmamos en

este sentido nuestro irrenunciable compromiso con los grandes problemas y urgencias de nuestro continente.

Invitamos por consiguiente a todos los Investigadores de las Ciencias Sociales, a participar activamente en este XXIII Congreso de ALAS Precision sobre participantes europeos : los Investigadores de Francia y Europa son muy bienvenidos en el Congreso ALAS Mas que un evento de Sociologos, se trata del Principal encuentro bi-anual de las Ciencias Sociales del Continente.

Queridos amigos: les invito a visitar el nuevo sitio WEB de la directiva de ALAS (<<http://www.udec.cl/~alas/>><http://www.udec.cl/~alas/>), donde hacemos una primera difusión de la Convocatoria y de las Comisiones y coordinadores iniciales del XXIII Congreso a realizarse en Guatemala (no olviden que el signo ~ se obtiene con alt 126 del teclado numérico activado). Demás está decir que este listado es aún provisorio, en el sentido de que debe irse completando con la incorporación de nuevos coordinadores, en lo posible de los países aún no representados. Eduardo Aquevedo e.mail: [aquev@udec.cl](mailto:aquev@udec.cl)

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**CEISAL Conference,  
Cruzando Fronteras en América Latina  
Amsterdam, 3-6 July 2002**

Latin America has undergone many reforms in the past twenty years. It is time to take stock of what has been achieved and whether any 'best practices' can be identified in the area of the institutional structure for the economy. In cooperation with some colleagues – who are proposed session chairs – we have elaborated on some specific themes within this broad area of 'Reforms'. With the exception of a 'Special Session' with invited speakers, we welcome proposals for papers for these sessions, but also also welcome proposals for a full panel or session (five papers).

All proposals for papers and for panels should follow the general procedures for this Conference, so should be directed to the Organizing Committee, not to chairs

or convenors. Please note the deadline of 1 June 2001. Definitive decisions on panels and on papers to be included in the conference program will be made when all proposals have been received. The selection is the responsibility of the Organizing Committee in cooperation with the Network Convenors.

#### Session 1. Getting the Institutional Framework Right for Development

Chair: Rosemary Thorp (Oxford University). National and local institutions are crucial to creating the long-term capacity to develop. This session seeks to identify the particular institutions which have been significant in enabling the more successful countries to make the most of the opportunities which arise, and to manage crises. The role of NGOs, the private and public sectors will be explored, and historical perspectives are invited.

#### Session 2. Natural Resources, Neo-liberalism and Institutional Change

Chair: Andy Thorpe (Portsmouth University). Exploitation of abundant natural resources has long underpinned economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean. This historic development model has been reinforced by a contemporary neo-liberal, natural resource based, export-led growth strategy. This session will examine how economic reforms have affected the natural resources sector – and the way institutions have (been) adapted to respond to the new economic environment.

Session 3. Economic Reforms, institutions and social security. Chair: Rob Vos (Institute of Social Studies). Volatility is a major factor hampering economic and social development in Latin America. Economic liberalisation has not resolved this problem, and possibly even enhanced it. Income and employment insecurity and social exclusion put high demands on effective social service delivery and social protection systems. Papers may address the effects of reforms on distribution, poverty and social development, but may also focus on institutional designs of social sector reforms and social safety nets and how these best protect against income and employment insecurity and guarantee long-term human development.

Session 4. Economic reforms and technological change: the impact on institutional learning and performance. Chair: Ludovico Alcorta (Maastricht School of Management). Technological change is a major determinant of growth and development through its impact on productivity and the availability of new goods and services. Recent economic reforms have sought to stimulate technological change by shifting emphasis from supply-driven to demand-driven institutions and policies. This session will analyse the impact of this new emphasis on the capacity of institutions to operate effectively and, through this, on corporations' and countries' techno-economic performance.

Special Session (invited speakers): Institutional & Economic Transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean: Future Prospects. Chair: Geske Dijkstra (Erasmus University Rotterdam). For more information contact the Convenors: Geske Dijkstra (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Andy Thorpe (Portsmouth University) Emails: dijkstra@fsw.eur.nl andy.thorpe@port.ac.uk

### ***IT NEWS***

#### **DIGIBIS: CLASICOS TAVERA & PREVENCIÓN DE DESASTRES**

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Agustín de la Puente Candamo (comp.) Colección "Clasicos Tavera". Serie I: Iberoamerica en la Historia. Volumen 16. Numeros 45, Madrid, Fundacion Historica Tarea y Digibis, 2000. ISBN: 84-89763-84-4.

**2. Textos Clásicos Sobre El Área Andina, Franklin Pease (Comp.)** Colección "Clásicos Tavera". Serie I: Iberoamérica en la Historia. Volumen 2. Número 50. Madrid. Fundación Histórica Tavera y Digibis, 2000. ISBN: 84-89763-99-2

**3. Relatos De Viajeros Europeos Por Iberoamérica, Ss. Xv-Xix** (2 discos), Manuel Lucena Salmoral (comp.) Colección "Clásicos Tavera". Serie II: Temáticas para la Historia de Iberoamérica. Volumen 20. Número 51D, Madrid, Fundación Histórica Tavera y Digibis, 2000. ISBN: 84-89763-98-4

**4. Evangelización Y Misiones En Iberoamérica Y Filipinas: Textos Históricos.** (II). Lourdes Díaz-Trechuelo (comp.) Colección "Clásicos Tavera". Serie II: Temática para la Historia de Iberoamérica. Volumen 14-2. Número 53, Madrid, Fundación Histórica Tavera y Digibis, 2000. ISBN: 84-8479-001-0

