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**!! IMPORTANT, NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE !!!**

Deadline for Issue No. 72, will be midday on Wednesday 13th March 2002. Please send material for inclusion to **Karen Hegyi**, who is available on Monday and Thursday (all day) and Friday mornings at the 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 We would greatly appreciate, and prefer it, if you could try to include your material into the body of your Email.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

*Dear SLAS Member,*

As 2001 draws to a close, reports from Latin America are dismal. In Colombia, the US supported Plan Colombia introduced crop spraying with herbicide, as well as crop substitution pacts but it appears, has singularly failed to curb coca production. Nor, it seems has there been any dramatic cessation of the killing and harassment of the population by paramilitary groups. The short comment in this Newsletter, by Ulrich Oslender, at present in Colombia, draws our attention to this appalling situation.

On the economic front, there are severe problems. In Mexico, the government failed to approve a federal budget for 2002, and in Argentina the economy and the government are on the brink of collapse. This crisis in Argentina was not unexpected but it is still sad to see a country which, until relatively recently, was among the richest in the world now in such a condition.

In Peru, the immediate tragedy at the turn of the year was a human one with the death of a large number of people in a fire resulting from an explosion caused by fireworks in a shopping centre in Lima. On the other hand, one of the most heartening events I attended at the end of 2001, was the departure of a small ship called *Esperanca Amazonica* from the quayside in Glasgow, bound for Iquitos to provide working help for underprivileged children, funded in large part by public subscription. This is reported to be the largest aid donation ever given to the people of Iquitos. Some things cheer you up.

Your insights, experience, and comments, particularly here in the SLAS Newsletter, a more informal medium, are part of what makes membership of the Society worthwhile, so, please, do not be shy in sharing them with others. If you have a contribution to make, please send it in to me, or to Karen Hegyi for inclusion.

*Elizabeth Allen*

## SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2002

University Of East Anglia, Norwich, 22-24 March

The 2002 Annual Conference of the Society for Latin American Studies will take place at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. Papers are welcome on the proposed topics as well as on a wider range of subjects pertaining to Latin American studies. Send a short abstract (up to 200 words) in English or Spanish to the forum convenor or to Victoria Carpenter, SLAS Secretary (yangyang9@excite.co.uk). Final date for submission of papers is the 1 March, 2002.

### SLAS 2002 CONFERENCE PANELS

1. Cuba: Ken Cole, UEA (k.cole@uea.ac.uk)
2. Quality of Democracy: Laura Tedesco, UEA (l.tedesco@uea.ac.uk)
3. Social Development & Neo-Liberalism: Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, UEA (p.lloyd-sherlock@uea.ac.uk)
4. Latin American Literature: Analysis and Debate. Victoria Carpenter, Univ of Derby (yangyang9@excite.co.uk)
5. Latin American Visual Arts: G. San-Román, Univ St Andrews (gfsr@st-and.ac.uk)
6. Indigenous Peoples in Latin America: Cultural, Social, Environmental and Political Perspectives. Rosaleen Howard, ILAS Liverpool (rosy1@liverpool.ac.uk)
7. Conservation & Development in Amazonia: K. Brown, UEA (k.brown@uea.ac.uk)
8. Nineteenth Century Caudillos: Will Fowler, Univ St Andrews (wmf1@st-and.ac.uk)

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**Economic and Social History of Latin America. Convenor:** Gabriel R. Molteni, Department of Economic History, LSE. Email: G.R. Molteni@lse.ac.uk is one of these new fora. This session will address different aspects of the Economic and Social History of Latin America. Economic and social history is concerned with

understanding the process of change in the past. It uses the skills of the economist, the statistician and the sociologist, as well as those of the historian.

Typical issues which the subject addresses are: the history of economic development, the effect of business organisation on economic performance, the economic and social effects of wars, the importance of education and human capital in economic change, change in social behaviour in the past, systems of land use, trading and finance, and the causes of population and migration, among others. The impact of economic and social change as it affected the family, workplace, neighborhoods, as well as changes in institutional structures have always been central to the study of economic and social history. These issues can be examined in a comparative context evaluating the impact of long-term economic and social changes under different cultural conditions. Therefore, this session welcomes all papers related or closely related to any of the areas mentioned above.

**"Latin America Press History" Call for Papers. Convenor: Laura Llull** is another SLAS symposium within the the 2002 Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS) Conference. The convenor's interests cover the following areas:

1. the role of newspapers, journals and magazines as means of mediation between the civil society and politics;
2. the role of the press in the political elections
3. the role of the press as the voice of certain groups, factions and political parties,
4. the press as business- history of the firm, its owners, its managers, its staff, etc...

For further information, please send your abstracts (100 words max.) and enquiries to: Lic. Laura Llull. Cátedra Historia Argentina Contemporánea. Departamento de Humanidades. Universidad Nacional del Sur. Personal address: Colón 140 Pso 10 Dto A, Bahía Blanca 8000, Argentina, e-mail: [llull@infovia.com.ar](mailto:llull@infovia.com.ar)

**Regional Integration in Latin America** is another of the new fora. This aims to discuss different aspects of the Latin American processes of integration. It welcomes papers on economic integration, but also encourages the presentation of papers on the political, social and cultural aspects of integration. Possible questions to be addressed in this forum are: what are the effects of integration on the economies,

political structures, identities, social structures, etc., of the countries involved; why certain integration schemes seem to survive while others have been doomed to fail; whether there are any given conditions for a successful integration process; and whether integration is conducive to more peaceful relations. However, the panel is by no means limited to these questions, and any other issues related to regionalisation and integration in Latin America will enrich the discussion. Please send abstracts by 25 January to: Andrea Oelsner, LSE. Email: A.Oelsner1@lse.ac.uk

### **CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS:**

It is recommended that all conference participants book accommodation and meals for the conference before Friday 1 February 2002. After that time, there will be a surcharge of £10 on all bookings. The absolute deadline for bookings this year will be 8 March 2002 – those who book after that date cannot be guaranteed accommodation and meals. Any Conference Registration enquiries should be directed to Jonathan Barton (01603-593685; j.r.barton@uea.ac.uk) For any further information about the conference please contact the Conference Organiser, Rhys Jenkins (01603-592330; r.o.jenkins@uea.ac.uk).