Estas obras forman parte de un amplio proyecto, la "Colección Clásicos Tavera", cuyo objetivo es la edición en CD-Rom de las obras más relevantes para el conocimiento del pasado de los países, regiones y ciudades de América Latina, España, Portugal y Filipinas, así como de ciertos temas monográficos relacionados con esas mismas áreas geográficas. Todos los pedidos e información se pueden solicitar a Digibis. C/Duque de Medinaceli 12 , 1º D. 28014 Madrid. Telf. (34) 91.429.80.03 Fax (34) 91. 429.80.71. Librería virtual [w.digibis.com](http://w.digibis.com) Pedidos [distribucion@digibis.com](mailto:distribucion@digibis.com)

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#### **WEBSITE: US-MEXICAN WAR, 1846-48**

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#### **WEBSITE: GENDER AND WOMEN HISTORY IN LATIN AMERICA**

<http://www.hist.puc.cl/historia/genero.html> Electronic book by Anne Perotin-Dumon, Institute of History, Catholic University, Santiago, Chile, 2000. This virtual volume serves as the initial stage of a needed text on gender history in Spanish, for a Latin American audience. It presents an overview of the development of gender approaches over the last quarter century; describes and defines the analytical tools available to write history from a gender perspective; provides researchers, teachers and students with a rich corpus of reading material; and introduces recent teaching and rapidly growing research on the field in Chile.

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#### **NUEVO SITIO : ASIA Y ARGENTINA**

Deseo informarles que se ha lanzado un espacio virtual de carácter no comercial, abierto y con espíritu participativo, que intenta acercar a las economías asiáticas

con Argentina en todo sentido. Se llama Asia & Argentina y lo encontrarán en [www.asiayargentina.com](http://www.asiayargentina.com) Uno de sus elementos distintivos lo constituye la Biblioteca Temática Virtual (BTV), donde se encuentran trabajos ya publicados e inéditos sobre la relación comercial, diplomática, política e institucional en general entre los países del Pacífico asiático y Argentina.

Incluye trabajos de instituciones internacionales especializadas que tienen un criterio editorial y temático superior de la relación de Argentina con Australasia. Esa BTV a este momento cuenta con más de doscientas publicaciones, entre las que se cuentan libros completos, trabajos de investigación, informes oficiales, tesis doctorales, estudios comerciales, artículos especializados, análisis de la relación diplomática e institucional en general, entre muchos otros. Todos estos trabajos son de acceso libre y pueden obtenerse gratuitamente. Se proporcionan los datos de los autores, cómo contactarlos, fecha y lugar de la publicación original y su institución depositaria (o marco institucional donde se llevó a cabo).

El otro eje del sitio lo constituye la información estática y dinámica proporcionada por las representaciones oficiales asiáticas en nuestro país, de Argentina en Asia, la de las Cámaras comerciales bilaterales y de oficinas comerciales asiáticas en Argentina, links institucionales con sitios que pueden resultar de interés para los visitantes así como con diarios y revistas asiáticas, contacto con traductores de lenguas asiáticas residentes en Argentina y otra variada información. Los invito a conocer este espacio esperando que les resulte útil, pero además les solicito que tengan en cuenta, considerando el espíritu de "club" que subyace en el proyecto, que cualquier tipo de cooperación para mejorarlo y ampliarlo es bienvenida, así como la provisión de material para enriquecerlo y que requiera difusión. Por Gustavo Alejandro Girado, Economista, Argentina Contacto e.mail : [gustavogirado@asiayargentina.com](mailto:gustavogirado@asiayargentina.com)  
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**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS PRODUCES VITAL RECORDS INDEX FOR MEXICO**

See <http://www.lds.org/media2/newsrelease/0,5637,203-1-3066,FF.html>

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the release of a new CD-ROM product called "The Middle America-Mexico Vital Records Index," which includes 1.9 million birth and christening and 300,000 marriage records from Mexico. The partial listing of records covers the years from 1659 to 1905. See the news release for online ordering and other information.

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I've created a web site that provides links to current Latin American news stories (currently organized by country). The headlines are from a variety of news sources and are automatically updated every few hours. When you click on the headline the full story will open in a second browser. You can add customized news feeds to any web page). The page is at:

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**WEBSITE: Mexico: from Empire to Revolution**

Announcing a new digital resource at the Getty Research Institute: Mexico: from Empire to Revolution / Mexico: del imperio a la revolución This bilingual digital resource explores Mexican history and culture through photographs taken by foreign photographers between 1857 and 1923. Displayed are images documenting the brief empire of Maximilian in the 1860s, ruins of ancient pre-Hispanic empires, Mexico's growth as an industrialized nation, and the tumultuous revolution that began in 1910. Curatorial comments, historical background, and a list of related resources provide context for the materials presented here. All images are from the Getty Research Institute's Special Collections. Web link: [www.getty.edu/gri/digital/mexico](http://www.getty.edu/gri/digital/mexico) Contact: Linda Tadic, Digital Projects Coordinator, Standards Department, Getty Research Institute, 1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite 1100, Los Angeles, CA 90049. tel. (310) 440-6684 fax (310) 440-7780. [ltadic@getty.edu](mailto:ltadic@getty.edu)

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## **NEW BOOKS**

### **FROM SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL**

**Watson, Fiona, Corry, Stephen, and Pearce, Caroline, eds., *Disinherited: Indians in Brazil*, Survival International, London, December 2000, 90 pp, pbk, map, many colour illustrations.** This pocket-sized book sums up the state of Brazil's disinherited Indians with stark statistics on the opening pages: 215 distinct peoples; 53 uncontacted groups; 0 lands owned by Indians. No, this is not a typing error:- zero lands owned by Indians. Chapters look at the longest genocide; the reality of uncontacted peoples; the Awa on the run; the implications of first contact; the designation of lands for the Panara; the road to ruin for the Nambiquara; genocide and the Yanomami; the Ava Canoeiro at the end of the line; the Guarani with nothing to live for; shamanism; the Waiapi surviving against the odds; and land ownership for Indians. This little book packs a punch that goes far beyond its size: it is full of information, special boxes of details, pictures, and will appeal to anyone concerned with Brazil's indigenous peoples.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS FROM LATIN AMERICAN NEWSLETTERS**