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## **SLAS GRANTS AVAILABLE**

### **1. SLAS GRANTS FOR LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLARS**

The SLAS Committee is pleased to inform members considering convening symposia at the forthcoming SLAS Conference in Norwich, that £2000 has been made available to assist Latin American scholars intending on attending and participating at the event. The aim of this SLAS Grant is to enable *Latin American scholars in the early stages of their career and who have been invited to give a paper at the SLAS Annual Conference to attend the event once all other possibilities of having their expenses paid have been exhausted.* This grant may involve covering the travel

## SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2002 REGISTRATION FORM

**School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich  
Friday 22 March – Sunday 24 March**

**NAME:**

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### SLAS MEMBERSHIP

1. Are you a member of the Society of 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 the *SLAS Newsletter*, and send it direct to Blackwell Publishers)
3. I am not a member of SLAS [    ]  
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### ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

Accommodation will be in the University halls of residence on campus. All rooms have en suite facilities. Please tick the package you would prefer:

1. Full accommodation, meals and conference fees from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. **Cost £150** [    ]  
(a small number of rooms with a double bed are available at the same rate per person: please name the person sharing .....)
2. Accommodation for Saturday night only, meals (not including Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast) and conference fees. **Cost £100** [    ]
3. Attendance at conference without accommodation but with meals. **Cost £100** [    ]
4. Attendance at conference on Saturday only, with meals. **Cost £70** [    ]
5. Postgraduate package (Reduced Rate). Full accommodation, meals & conference fees, Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. **Cost £120** [    ]
- \* Late booking surcharge (£10) [    ]

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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

(a) Dietary: Vegetarian Meals

Special Diet, please specify

(b) Disabled Facilities: please contact the Conference Organiser for more details

**FORMS AND PAYMENT**

Please use this form or download one from the University of East Anglia, School of Development Studies website at: [http://www.uea.ac.uk/menu/acad\\_depts/dev/](http://www.uea.ac.uk/menu/acad_depts/dev/)

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Liz Gibson, School Clerk (Finance), School of Development Studies,  
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expenses and conference fee. It may limit itself to simply covering the conference fee, depending on circumstances. It will be the Convenors' responsibility to decide whether there are any Latin American scholars who need a SLAS Grant in order to give a paper at their sessions. And it will be the Convenors' responsibility to prepare an application for a "SLAS Grant for Latin American Scholars" to be submitted to the Secretary who, together with the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer will decide whether each particular case merits the award of the grant or not. To be eligible the Latin American scholar must be a member of SLAS; in the early stages of his/her career; giving an invited paper at the SLAS Conference; and in financial need. The Convenors must ensure that the applications for a SLAS Grant for Latin American Scholars reach the Secretary by *Friday 11 January 2002*.

## **2. SLAS GRANTS FOR POSTGRADUATES ATTENDING CONFERENCES 2002**

The SLAS Committee is pleased to inform postgraduate members that around £500 has been made available to assist them to attend conferences in those cases where all other possibilities of having their expenses paid have been exhausted. 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. 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. The deadline for applications to be submitted to the Secretary, for due consideration by a sub-committee that will include the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer, for conferences taking place between April 2002 and March 2003, will be *Friday 15 March 2002*.

## **4. SLAS GRANTS FOR POSTGRADUATES ATTENDING CONFERENCES:-**

**A REPORT FROM THE LASA CONFERENCE** It is well known that the *Society for Latin American Studies* (SLAS) has for a long time been supportive of postgraduates' work and career development in Latin American Studies. As a former President of PILAS, I am well aware that this support is not nominal but very real, with SLAS having funded the last five Annual PILAS conferences celebrated in Liverpool, Newcastle, Hull, Wolverhampton and Oxford. In the last few years, the society has

also made available an array of grants to postgraduates with the purpose of helping them travel to Latin America, encourage scholarly research (through the Harold Blakemore essay competition) and a number of awards destined to allow impoverished students overcome the most common barrier preventing them from attending international conferences; travel and registration costs.

This time, I was lucky enough to receive one such grant from SLAS. With a matching contribution from my institution, this contribution funded my participation at LASA's XXIII International Congress celebrated in Washington between 6-8 September 2001 (See LASA's homepage <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/lasa2001.htm>).

Not only did the award allow me to present my ongoing research to a large and receptive audience, but it also introduced me to the North American research community. The former was a long-held dream as many of the authors in my chosen field of specialisation are based in the United States. I feel lucky to have been able to attend their presentations and to have experienced the wealth of approaches and research that is taking place in what is the biggest Latin American Studies research community in the world. The latter is particularly important, especially if we take into account that for many of those leaving the postgraduate training system in Britain, the academic future may well lie in the United States.

The conference itself is the largest of its kind in the world. This year, it attracted a new record number of participants (more than 4,000 according to the Organising Committee). The drawback, if any, was the intensity of the three days work. Panels started at 8 a.m. and often finished after 6 p.m. With no breaks for lunch, the sheer number of possibilities was overwhelming. Yet, something about the relentless pace and hard work was very enjoyable. I can't wait for LASA 2003 in Dallas! In sum, I feel privileged to have been able to attend this year's LASA Conference and I hope SLAS will continue to support the growing postgraduate community in the future.

**Kepa Artaraz, University of Wolverhampton, postgrad and SLAS member**

#### **4. SLAS GRANTS TO POSTGRADS TRAVELLING TO LATIN AMERICA IN 2002**

SLAS is to make between five and eight 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 at a UK 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 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 Friday 15 March 2002 deadline. 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 2002 are expected to be £600 each. Applications and references must be received by *15 March 2002* by the SLAS Secretary.

##### **5. SLAS TRAVEL GRANT REPORT: Fieldwork in Oaxaca, Mexico, Summer 2001.**

Between 1995 and 1997, the government of the Mexican state of Oaxaca—southern Mexico—implemented a series of reforms to the local constitution and the local electoral code as to recognise traditional indigenous electoral practices as the official “rules of the game” for the appointment of municipal authorities in nearly three quarters of the municipalities of the state. Indeed, since the mid-1980s, the different Oaxacan governments had taken the lead in what comes to the recognition of multiculturalism and indigenous rights.

In the light of this, the objective of my doctoral dissertation (under the supervision of professor Joe Foweraker) is to explore the causes and the consequences for such a unique approach to multiculturalism and indigenous rights. Such a task has implied the study of the structure of the State in Oaxaca, the characteristics of its political life, the development of popular—and in particular indigenous—organisation, the process of

electoral competition, and the approach on multiculturalism and indigenous rights taken by the local priista elite.

Some important exceptions apart, research on these issues by the English-speaking academic community is scant. Research by local scholars in Mexico is important; its distribution outside Mexico, however, has been quite limited, and thus it is difficult to obtain from abroad. Furthermore, given the nature of the processes under study, their reconstruction and understanding demanded a direct contact with local observers, and fundamentally local actors. In the same sense, the consultation of local journalistic and other kinds of sources of information required a period of research work in situ.

With the support of a Travel Grant by SLAS, I could travel to Oaxaca, and conduct my field work. Research done in Oaxaca included the consultation of secondary sources in local libraries, the personal and permanent contact with a number of local scholars and observers of politics and indigenous issues in the state, the extensive consultation of journalistic sources, and, most importantly, the interviewing of government officials, party actors, and indigenous leaders and intellectuals. This period of field work in Oaxaca was fundamental for the research. Important gaps in the empirical basis of my thesis were filled, while direct contact with “reality” modified my perception of political life in Oaxaca, and in particular of the “politics of recognition” of multiculturalism and indigenous rights.

**Alejandro Anaya-Munoz, University of Essex, postgrad and SLAS member**

## **6. HAROLD BLAKEMORE ESSAY PRIZE: £400 FOR 2002 AWARD**

The Society for Latin American Studies therefore invites current or recent post-graduates 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 £400, this is double the usual award of £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. A panel of judges for the prize will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society at the University of East Anglia, at the SLAS Annual conference from 22-24 March 2002. Contact Dr. Will Fowler, President, Society for Latin American Studies, Dept. of Spanish, St. Salvator's College, University of St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AL, Tel: 01334 476161, Fax: 01334 463 677, e-mail: wmf1@st-and.ac.uk The deadline for submission to the President will be *15 March 2002*

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## MEMBERS NEWS

**SYLVIA CHANT**, Department of Geography and the Environment at the LSE, was invited to an international conference entitled *Out of the shadows: political action and the informal economy, Latin America and beyond*, at the Centre for Migration and Development of Princeton University in November 2001, where she presented a paper on female-headed households and the feminisation of poverty, in the panel on 'Open households, local markets'. In conjunction with Nikki Craske, she will have a new book published in March 2002 by the Latin American Burayu on *Gender in Latin America* which will cover politics, legislation, rights, poverty, population, migration, health, sexuality, families, and households. The book will cost £14.99.

**JOEL DELHAM**, formerley in Birmingham University, does anyone know the whereabouts of this SLAS member? If you do, please contact the membership secretary as his SLAS Newsletters and BLAR are unable to be delivered.

**DAVID RABY**, formerly of the University of Toronto, has joined the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Liverpool as an Honorary Research Fellow. He can be reached at dlraby@liv.ac.uk or on 0151 707 8878, or mobile 07754 667285, fax 0151 794 3080. He is continuing his work on Populism, popular movements and revolution: Cuba, 1953-1962, and is also interested in contemporary Colombia and Venezuela.

**COLIN SHARP** writes: This year has been busy for publishing at LOLA and the latest issues can be found on the Bookdata web pages. Most important has been the

history of the British Hospital of Buenos Aires from 1844 to 2000, in both a Spanish and English edition. Also important has been the first book on the orchids of Argentina in some 150 years, this was for the region of Iguazu, where before this publication the official count of orchids in the area was 5, and the book has now 85 described drawn and photographed. We continue with the most up to date books on the botany of the River Plate area, as well as the Butterflies of the Province of Buenos Aires, and to be followed by the first book on the Hongos de la Pampa Humeda. Next year we shall complete the last two volumes of Gesta Britanica. Rory Miller visited and gave a good talk on British Business in Argentina, and we would welcome more such visits. Colin Sharp, (L.O.L.A.) Editorial & Correspondencia, Rodriguez Peña, 115, 2ª, C1020ADC, <http://www.thebookplace.com/lola> On-line catalog- [www.leer.nisc.com](http://www.leer.nisc.com) Tel. +54 11 43 72 0518, Fax ...2787. e-mail - [csharp@ba.net](mailto:csharp@ba.net)

**ALAN GILBERT:** was awarded a DLit by the University of London this year. Since January 2000 he has been working on 'The diffusion of housing subsidy programmes: informed adoption or forced feeding?', part of the ESRC's Future Governance Programme. This project is concerned with how Chile developed its housing subsidy programme, how this experience influenced Colombia and South Africa in their development of similar kinds of policy, and what influence the World Bank and other institutions in Washington played in the process. During the last 18 months he visited Santiago, Bogotá and three South Africa cities to interview public officials and other local cognoscenti of housing policy. He also spent three months at the Inter American Development Bank producing a housing manual for public officials and conducting interviews in Washington for the ESRC project. He has just begun on a project for the Home Office on the diffusion of information to asylum

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seekers in Afghanistan, Colombia, Kosovo and Somalia and will be visiting Colombia in the near future to gather some data. A number of publications on housing policy, social development, globalisation and the transfer of knowledge between countries have seen (or are about to see) the light of day. For a list see his web page email: [agilbert@geog.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:agilbert@geog.ucl.ac.uk)

**NICHOLAS HIGGINS**, honorary research fellow with the department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent at Canterbury, has recently been working on a political documentary with a Scottish based independent film production company. He was awarded a British Academy grant in 2001 to study the peace process in Mexico. The results of this research have been published as, 'Mexico's Stalled Peace Process: Prospects and Challenges' in *International Affairs* (Volume 77, Number 4, October 2001). He also published; 'An Interview with Comandante David, a Tzotzil Member of the Zapatista Delegation to Mexico City, 2001' in *Alternatives* (Vol 26, 2001) and 'Image and Identity: Mexican Indians and photographic Art' in *Social Alternatives* (Vol. 20, No. 4, October 2001). His book, *Modernist Visions and the Invisible Indian: A History of Mexican Governmental Thought and Maya Resistance* is forthcoming with the Univ of Texas Press in 2002.