***Telecommunications: Latin America and the new agenda, Latin American Newsletters Special Reports, SR-00-04, August 2000, 14 pp.*** The new format of these special reports is a classy and informative continuation of these valuable monographic studies of major issues in the region. This one looks at: preparation for liberalisation; Mexico and changes in the telecoms sector; Argentina's critical November changes; Venezuela and changes in monopoly operation; Brazil and greater competition; Peru and the telecoms regulator; Colombian privatisation and consolidation of the mobile sector; increasing competition in Bolivia, Ecuador,

Paraguay, and Uruguay; privatisation problems in Central America; the role of European and US carriers; and the costs of calls in each country. This is one of the most important and fastest growing sectors for development in Latin America and this report is a vital brief on the situation.

***Agribusiness in Latin America: a new face on and old asset*, Latin American Newsletters Special Reports, SR-00-03, June 2000, 18 pp, diagrams, maps, tables.** This issue looks at a variety of issues that are important: non-traditional fruit exports; agribusiness and foreign investment; regional potential; food production and the failure to meet population growth; domestic importance of agriculture; exports; the food equation and agriculture; impacts on social patterns and land tenure; and green pressure - soya and organic coffee. This report considers the issues involved in Latin American dependence on agricultural exports.

***Political and economic risk in Latin America*, Latin American Newsletters Special Reports, SR-00-05, October 2000, 14 pp, maps, charts, diagrams, risk assessments.** Essential reading for an assessment of the political situation in the area, this edition of this annual digest covers: an overview of the region, coalitions; conflict and the importance of Colombia; external factors effecting the area, such as oil; risk factors for all countries; assessments for Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile and Mexico; and a guide to political change from 1900 to the present. This is clear and well presented guide to what is and what may happen in Latin America.

***Banking in Latin America*, Latin American Newsletters Special Reports, SR-00-06, December 2000, 18 pp, statistical review, maps, charts, diagrams.** This issue reviewing the banking situation looks at the spreading Spanish presence; continuing success of Brazilian banks; profitability of Brazilian high margins; acquisition of the Sao Paulo state bank; increase of market share by Mexican foreign owned banks; slow consolidation of the Argentinian banking system; and a comprehensive review of all the region's top banks. This is a valuable assessment of the banking sector in Latin America.

**FROM COMBINED ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS**

**Famsworth-Alvear, Ann, *Dulcinea in the factory: myths, morals, men and women ion Colombia's industrial experiment, 1905 - 1960*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, July 2000, pbk £13.50, hbk £40.00, 303 pp, b & w photos, maps, tables, diagrams and figures, appendices, bibliography, notes and index.** The development of the Colombian industrial heartland of Medellin and the changing role of women in factories are the underlying themes of this book. Part One considers female factory labour in Medellin with chapters on: the growth of Medellin from 1905 - 1960; the making of *La Mujer Obrera* between 1910 and 1920; and the new workers and the new workplaces from 1905 to 1935. Part Two studies the making and unmaking of '*la moral*' in chapters covering: strikes 1935 - 1936; gender, anticommunism, and *la moral* from 1936 - 53; *la moral* in practice 1935 - 53; and masculinization and control 1953 - 1960. This historical study considers the role of gender in what was considered to be a 'capitalist paradise', and will appeal to those concerned with gender studies, industrial development and the process of change, particularly in Colombia.

**Findlay, Eileen J. Suarez, *Imposing decency: the politics of sexuality and race in Puerto Rico, 1870 - 1920*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, April 2000, pbk £12.95, hbk £37.00, 316 pp, b & w photos, abbreviations and acronyms, bibliography, notes and index.** The ultimate goal in this book is to explore the possibilities and limits of sexual politics for creating an emancipatory agenda. Chapters consider: deciphering the codes of power 1855-1898; male liberals and bourgeois feminists 1873-1898; prostitution 1890-1900; marriage and divorce in the new colonial order 1898-1910; slavery sexuality and the early labour movement 1900-1917; and prostitution during World War 1. This study looks at the meeting point of sexuality, race, and politics and stresses the inseparability of political struggles and discourse. It will have a wide appeal.

**Beverley, John, *Subalternity and representation: arguments in cultural theory*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, April 2000, pbk £11.95, hbk £34.00, 202 pp, notes, index.** In this work, the focus of discussion and debate is Latin American studies. Sections cover: the subaltern and the limits of academic knowledge; trans-culturation and subalternity - the Tupac Amaru rebellion; central authority and subaltern agency - Rigoberta Menchu; category of the people in subaltern and cultural studies; civic society, hybridity, and the political aspect of cultural studies; and territoriality, multiculturalism, and hegemony. This book clearly appeals to those more involved in the theoretical debate about current interpretation of events, and ends on the note that in higher education we need to assume a new responsibility for what we say and do in cultural studies. In this respect, the book has important ramifications for our consideration.

**Dore, Elizabeth, and Molyneaux, Maxine, eds., *Hidden histories of gender and the State in Latin America*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, July 2000, pbk £14.95, hbk £44.00, 382 pp, notes, index.** This book publishes papers presented, in June 1996, to review some theoretical and substantive issues in gender issues arising from historical changes. The focus of the approach is to consider states and households and the relationship between them. Papers on state and gender include: gender and the state in the nineteenth century and twentieth century state formation in Latin America. Case studies represented are: the Central Valley, Costa Rica; slave women's strategies under the Spanish Colony; Colombia 1810-1830; Nicaragua 1840-1900; patriarchy in Argentine; modernising patriarchy in Mexico 1930-1940; twentieth century Bolivia; Mexican family law; Popular Front in Chile; Cuban women; gender and state in Argentine; and Brazilian feminist lobbying. This book particularly looks at state-society relations, especially the gender aspects of state formation, and will have a wide appeal in terms of reference to state policy formation.