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### **Postgraduate Students in Latin American Studies FIFTH PILAS CONFERENCE REPORT**

The PILAS Fifth Annual Conference was held at St. Antony's College, Oxford on 8-9 December 2001. A total of 37 participants from 17 prestigious academic institutions from all over the United Kingdom attended the lively and very intellectually stimulating event. The Conference was interdisciplinary in nature and joined students working on a rich variety of topics and disciplines, as well as on a significant number of different countries in the region. Presentations drew upon the cases of Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba, Peru and Ecuador. These two factors, added to participants' great enthusiasm, contributed to stimulating rich and balanced discussions within a thought-provoking atmosphere.

After a short keynote address by **Mrs. Rosemary Thorp**, Fellow at St. Antony's College, and Former Director of the Latin American Centre at Oxford, the PILAS Conference began with a panel on *Economics and The Political Economy of Development*. **Gabriel Molteni**, from LSE presented a paper based on his doctoral research, in which he explored the role between economic ideas and economic policy during the Inter-war period in Argentina. Gabriel's thesis focuses more specifically on the case of Alejandro E. Bunge and the *Revista de Economía*

Argentina. In his paper, **Omar Sanchez**, from St. Antony's College, Oxford examined the impact of Foreign Aid in Latin America in the period 1974-1993. The first session of the Conference was closed by **Andre Luiz Sica de Campos**, from Sussex. Andre's presentation, also based on his doctoral thesis, examined the links between academic research and firms' capabilities, with special reference to the case of UNILEVER.

After lunch, a panel on *Broad Views of the Political Economy of MERCOSUR* followed. **Sean Burges**, from University of Warwick began by examining the role of Brazil and MERCOSUR, two central players in South America, in protecting and advancing democracy in the region. **Andrea Oelsner**, from LSE, looked at the stabilization of peace in the Southern Cone. Andrea's paper explored the concept of stable peace between dyads where at least one of the states was not a democracy when the *rapprochement* process started. The last presentation in this panel was **Amaury Hoste's**, from Birmingham. Amaury analysed what MERCOSUR could learn from the European Union's regional development funds.

Three students from the Department of Government at the University of Essex formed the next panel, on *Political Discourse Analysis in Latin American Studies*. First, **Alejandro Groppo** proposed an interdisciplinary reinterpretation of Latin interpellation and their uncanny effects at places of reception. In turn, **Juan Pablo Lichtmajer**, looked at the mechanisms triggering the dissemination of ideological discourses and their modalities of reception in nineteenth century Argentina. Finally,

**Carlos Pessoa** referred also to Populism, but to the particular case of the PT in Brazil. The last panel of the day was on Politics. **Alejandro Anaya Munoz**, also from Essex, spoke about the *Politics of Recognition* and the Preservation of the Conditions of a Priista Governability in Oaxaca, Mexico. Christopher Hull, from Newcastle-upon-Thyne, followed with a very interesting discussion on Cuba's current economic and political crisis. The Conference's first day was closed by **Mariana Cifuentes Montoya**, from the IDS, at Sussex. Mariana's paper explored the perception civil society representatives have about their participation in the municipal health council of Sao Paulo, Brazil, which has been instituted since 1991 and proves to be a space within which social and political practices are developed.

The second day of the gathering consisted on two panels on *Culture and Society in Latin America*. The first session began with **Hannah Gill's**, from St. Antony's, Oxford, who presented a paper on *Merengue* and the insights it provides into the phenomenon of migration in the Dominican Republic. **Helen Frost**, from Manchester, followed, with a presentation based on her Masters' thesis. Helen focused on representations of the Brazilian North East in Music and film, with special reference to the case of the film *Por Ser de Lá*. Arantza Mayo, from Birbeck College, London analysed the work of the Bolivian Poet, **Pedro Shimose**. Finally, **Caterina Pizzigoni**, who is finishing her PhD at King's College, London, focused on native women's reaction to Spanish Acculturation through the Testaments in Nahuatl of the Toluca Valley.

After a short coffee break, **Ailsa Winton** from Queen Mary College, London referred to her experience in integrating participatory methods in research with youth in urban. Ailsa's paper discussed the extent to which using adaptable, non-traditional methods when working with children and youth encourages an accessible, equitable and ethical research process. **Anthony Campbell**, from Southampton, also focused on Guatemala, although on a different topic. Anthony looked at whether the Maya identity promoted by Maya intellectuals at the national level resonates with Q'eqchi' communities in Eastern Guatemala.

In turn, **Adam Horgan**, from Manchester, examined the way in which important historical figures, namely Emiliano Zapata and Cuauhtemoc, were appropriated into Mexican nationalist discourse through a process of mystification/obfuscation, and how these foundation myths have been institutionalised in the form of images that adorn the national currency. Finally, **Ingrid Farmer** analysed the *Arpillera* Discourse during the Chilean Dictatorship, discussing how women who had lost husbands, sons, etc during Pinochet dictatorship got together and used scraps of material to make wall hangings which were then sent abroad.

The Fifth Annual PILAS Conference was once again a great success, testament of the great potential of the future generation of Latin American Scholars. Let me conclude by saying that PILAS is grateful to SLAS for its financial support and guidance, without which this event would not have taken place.

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## **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

### **The British in Cuba: Call for Papers**

#### **The 240th Anniversary of the British Occupation of Havana**

**Havana, Cuba, 4-5 April 2002**

The British occupation of Havana in 1762, long seen as a turning point in Cuban history and a landmark event in the wider Caribbean, signalled a long-term shift from Britain's military to economic involvement in Cuba. The Conference is designed to explore the occupation, its antecedents and its consequences. Panels and papers are invited on 18th, 19th and 20th century military, economic, social and political history, covering both overarching themes and specific aspects and events, from Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-American rivalry in Cuba and the Caribbean; piracy, invasion and military reforms; trade and investment; migration and settlement; to links with antislavery, independence and revolution.