**Grandin, Greg, *The blood of Guatemala: a history of race and nation*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London,**

**July 2000, pbk £12.95 hbk £37.00, 343 pp, b & w illustrations, tables, maps, Appendices, notes, bibliography, index.** This study sets out to examine the transformation of the city of Quetzaltenango's K'iche' community from mid eighteenth century until 1954. Chapters consider: estate, gender and politics 1750-1821; popular protest and elite politics 1786-1826; the 1837 cholera epidemic; Carrerra and the restored republic of Indians; land, labour, and the commodification of community; race, class and nationalisation of ethnicity; time and space among the Maya; the death of K'iche' nationalism; and the limits of Nation 1954-1999. This is an interesting and well researched book that will interest both historians and those concerned with the development of indigenous political power.

**Caulfield, Sueann, *In defense of Honor: sexual morality, modernity, and nation in early twentieth century Brazil*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, pbk £13.50, hbk £40.00, 311 pp, tables, appendices, notes, bibliography, index.** This book, resulting from doctoral research, looks at nation-building in Rio de Janeiro, and the relationship between the role of honour in everyday personal choices and conflicts of ordinary people as part of a public debate over the modernisation of the Brazilian state. Sections cover: sexual honour and Republican Law; national honour, the family, and the construction of the Marvellous city; judging the honour of the modern woman; single mothers, modern daughters, and the changing politics of freedom and virginity; honourable partnerships and the importance of colour in sex and marriage. This is a detailed and well researched book that adds to knowledge of the Estado Novo, particularly in the survival of the patriarchal family and the concept of sexual honour.

**Franco, Jean, *Critical Passions: selected essays*, edited by Mary Louise Pratt and Kathleen Newman, Durham University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, August 2000, pbk £15.95, hbk £50.00, 536 pp, notes, biographical note, index.** Bringing together the most important essays of this author over the last twenty-five years, this book chronicles the development of cultural studies through the eyes of an important

critic. Four sections look at Franco's contributions to feminism and the critique of Authoritarianism; media and popular culture; the boom and beyond of Latin American Literature; and her essays on Mexico. In date, the essays cover the period from 1971 to 1996. This collection is a valuable analysis of art, politics and history which will have wide relevance to scholars of Latin American studies.

**Garcia, Mario T., *Luis Leal: an autobiography*, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Austin and London, pbk £13.50, hbk £26.95, 210 pp, b & w photos, notes, bibliography, index.** Luis Leal is known as an outstanding scholar of Mexican, Latin American, and Chicano literature. Born in 1907, his life started with the Mexican Revolution and this book reflects thirty six hours of tapes, made over six years, which record his life and work. It is written in a conversational style and sections cover: Linhares; Chicago; Mississippi and Emory; Illinois; Azatlan; Santa Barbara; and work and reflections at Ninety years of age. This book is a considered testimonial and record of Chicano literature and studies which will have side appeal to researchers of all ages.

**Ehlers, Tracy, *Silent Looms: women and production in a Guatemalan town*, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Austin and London, May 2000, pbk only £13.50, 200 pp, b & w photos, tables, references, index.** This is a revised edition of work published in 1980, and sets out to show both change and stasis in the life of the town of San Pedro Sacatepequez, Guatemala. Chapters report on the background; an ethnographic sketch; female labour and the family; female traders; cottage industry; women and men; and women and social change. It is a fascinating book that looks at the changes that have occurred as the effect of economic development, and the difference this has made to men and women. It reflects, too, the value of reconsidering fieldwork and monitoring the real effects of change.

**Benjamin, Thomas, *La Revolucion: Mexico's great revolution as memory, myth and history*, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Austin and London, July 2000, 237 pp, pbk £12.95, hbk £26.95,**

**references, notes, index.** This book looks at the Mexican Revolution through a consideration of the printed word and the discourse of memory. The volume starts with an outline of the main historical figures, a chronology of events from 1810-1910, a discussion of the Revolution with a Capital Letter, and a chronology of events from 1911-1928. The book then divides into two parts: the first deals with construction, with sections relating to 1911-1913, from 1913-1920, and from 1920-1928, and ending with a chronology of events from 1928-1968. The second section deals with performance, and looks at Festival, monument and history, with a chronology of events from 1968 to the present. The conclusion looks at affirming and subverting the Revolution. This is a piece of work which asks important questions about the continuation of the Mexican Revolution in national political focus and in the minds and memories of the Mexican people. It will interest all those concerned with contemporary Mexico.

**Harding, Rachel, *A refuge in thunder: candomble and alternative spaces of blackness*, Indiana Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Bloomington and London, August 2000, hbk only £ 25.95, 252 pp, glossary, appendix, notes, bibliography, index.** This study examines the development of candomble as part of the nature and experience of slavery in Brazil, especially in Bahia and is based on documentary research for 1800-1888. Chapters consider: slavery and black presence in Brazil; Salvador; Afro Brazilian religion as fetish and *feiticaria*; origins and interpretations of the religion; nineteenth century development of *Candomble*; profiles of *candomble* leaders and communities; alternative orientations of black life in nineteenth century Bahia; *candomble* as *feitico*; and, finally, *candomble* as alternative *cidadania* in Brazil. This book helps to explain how black slaves in Brazil tried to manage the severe trauma and cultural disturbance in their lives.

#### **FROM PLUTO PRESS**

**Galeano, Eduardo, *Days and nights of love and war*, Pluto Press, London, December 2000, pbk £10.99, hbk £35.00, 178 pp.** As a personal testimony, this book records the lives and struggles of the people of Latin America through the eyes of a leading contemporary writer. This book was originally published in

Spanish in Cuba in the 1970s and is now published in English translation by Judith Brister. It is a chronicle of the pressures of intense violence and repression that swept Latin America over two decades, seen through individual and individuals personal accounts and impressions. The book will give much wider access to the writing of this leading author.

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### **INFORMES BRASIL**

*Informes Brasil* is a weekly newspaper about/of the peoples, the affairs and environment of Brazil. It is compiled in Portuguese or English depending on the original source. The newspaper is distributed by email, which allows the organiser to keep fix costs to minimum and it is issued in two forms: as a text only email and a fully formatted pdf attachment. This way you can enjoy a quick look through or have a more elaborate printout - depending on the individual needs.

The idea is to allow news directly from the social movements in Brazil and the organisations working with Brazil and provide the reader with unsensored information about everyday struggles. There are also calls for direct action and information about relevant publications and public events in the UK. This way I hope to make a link between e.g. those producing publications and those not knowing where to get a good reading or video or such and open the circle of information. Any contributions to the newspaper are, of course, free.

To receive *Informes Brasil*, a contribution is requested of £15 per year of which £5 are donated to Brazil Network. This contribution merely covers initial administrative work and the newspaper itself is produced on a voluntary basis. Please make cheques payable to *Informes Brasil*, 20 Endsleigh Road, London W13 ORE or contact the organiser at [angelika.berndt@pmail.net](mailto:angelika.berndt@pmail.net).

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## LITERATURA DEL CRACK

During LIBER 2000 in Barcelona, Mexico was the featured country. Part of the "delegation" of writers was the group "del crack" whose literary experiments have become the latest in Mexican narrative. "El grupo de los 6" is made up of: Jorge Volpi (1968-); Elloy Urroz (1967-); Ignacio Padilla (1968-); Vicente Herrasti (1967-); Pedro Angel Palou (1966-); Ricardo Chavez (1961-).

In an interview, Mexican writer Sergio Pitol (1933-) was asked what he thought about it: " No la conozco, he oido hablar de ella. Se que uno de sus seguidores era Jorge Volpi -creo que ahora ya no se dicen los escritores del "crack". He visto con muchísimo gusto que se esta creando una narrativa como hacia muchas

decadas no la teniamos...." Madrid's daily *El Mundo* had an article about it when Jorge Volpi won the Biblioteca Breve prize given by Seix Barral:

<http://www.el-mundo.es/2000/04/23/cultura/23N0159.html>

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN GUATEMALA**

- - Do you speak Spanish?
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- - Are you committed to human rights?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, we may have the opportunity you are looking for. Several significant legal cases are being pursued by Guatemalan human rights groups against high profile influential members of the Guatemalan regime of the early 1980's, for their part in human rights atrocities. As a result, those involved in prosecuting and testifying in the cases could be subjected to intimidation and threats of violence.

To support these significant challenges to impunity in Guatemala, the Guatemala Solidarity Network is co-ordinating with various Guatemalan and international human rights groups to organise international accompaniment in Guatemala. If you live in the UK, are interested in becoming involved and would like to know more, please contact: Helen Pearson, Guatemala Solidarity Network, 10a Bishop Street, Leicester LE1 6AF, Telephone 0116 223 0387, Email: [gsn\\_mail@yahoo.com](mailto:gsn_mail@yahoo.com)

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## **VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT IN HONDURAS**

British Executive Service Overseas (BESO) tries to match requests for expert and experienced personnel for short-time assignments in the Developing World. They have received a request from a development NGO in Honduras, which advises 20 local public and private organisations, for a volunteer to

implement a methodology of gender in development in local projects, create evaluation for it and develop skills in gender in development management. The assignment to start as soon as possible and to last up probably 2 - 3 months.

The volunteer should have considerable experience in the field of gender development and preferably speak Spanish. Air travel to/from Honduras, accommodation and subsistence provided but no salary. Please contact Giles Andrews, BESO, 020 7849 7877, e-mail "gandrews@beso.org", fax 020 7630 0624, 164 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2RB

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### **GUARAGUAO: Revista de Cultura Latinoamericana**

*Guaraguao* is an independent journal founded in 1996 at the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona. Edited by CECAL (Centre of Studies and Cooperation with Latin America). It deals with Latin American culture in its widest sense, with approaches from the various disciplines of the arts and the humanities.

*Guaraguao* is registered by the Spanish High Council of Scientific Investigations as an academic journal, and is edited with the collaboration of intellectuals, writers and specialists from European, North-American and Latin American universities.

*Guaraguao* combines analysis and thought about culture with literary creation, giving large spaces to both. In its section of *Essays*, the history of Latin American cultures and the variety of their present forms are approached from areas such as literary criticism, anthropology and cultural studies. The section of *Creation* offers unpublished work of Latin American writers in all the literary genres. A third main section of *Recuperation* presents texts of special significance in the history of Latin American culture that are no longer in circulation. In addition, *Guaraguao* has a section of *Books*, where publications are reviewed, and of *Arts*, with commentaries on recent events, exhibitions and films. *Guaraguao* welcomes contributions from all areas. Articles are accepted in Spanish or English; the

language of publication is Spanish. *Guaraguao* is issued twice a year and has 220 pages. For more information or to subscribe please write to: CECAL – Guaraguao, C/ Pisuerga 2, 1º 3ª, 08028 Barcelona, Spain Please contact: [matas@arrakis.es](mailto:matas@arrakis.es) or [ebielsam@yahoo.com](mailto:ebielsam@yahoo.com)

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## INSTITUTIONAL NEWS & SEMINARS

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### STAFF NEWS AND CURRENT RESEARCH

**Andrew Nickson** (IDD) was in Córdoba, Argentina and Cartagena, Colombia during July-August 2000 to examine pro-poor initiatives by public-private partnerships in urban water supply as part of a research project on Building Municipal Capacity for Private Sector Participation managed by GHK International on behalf of DFID and UNDP. This has resulted in two working papers and a paper “Public-private partnerships in urban water supply in Latin America: do they help the poor?”, delivered at “The State under Pressure”, The Norwegian Association for Development Research Annual Conference, Bergen, Norway, 5-6 October 2000.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

“Contratos de concesión en América Latina y su paralelo explicativo en Gran Bretaña”, by Andrew Nickson, in Delgadino, F. (ed.) *Gestión, regulación y control de servicios públicos*. Córdoba, Argentina: Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, 2000, pp. 261-304.