The conference is organised by the Instituto de Historia in Havana, in collaboration with Professor Jean Stubbs (University of North London). Proposals for panels and papers should be received by December 21st, 2001; and should be sent, along with

any enquiries for further information, to Jonathan Curry-Machado (University of North London): j.currymachado@unl.ac.uk

## **LA FRONTERA: UNA NUEVA CONCEPCIÓN CULTURAL**

### **VI COLOQUIO INTERNACIONAL**

**La Paz, B.C.S., México. 20-23 de febrero, 2002**

En esta sexta edición del Coloquio, como ya es costumbre, abordaremos los múltiples objetos, teorías y formas que integran en la actualidad la investigación conceptual y empírica sobre la frontera. Es de nuestro interés abordar las relaciones fronterizas de países limítrofes, así como estudiar los problemas subyacentes a cualquier límite fronterizo, que éste sea de naturaleza cultural, social, económico, histórico, político y/o territorial. En el contexto actual de la globalización se hace necesaria la reflexión y la discusión en torno a la transformación de las regiones fronterizas, a un concepto de frontera, de identidad, de interacción de culturas diversas y la formación de una sociedad pluricultural compleja. Por esta razón, el estudio de estos fenómenos debe abordarse en forma interdisciplinaria profundizando en diversos aspectos particulares.

Por ello, el Programa de Investigación Interdisciplinaria de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, La Frontera una Nueva Concepción Cultural invita a especialistas y estudiosos en ciencias sociales, historia, antropología, economía, filosofía y literatura, teatro, cine... que, de preferencia bajo una perspectiva interdisciplinaria, o bajo un enfoque unidisciplinario. Informes e inscripciones: Dr. Rubén Sandoval, tel. y fax 01 (1) 121 15 14, (112) 228-88 e. mail: rubsando@uaabcs.mx y Lic. Erika Velázquez . erika\_velazquez@excite.com Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur, Área Interdisciplinaria de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, Seminario de Investigación Interdisciplinaria en Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades, tels: 01 (1) 128 04 40 y 01 (1) 128 03 42, fax 01 (1) 128 08 00, Carretera al Sur Km. 5.5. La Paz, B. C. S., Mexico. (Un Coloquio internacional ESTUDIANTIL se realizara el 18-19 en las instalaciones universitarias. De ser de su interes, favor de comunicarnoslo)

## **III JORNADAS DE HISTORIA MODERNA Y CONTEMPORÁNEA**

**Rosario, 2-4 De Octubre De 2002**

Las Jornadas de Historia Moderna y Contemporánea, cuyo tercer encuentro se realizará en la Facultad de Humanidades y Artes de la Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Argentina, se han configurado como un espacio colectivo de articulación de la actividad de docentes e investigadores pertenecientes a las cátedras de Historia Europea Moderna y Contemporánea de las Universidades Nacionales. Las Jornadas, que se realizan desde 1999 en distintas sedes, han convocado a especialistas y científicos sociales argentinos y extranjeros que han debatido distintos temas de la problemática europea pasada y presente, reflejando no sólo un importante nivel de participación sino asimismo una producción creciente y de mayor nivel en el estudio de esos períodos, reflejo del interés por las temáticas tratadas.

Las sesiones de trabajo, centradas en el tratamiento de problemas de historia europea moderna y contemporánea y sus vínculos con otras realidades, se organizarán sobre temáticas Para cualquier información dirigirse a: Comité Organizador de las III, Jornadas de Historia Moderna y Contemporánea, Escuela de Historia , Facultad de Humanidades y Artes Entre Ríos 758 2000 Rosario Argentina O por e-mail a: [jornadashmyc@hotmail.com](mailto:jornadashmyc@hotmail.com)

## **ROADS TO WAR AND PIPES OF PEACE**

### **Conflict and Cooperation in the Americas, Past and Present**

**Brussels: 16-17 November 2002**

The Société des Américanistes de Belgique is holding its second conference on the theme of rivalry, a universal phenomenon that has attracted little research attention. Our intention is to approach this theme from an interdisciplinary point of view, as it pertains to New World cultures and societies. The conference proposes to clarify the experiences and the specific attitudes shown by New World inhabitants to this phenomenon.

The word "rivalry" should be understood in its widest sense as encompassing the myths and traditions that give birth to it and the actions and institutions that uphold it. Equally well one must take into account the ambiguity underlying indigenous peoples' understanding of the concept, in terms of both balance and confrontation, cooperation and competition, alliances and conflicts. It may include their relationship to their

natural resources or their territory, the boundaries that identify different groups, and the ways in which they show antagonism to, or solidarity with, one another. Rivalry may cause or bring about any of the above in all kinds of ways, e.g. in material terms (objects, images, emblems...); in behavioural terms (rituals, historical events...); and in ideological terms (world view, discourse on otherness, statements of identity...).

The purpose of the conference is to encourage the sharing of data, thoughts, and unpublished work, that could stimulate participants' research. A further goal is to establish a diachronic intercultural map of the ways such rivalry manifests itself in the Americas. Papers will be organized into four symposia, one of which will be co-organized with Wayeb, European Association of Mayanists and devoted to the Maya. The others will focus on North American societies, plus those of Lowland and Highland South America. We are calling for contributions from researchers and specialists in the fields of anthropology, archaeology, ethnohistory, history, art history, sociology, and from other colleagues who specialize in the Americas and are interested in the theme. The final programme will be drawn up before the end of January 2002, by which date all those who have offered papers will be informed whether they have been accepted or not. We do hope to see as many of you as possible in Brussels in November 2002

## **VI CONGRESO CENTROAMERICANO DE HISTORIA**

**Mestizaje Cultural Entre Los Escritores Contemporáneos -Poesía, Narrativa, Drama- De América Central: ¿Una Geografía Común?**

**Panamá, Ciudad Universitaria, 22 Al 26 De Julio De 2002**

Mi propósito consiste en poner de realce la representación del espacio imaginario (fictivo o real), no sólo como otra realidad de un lugar físico o como mero lugar simbólico, ya que el espacio no sólo es una sucesión de lugares reales o símbolos de lugares, sino como una relación entre el ser y la sociedad. Estará considerada y analizada la problemática siguiente:- ¿Cómo se expresan dichos espacios entre los escritores contemporáneos centroamericanos y cómo se inscriben en una unidad (no forzosamente homogénea entre los varios países centroamericanos) cultural y socio-política?