### OTHER NEWS

- **Professor Alan Murie** (CURS) visited Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires to speak at a conference on social housing at the invitation of the Colegio Profesional de Arquitectos Urbanísticos (CPAU).

- **Andrew Nickson** (IDD) worked in the Ministry of Education, Peru during October 2000 on plans for educational decentralisation and community management of schools.

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- 22 Jan Angharad Valdivia, University of Illinois  
*Geographies of Latinidad, mapping Latina/o studies into the twenty first century*
- 29 Jan Cameron McCarthy, University of Illinois  
*Mariners, renegades & castaways: C.L.R. James & the radical postcolonial imagination*
- 5 Feb Geoffrey Langlands, Santander Brasil Asset Management  
*Brazil needs an upgrade*
- 12 Feb Elizabeth Dore, University of Portsmouth  
*Indianness in Nicaragua, comparative perspectives, 1860–1930*
- 19 Feb Aparecida Vilaça, Universidade Federal, Rio de Janeiro  
*What is conversion all about? Christianity among the Wari', Amazonia, Brazil*
- 26 Feb Malva Villalón Bravo, Universidad Católica de Chile  
*Quality of Chilean early childhood education: local problems & international standards*
- 5 Mar Caroline Moser, Overseas Development Institute, London  
*Towards a framework for violence reduction: recent evidence from Colombia & Guatemala*
- 12 Mar José Rossi, Universidade Estadual, Rio de Janeiro  
*The Brazilian economy: problems & perspectives*

**NEWS**

- From the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000 **Dr. Charles Jones** spent a week in Caracas visiting Higher Education institutions.
- Ten papers - mostly by doctoral students - were presented at this year's Latin American Research Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2000 by members of a diverse range of faculties including Geography, Anthropology and Economics.

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**CEDLA LATIN AMERICA STUDIES (CLAS) SERIES**

- CEDLA, *Fronteras: Towards a Borderless Latin America*, CLAS 87, Oct. 2000, pp. 400, £19.95 ISBN 90 70280 87 6

National borders have had significant influence on developments in Latin America in the past as well as in the present. However, the characteristics of borders and the specific impact they may have, are difficult to capture in a straightforward and unambiguous fashion. This book attempts to analyse the significance of vanishing borders as a historical and contemporary phenomenon and assesses the economic, social and political implications.

- Magdalena Barros, *From Maize to Melons: Struggles and Strategies of Small Mexican Farmers*, CLAS 86, Aug. 2000, pp. 176, £12.00, ISBN 90 70280 54 7

The main objective of this book is to analyze the participation of small and medium farmers from the ejido sector in the fruit and vegetable business. The fruit and vegetable business is inserted in the global economy and is influenced by international forces that set constraining and enabling conditions on farmers' choices and strategies. However, the globalization process has to be seen in relation to the emergence of local processes. This 'locality' is best viewed in the analysis of the individual and collective strategies and negotiations that farmers

and their families implement in order to produce, pack and market their produce in the international market.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Ruud van Akkeren, *Place of the Lord's daughter. Rab'inal, its history, its dance-drama*, Leiden, 2000, 536 pp. CNWS Publications Series, Leiden.
- Pitou van Dijck et al., *The Suriname economy: experiences of the 1990's and challenges ahead*, CEDLA Cuadernos serie numner 8, oktober 2000, 55pp.

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**STAFF NEWS:** **Liam Kane** is a lecturer in Modern Languages and Adult Education at Glasgow University, and in his new book, *Popular Education and Social Change in Latin America*, Latin American Bureau, November 2000, takes us through a fascinating journey through the history and current challenges of popular education. *Popular Education and Social Change in Latin America* includes a biography of Paulo Freire, an in-depth look at one of the most successful social movements to use popular education, the Movement of Landless Workers (MST) in Brazil, as well as wide-ranging theoretical and practical analyses.

### **VISITOR NEWS:**

**Mr Carlos Mateo Balmelli**, Adviser to the Vice President of Paraguay, visited Glasgow University on Friday December 15th. He met colleagues interested in Latin America and was hosted in the Department of Hispanic Studies. Mr Balmelli was invited to Britain as a guest of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has been Adviser to the Vice President of Paraguay since September

2000. He became a member of the Constitution Assembly in 1992 and was Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1999-2000. The main purpose of the visit was for him to understand more clearly the political system in the UK and to learn more about the bilateral relationship between the UK and Paraguay.

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## **HELSINKI UNIVERSITY**

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### **Doctoral Programme in Latin American Studies,**

The Ibero-American Center, part of the Renvall Institute for Area and Cultural Studies, inaugurates a multidisciplinary doctoral programme in Latin American Studies. The programme is geared towards the research on the cultures, history and social issues of Latin America. The programme is open for anyone who has received an MA or an equivalent degree in Humanities, Social Sciences, or related fields. The first application deadline is December 15, 2000 and the second August 20, 2001. The programme's multidisciplinary approach provides an overview of the Latin American continent, examining the many cultural and historical traditions. Also, through the special characteristics of the region, the student is introduced to global environmental, developmental, and political issues. More information is available on the on the Ibero-American Center:  
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### NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM THE LATIN AMERICA BUREAU

- George Ann Potter, *Deeper than Debt*, Economic globalisation and the poor. £8.99. 162 pages, ISBN 1 899365 46 X, Index, tables, contacts and websites,
- Guiomar Rovira, *Women of Maize: Indigenous Women and the Zapatista Rebellion*. £8.99, 188 pages, ISBN 1 899365 30 3,
- Subcomandante Marcos, *Story of Colors/La Historia de los Colores*, A Folktale from the jungles of Chiapas, With illustrations by Domitilia Domínguez, Translated by Anne Bar Din, Bilingual edition, English/ Spanish. November 2000, £10.00, 40 pages, ISBN 1899365 48 6
- Liam Kane, *Popular Education and Social Change in Latin America*, November 2000 250 pages, £12.99, ISBN 1 899365 52 4, Bibliography, contact, websites,
- Daisy Rubiera Castillo, *Reyita: The Life of a Black Cuban Woman in the Twentieth Century* With an introduction by Elizabeth Dore, £8.99, 184 pages, ISBN 1 899365 34 6, Published in the US by Duke University Press
- Kintto Lucas, *We Will Not Dance on Our Grandparents' Tombs*, Translated by Dinah Livingstone, 2000, £8.95, 138 pages, ISBN 1 899365 49 4

### NEW SERIES

The *Cities of the Imagination* series offers in-depth cultural and historical guides to the great cities of the world. More than ordinary guidebooks, they introduce the visitor to each city's unique present-day identity and its links with the past.

- Jason Wilson, *Buenos Aires*, Foreword by Alberto Manguel, 1999, £12, Maps, index, illustrations, further reading, Published in the UK in association with Signal Books. Jason Wilson explores this contradictory and culturally rich city by tracing its development from remote settlement to modern metropolis. He covers the events, people and writing which have shaped modern Buenos Aires.
- Nick Caistor, *Mexico City*, Foreword by Elena Poniatowska, 2000, £12, Maps, index, illustrations, further reading, Published in the UK in association with

Signal Books. Nick Caistor explores this city of extremes, revealing its turbulent past and chaotic present through its urban landscape. He traces the history of a volatile and vibrant city, where conquest, revolution and natural disaster have left their marks.

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| 1 Feb   | Lucy Taylor, University of Aberystwyth<br><i>Political culture and citizenship in Latin America</i>                                |
| 8 Feb   | Catherine Boyle, King's College, London<br><i>Murmuraciones: the only spaces for memory in Chile</i>                               |
| 15 Feb  | MA students' presentation<br><i>Latin American Liverpool</i>   |
| 22 Feb  | Jenny Pearce, University of Bradford<br><i>Complex violences in Latin America: the case of Colombia</i>                            |
| 1 Mar   | Andy Thorpe, University of Portsmouth<br><i>Globalisation and the sustainability of world fisheries: a view from Latin America</i> |
| 8 Mar   | Raúl García Heras, University of Buenos Aires<br><i>Argentine economic policy after the fall of Perón</i>                          |
| 15 Mar  | Philip McLean, Director, Canning House<br><i>Cuba at the Millennium</i>  |
| 22 Mar  | Lina Gálvez, University of Reading<br><i>The Latin overseas: Unilever in Brazil &amp; Mexico, 1965-1990</i>                        |
| 29 Mar  | Katie Wright, University of Liverpool<br><i>Women and microenterprise activity in Peru</i>   |
| 5 April | Postgraduate presentations   |

## CONFERENCE

### **Mediated Worlds : representations of Latin America in the UK**

**25-26 April 2001: Senate Room, University of Liverpool**

ILAS, Liverpool, is organising this conference to explore the many ways in which Latin America is represented in the UK. The topics under discussion are wide-ranging: Latin American politics and economics in the print and broadcast news; images of Latin America in visual culture and literature, and Latin America in popular culture.

The conference will be rounded-off with a roundtable discussion by media workers. Hugh O'Shaughnessy, long time writer on Latin American affairs, will be giving the plenary and a number of people have already confirmed attendance including *The Guardian's* Diplomatic Editor, Ewen MacAskill, *Financial Times* Americas Editor, Richard Lapper, Isabel Hilton (BBC) Kier Radnege (*World Soccer*), Nick Caistor (BBC) and Eva Tarr, organiser of the Latin American Film Festival. Several academics have also accepted invitations to participate, among them Dawn Ades, Patria Roman Velázquez and John Gledson. Those who have agreed to act as discussants or chairs include James Dunkerley, Jon Beasley-Murray, Kay Richardson and David Hojman.

Enquiries about the conference should be addressed to the conference organiser, Nikki Craske, at the Institute (e-mail [N.Craske@liv.ac.uk](mailto:N.Craske@liv.ac.uk)). Further information and booking forms will be available on the ILAS website early in the New Year at [www.liv.ac.uk/ILAS/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/ILAS/)

### **VISITORS TO THE INSTITUTE INCLUDE:**

- **David Pennington** (Department of History, University of Brasilia) who will be in Liverpool between November 2000 and March 2001 conducting research on the economic and cultural links between Liverpool and Manaus.
- **Raúl García Heras** (Department of Economics, University of Buenos Aires) who is British Academy Visiting Professor and who will be in England in March/April 2001 conducting research on Argentina and world financial institutions after the fall of Perón in 1955.