Estarán considerados y analizados los conceptos siguientes:- Los lugares como espacios de espera, de llegada, de encuentro, de extravío..., vinculados con representaciones peculiares de la sociedad, espacios vinculados con valores humanos representativos de libertad, de posesión, de permiso, de defensa, de amor o desamor.... - los lugares como geografía-espacio entrecruzado por un proceso cultural y social en avance. Mandar propuesta de ponencias y resúmenes a: mcseguin@wanadoo.fr

**XIII CONGRES OF AHILA (THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF LATINAMERICANIST HISTORIANS)**

**University of the Azores, Ponta Delgada, 3-7 September 2002.**

The XIII congress of the European Association of Latinamericanist Historians (AHILA) will hold its 13th triennial congress at the University of the Azores, Ponta delgada, September 3rd until 7th 2002. The general theme of the congress is: O Atlantico como elo de uniao de povos: sociedades, politicas, economias e culturas. Languages used will be Spanish and Portuguese. By now we have 25 symposia approved. The university of the Azores arranged a number of packages including transport from Lisbon asnd lodgings ( hotels, student lodgings and youth hostels), so every price level is available. There are regular flights to the Azores (Ponta Delgada airport) from Lisbon, Frankfurt and Boston. For more information, that is the circular with all de data on lodgings, prices and inscription and the list of symposia already approved, can be obtained by consulting our website: [www.ahila.nl](http://www.ahila.nl) or sending an email to Raymond Buve, Secretary General of AHILA Libellenveld 8, 2318 VE Leiden, Netherlands email: [raymondbuve@planet.nl](mailto:raymondbuve@planet.nl) or the organizer of the congress, Fatima Dias, email: [mfdias@notes.uac.pt](mailto:mfdias@notes.uac.pt)

**CARIBBEAN RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE NORTH,**

**January 25, 2002, at the University of Manchester.**

The seminar will be held from 1:30 - 5:30 pm in Room S.2.9, Department of History Seminar Room, Arts Faculty Building, University of Manchester, and papers will be presented by Brian Pollitt on "The Cuban Sugar Economy, 1991 - 2001: Collapse, Reform, and Recovery Prospects"; by Mark Sebba and Shirley Tate on "The Global and the Local in Black British Identities, and by Natalie Zacek on "Voices and

Silence: Race and Gender in Eighteenth-Century Caribbean Law". For further information, or to book a place, please contact Dr Natalie Zacek, Department of History, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL or via e-mail at: natalie.asacek@man.ac.uk. There is no charge, but please let us know in advance if you plan to attend.

**CALL FOR PAPERS Conference in Spanish and Latin American Photography:  
Traces, Flashes and Visions**

**6th - 7th June 2002, Institute of Romance Studies, Senate House, London**

**Traces** ...Mention photography within the context of Spain and South America and a series of practitioners spring readily to mind: Sebastiao Salgado; Manuel and Lola Alvarez Bravo; Sara Facio; Graciela Iturbide, Cristina García Rodero and Alberto Schommer. To invoke the photographic in these contexts however, is also to summon a rich documentary tradition within which the images becomes a crucial site for both ideological dissemination and resistance, from Frank Capa's dramatic images of the Spanish Civil War to the Christ-like Che Guevara in death and including the photographs of Mexican revolutionaries and the photo-portraits of los desaparecidos in the Southern Cone.

**Flashes...** Photography has been instrumental in shifting earlier perceptions of reality and the past into modern and post-modern culture. It also constitutes a global practice of vital relevance for exploring the potential and the limitations of visual culture.

**Visions...** Mindful of photography's status as a medium of representation that cuts across cultural, social, historical and artistic practices, this conference will provide a critical forum for practitioners and academics from a wide range of institutional and cultural backgrounds. It aims to bring into focus and generate debate around the status and significance of the photographic image and practices in Spain and Latin America. Sessions will include papers that explore the role of photography in areas of cultural relevance such as: memory and history; the representation of gender and sexual identities; boundaries and borders; critical reception and the visual rhetoric of the image; symbolic economies; and death.

Proposals should consist of title, brief outline (approx. 500 words), name and affiliation, short list of publications/experience and be sent by e-mail to [andrea.noble@dur.ac.uk](mailto:andrea.noble@dur.ac.uk) and [a.sanchez@bbc.ac.uk](mailto:a.sanchez@bbc.ac.uk) Those interested should contact the conference organisers as early as possible: Andrea Noble (University of Durham) and Antonio Sanchez (Birkbeck College).

**UNKNOWN AMAZON CONFERENCE: Fashioning Brazil: Behind visitors' eyes in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (Report)**

Organised jointly by the Institute and the British Museum, and coinciding with the British Museum exhibition *Unknown Amazon* (which runs until 1st April 2002, this conference held between the 25-27 October 2001 opened with the British Museum' annual Fagg Lecture: *A Fresh Look at Amazon Indians: Von den Steinen and Nimuendajú, giants of Brazilian anthropology*, given by John Hemming. A series of papers were presented over two days:-

- Rio Bay - the Bay of Bays - to be Expected, to be Dreamed of: British visions of Rio de Janeiro Luciana Martins, Royal Holloway
- The Voyages and the Brazilian Landscape. Constructions of the look, Ana Maria Beluzzo, Universidade de São Paulo
- "Taken for Life?" Central-African Cultural and European Anti-Slavery Discourse in J.M. Rugendas's Picturesque Travels through Brazil, Robert W. Slenes, Univ. Estadual de Campinas
- Observação prescritiva e Ilustração do Brasil: o projeto fotográfico de Victor Frond (1857-1861) Lygia Segala, Universidade Federal Fluminense
- The Travels of Levi-Strauss in Brazil Silvano Santiago, Univ Federal Fluminense
- Exploring the Amazon, Explaining the unknown: Travellers theories on the Amazon's past Cristiana Barreto and Juliana Salles Machado, Brasil Connects
- The Materiality of Affect: Henry Walter Bates in the Amazon, 1848-1859, Hugh Raffles, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Amazon Expeditions in Search of Medicinal Plants: A tribute to Richard Schultes Ghilleen T. Prance, Eden Project, Cornwall
- Funerary Practices in the Amazon Region: The history of Maracá urns, Vera Guapindaia, *Unknown Amazon Exhibition*

- The Woven Universe in the Amazon: Carib basketry Lucia Van Velthem, *Unknown Amazon Exhibition*
- Indigenous Historical Trajectories in the Upper Rio Negro Basin Eduardo Neves, *Unknown Amazon Exhibition*
- Lecture: The Pre-European Cultural Landscape in Amazonia: William Denevan, University of Wisconsin