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- 24 Jan. Pedro Monreal  
*The Cuban Economy: Current situation & future prospects*
- 30 Jan. Stephen Brush  
*Bio-diversity and Indigenous Peoples*
- 31 Jan. Elizabeth Dore  
*Conventions or Inventions: The Indians of Nicaragua in comparative perspective*
- 14 Feb. Pitou Van Dijk  
*The Economy of Suriname since Independence*
- 15-16 Feb Conference: *Fifteen Years of Democracy in Brazil*
- 20 Feb Torcuato Di Tella  
*The Current Political Situation in Argentina*
- 21 Feb Carlos Pereira  
*The Committee System of the Brazilian Congress*
- 1-2 Mar Conference: *Science and the Creative Imagination*
- 6 Mar. Torcuato Di Tella  
*Peronism and the Unions*
- 7 Mar. *Understanding the Internal Mechanics of Indigenous Protest: Lessons from the Nahuas' struggle against the Tetelcingo Dam*
- 12 Mar. Torcuato Di Tella  
*The Party Political Systems of Argentina, Brazil and Chile*
- 14 Mar. Jenny Pearce

- Complex Violences in Latin America: The case of Colombia*
- 21 Mar. Shelton Nicholls  
*Evaluating the Fiscal Impact of a Regional Economic Partnership Agreement: The European Union and CARICOM*
- 22-23 Mar Conference: *Exclusion and Engagement: Social policy in Latin America*
- 28 Apl. Jiang Shixue  
*Sino-Latin American Relations*
- 2 - 4 May Conference: *Images of Power: National iconographies, culture and the state in Latin America*
- 19 May Workshop: South American Archaeology

The programme outline for seminars, conferences and workshops is shown above. The full programme is published on the Institute's website which is updated regularly with new information and any amendments. A copy of the programme will be sent on request.

Please note that advance registration for conferences and workshops is required. For further information contact the Seminar Secretary, Olga Jiménez (tel. 020 7862 8871; e-mail [Ojimenez@sas.ac.uk](mailto:Ojimenez@sas.ac.uk))

### **STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

- The Institute, jointly with the Latin American Centre, Oxford, has appointed Dr Paulo Drinot as Research Fellow, from March 2001. The appointment is funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.
- The Institute is advertising a lectureship for September 2001. Applications are invited in any field of the social sciences. The Institute wishes to give particular emphasis to work on Mexico but welcomes applications from scholars with interests in any country or region of Latin America.

**VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWS**

The following overseas visiting fellows will be at the Institute in the spring term:

- Ethel García Burchard, University of Costa Rica
- Eduardo Zimmerman, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires
- Shelton Nicholls, Univ. of the West Indies, Trinidad (also Univ. of Nottingham)

**PUBLICATIONS :**

For a list of recent and forthcoming titles, see Issue No.67 of the SLAS Newsletter, or the ILAS website: [www.sas.uk/ilas/publicat.htm](http://www.sas.uk/ilas/publicat.htm):

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**Commonwealth Fund Conference 2001**

**Cultural encounters and resistance: the United States and Latin America, c.1890 - c. 1950.**

**Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June 2001, at University College**

Sessions will consider:

- The US model of 'progress'
- Hispanic Americans in the United States
- Corporate enterprise and labour
- Culture

There will also be a Commonwealth Fund Lecture 1, given by Mario Garcia, Professor of Chicano Studies from the University of California on the Historiography of Hispanics in the United States, and a keynote speaker, Gilbert Joseph, Professor of Latin American History at the University of Yale, on 'Cultural encounters between the United States and Latin America: a theoretical perspective.

There will be a reduced fee for SLAS members of £45.00, and for students, the fee will be £10.00. For more details and registration, please contact Chris Abel or Miss N Razwi in the Department of History at the above address, telephone, or Email.

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| 6 Feb  | Olivia Harris, Goldsmiths<br><i>To be arranged</i>  |
| 20 Feb | George Bankes, Manchester<br><i>Modern Potters of North Peru and Southern Ecuador</i>                                 |
| 6 Mar  | Catherine Boyle (King's, London)<br><i>Time, Process and Memory: Theatre and Space in Chile</i>                       |
| 20 Mar | Don Kulick, Manchester<br><i>Scandalous Acts: Everyday and Activist Politics among Brazilian Travesti Prostitutes</i> |
| 24 Apr | Will Fowler, St Andrews<br><i>Joseph Welsh: A British Santanista (Mexico, 1832)</i>                                   |

**Publications on community education**

Dr. Duncan Scott, Senior Lecturer in Social Policy, University of Manchester, would like to announce two linked publications which resulted from a British Council link programme between the University of Manchester and the Federal University of Paraiba in North East Brazil.

These texts were not written by specialists in Latin American studies; rather they emerged via a mix of post-graduate theses and cooperative activities based on adult education principles. They are, therefore, very accessible. If you would like a flier giving further indication of the contents and availability of the two texts

(there is a Portuguese language version of the book on Community and Development) please provide a postal address to Kathryn McCormick, Email: D.Scott@man.ac.uk

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**Research Fellowship in Economics within the Centre for Brazilian Studies.**

**Research Support Staff scale 1A: £16,755 - £25,213**

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Economics within the Centre for Brazilian Studies. Candidates should have completed a doctorate in economics within the past five years and have either an existing interest in some aspect of the Brazilian economy, or an interest in working on Brazil.

The Research Fellowship will be tenable for one year from 1st October 2001. There is a possibility of an extension for a further period subject to satisfactory performance and continued financial support. An affiliation to St Antony's College may be available.

Further particulars can be obtained from Mrs M. Hancox, Centre for Brazilian Studies, 92 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 7ND. E-mail: [margaret.hancox@brazil.ox.ac.uk](mailto:margaret.hancox@brazil.ox.ac.uk) Applications, including a CV, information on work in progress/publications and an outline (up to five pages) of the research the applicant intends to carry out, should be sent to Mrs Hancox for receipt not later than 16 February 2001. Applicants are asked to arrange for three references to be sent to the above address by the closing date. There is no application form. The University is an Equal Opportunities Employer.