The Institute would like to thank the British Museum, Brasil Connects, and The Brazilian Embassy for their support. The exhibition *Unknown Amazon* continues at the British Museum until April 2002. For more information contact: Colin McEwan <C.McEwan@british-museum.ac.uk>

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **International Congress of Americanists (June 2003, Santiago de Chile).**

#### **"Indigenous Rights, Dialogy and Relations to National States"**

The beginning of the third millenium finds Indigenous peoples of the Americas in a radically different situation from where they found themselves a mere few decades before. One has only to remember how, not more than thirty or forty years ago, Indian voices were taken only as laments of a fading reality, inexorably destined to vanish, to realize how their contemporary situation has changed. Presently, we witness the emergence of their voices imposing themselves upon national states as a legitimate part in a relation that is forcibly shaped as an inter-ethnic dialogue. Throughout the continent Indigenous peoples have tried, with different degrees of success, to establish some measure of autonomy and self-determination in relation to the national they find themselves encompassed by. An underlying motif seems to obtain in all, or most of these attempts: the establishment of a dialogical relation with national states, in which there can be enough horizontality to allow Indigenous peoples actively to control their own destinies.

Indigenous lands are demarcated, from the polar circle to Amazonia (and elsewhere); health and education became increasingly under control of Indigenous peoples themselves; an Indian-based guerrilla army marches peacefully over a country's capital to claim special rights as Indians, while an Indigenous people elsewhere decides to create their own country out of despair for not having their

rights as Indians acknowledged by the national state.

A language of Indigenous rights gains force as the linguistic medium par excellence of multiple dialogues with national states. All this deeply impacts upon the social sciences and humanistic disciplines concerned with the understanding of Indigenous peoples, amounting to a veritable "subjects' rebellion". The change in the quality and character of the relation between Indigenous peoples and national states brings forth the need for a drastic re-shaping of the theoretical apparatus and ways of understanding of such disciplines.

This is also valid for concepts such as autonomy and self-determination, whose meaning is now an open arena for debate; as well as, the concepts of dialogue and dialogic themselves, which leave the philosophical arena to become incarnated into issues that touch the everyday lives of Indigenous peoples. This symposium welcomes works from professionals of different disciplines, both theoretical and case-studies/ethnographic, on these (and related) issues. Information on the Congress ICA : e-mail: ica51@uchile.cl Coordinacion/ Convenor: Adolfo de Oliveira, U. of St.Andrews, Scotland. email: ado1@st-and.ac.uk

### **Transatlantic Studies Conference 8-11 July 2002**

#### **University of Dundee West Park Conference Center**

This is the launch Conference of the Transatlantic Studies Association And The Journal of Transatlantic Studies to be published by Edinburgh University Press in 2003. The Atlantic region has been defined by a long history of economic, political and security links, migration and cultural cross-fertilization, and the growing intensity of interdependence. It forms a focus for research, which The Journal of Transatlantic Studies will service as a dedicated publication. As the world globalizes there will be an increasing tendency to deal with larger aggregates of actors. The Journal of Transatlantic Studies and the Transatlantic Studies Association are in tune with this development. Both focus on the interface between the nation state and the world community in all its complex make-up by using a clearly defined region to structure research, and both aim to stimulate co-operative multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary research in this field. All conferees receive two years free subscription to

the Journal and the Transatlantic Studies Association. If you wish to offer a conference paper, please send a 200 word synopsis of your proposal directly to the appropriate panel convener by 22 February 2002. Panels and Conveners are:

- 1) Diplomatic, Political & Bilateral Relations: Convener: D Ryan dryan@dmu.ac.uk
- 2) Economic Relations: Conveners: Joe McKinney joe\_mckinney@baylor.edu and Tom Zeiler Thomas.zeiler@colorado.edu
- 3) Defence, Security and Intelligence Relations: Conveners: John Bayliss j.bayliss@swansea.ac.uk and Susanna Schrafstetter sschrafs@glam.ac.uk
- 4) Literature and Cultural Relations: Conveners: Geoff Ward g.c.ward@dundee.ac.uk Heidi Macpherson hrsmacpherson@uclan.ac.uk
- 5) Transatlantic Area Studies: Convener: Will Kaufman wkaufman@uclan.ac.uk
- 6) Race and Migration: Convener: Tony Parker a.w.parker@dundee.ac.uk
- 7) Comparative Constitutionalism: Convener: M Evans M.A.Evans@swansea.ac.uk
- 8) Planning, Regeneration and the Environment: Convener: John McCarthy j.p.mcarthy@dundee.ac.uk

The Conference Organiser is: Professor Alan Dobson a.p.dobson@dundee.ac.uk Tel. +44(0) 1382 344588, to whom any queries on panels and papers should be directed.

See also <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/~awparker/transatlantic.html> Conference

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## **XI REUNIÓN DE HISTORIADORES MEXICANOS, ESTADOUNIDENSES Y CANADIENSES Monterrey, Nuevo León, entre 15 y 18 de octubre de 2003**

La Décima Primera Reunión de Historiadores Mexicanos, Estadounidenses y Canadienses tendrá como tema general el de Las instituciones en la historia de México: formas, continuidades y cambios, entendido de manera amplia como todas las actividades humanas asociadas con las instituciones, su formación, su desarrollo, su transformación e incluso su destrucción. Las sesiones se organizarán en función de las instituciones -formales e informales- económicas, educativas y culturales, jurídicas, militares, políticas, religiosas, y sociales y cívicas. Habrá un tema adicional sobre instituciones del noreste de México para incluir específicamente a la región en que se llevará a cabo la Reunión. Así mismo, se incluyen instituciones de comunidades y grupos mexicanos en Estados Unidos y Canadá. Se abarcarán todas las épocas históricas, incluido el presente, y análisis teóricos e historiográficos.

Convocamos a los historiadores de todo el mundo que trabajan sobre los distintos aspectos del tema general, y que estén interesados en participar, a que envíen su propuesta de ponencia a más tardar el 30 de marzo de 2002. La propuesta deberá incluir el título o tema específico y una síntesis muy breve, en no más de una cuartilla. Este tiempo es necesario para que el Comité Organizador Conjunto seleccione las propuestas para constituir las mesas de la Reunión. Esta decisión se comunicará en septiembre de 2002. Las ponencias terminadas deberán entregarse antes del 30 de agosto de 2003, con tiempo suficiente para ser leídas por el comentarista de cada mesa. La Reunión tendrá lugar en la ciudad de Monterrey, Nuevo León, entre el miércoles 15 y el sábado 18 de octubre de 2003. Toda comunicación deberá dirigirse a las siguientes personas: Las provenientes de México, a: Dr. Santiago Portilla, Instituto Mora, Fax: (52) 55 98 50 81, Email: portilla@institutomora.edu.mx Todas las demás, a: Dra. Elinor G.K. Melville York University, Fax: (416) 736 58 36, Email: melville@yorku.

## IT NEWS

### **AUSTRALIAN ONLINE JOURNAL: BRAZIL ISSUE**

*Mikropolyphonie*, at <http://farben.latrobe.edu.au/mikropol> is launching its seventh issue, devoted to a selection of papers from the 13th Meeting of the Brazilian Association for Research and Graduate Studies in Music, which took place in the town of Belo Horizonte from 23 to 27 April 2001 and had William Davies (US), Keith Gfeller (US), Marc Leman (Belgium), Jean-Jacques Nattiez (Canada), Lewis Nielson (US) and Keith Swanwick (UK) as keynote speakers. This issue has been edited by David Hirst (University of Melbourne), Fernando Iazzetta (Universidade de Sao Paulo) and Carlos Palombini (The Open University) and contains 12 articles tackling radio art, music meaning, Varese's Density 21.5, the relationship between musical language and sound media, computer aided perceptual analysis, computer aided ethnomusicological analysis, the digital representation of clarinet sounds, perceptual similarity between melodies, soundwalk/ soundscape and computer-aided analysis of music performance. for more information contact: Carlos Palombini

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### **BRASIL : BIBLIOTECAS VIRTUALES**

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### **RENOWNED CUBAN WRITER'S PERSONAL LETTERS ONLINE**

UM's Cuban Heritage Collection adds Lezama Lima's correspondence to Web site Coral Gables, FL - The letters of Jose Lezama Lima to his sister Eloisa have been digitized by the Cuban Heritage Collection (CHC) and can now be viewed online at [http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/chc5047\\_main.html](http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/chc5047_main.html) Funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has enabled the CHC to digitize this collection and provide online access to it through the Cuban Heritage Digital Collection Web site. Jose Lezama Lima was born in Havana in 1910 and lived there until his death in 1976. Although he studied law at the University of Havana, Lezama Lima is best known as a poet, essayist, and novelist whose work greatly influenced other Cuban writers. He was one of the founders and directors of Verbum (1937), Espuela de Plata (1939), and Origenes (1944-1956), journals that published many new Cuban poets and writers. His own baroque style was influenced by the Spanish Golden Age, as reflected in his first book of poetry, Muerte de Narciso (1937). His novel Paradiso (1966) is considered his masterpiece.

In May 2001, Eloisa Lezama Lima donated to the Cuban Heritage Collection the letters written to her by her brother Jose from 1961 to 1976, along with an annotated copy of Paradiso. These letters offer a more personal perspective of the author, revealing his humor and openness as well as his informal and familiar tone when writing to his sister. "This collection of correspondence will be invaluable to anyone studying Lezama Lima, his work, and his literary legacy," said Esperanza de Varona, Head of the Cuban Heritage Collection. "It helps complete our understanding

of this seminal Cuban writer and of Cuban literature in the 20th century."

The Jose Lezama Lima Papers is one of several collections being digitized by the Cuban Heritage Collection. To learn more about this project and view other digitized collections, visit [http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/chc5047\\_main.html](http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/chc5047_main.html) For more information, contact Maria R. Estorino, Project Director/Archivist, Cuban Heritage Digital Collection, University of Miami, PO Box 248214, Coral Gables, FL 33124-0320, 305-284-5854, and 305-284-4027 fax [mestorino@miami.edu](mailto:mestorino@miami.edu) <http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital>

### **RENOVACION INDICE DE RECURSOS EUROPEAS SOBRE AMERICA LATINA**

En las paginas de REDIAL <http://www.red-redial.org> hemos actualizado la seccion de Recursos procediendo a un cambio de orientacion. Esta nueva version se centrara en intentar recoger exhaustivamente los recursos europeos sobre America Latina, de acuerdo a la orientacion de nuestra red y siguiendo la decision tomada en la asamblea celebrada en septiembre en Burdeos. La seccion esta abierta a vuestra participacion para sugerir direcciones que puedan ir completando la seleccion actual. Espero que este recurso sea de utilidad para la difusion y conocimiento de las iniciativas europeas relativas a America Latina. Los articulos de REDIAL-L son distribuidos gracias al apoyo y colaboracion tecnica de RedIRIS - Red Academica espaola - <http://www.rediris.es> **Luis Rodriguez Yunta, CSIC - CINDOC**

### **BUBL LINK Updates**

New resources listed <http://bubl.ac.uk/link/updates/current.html> All the World's Maps Collection of links to country and city maps. A variety of features such as zoom in facilities, key data, currency converters, and photographs accompany selected maps. Author: EmbassyWorld. Subjects: world maps DeweyClass: 912 ResourceType: map index Location: usa <http://www.embassyworld.com/maps/maps.html>

**Buenos Aires Herald:** Online newspaper offering Argentinian stories relating to shipping, business, sports, and entertainment. Author: Buenos Aires Herald. Subjects: argentina, newspapers DeweyClass: 079 ResourceType: news Location: argentina, south america <http://www.buenosairesherald.com/>

**News Mexico** Mexican publication providing news on finance and business, sports, travel, living, and entertainment. An international section is also included. Author: TheNewsMexico Subjects: mexico, newspapers DeweyClass: 079 ResourceType: news Location: mexico, central america <http://www.thenewsmexico.com/>

**O Estado de Sao Paulo** (English version) English version of the daily Brazilian newspaper. Author: O Estado de S Paulo Subjects: brazil, newspapers DeweyClass: 079 ResourceType: news Location: brazil, south america <http://www.estado.estadao.com.br/english/english.html>

### **RICHARD C. RAMER OLD & RARE BOOKS: WEBSITE UPDATE**

We are pleased to announce that Recent Portuguese Publications Bulletin 27, with 257 items, has just been added to our website, <http://www.livoraro.com> We have also been adding items to our online searchable database of old and rare books, although we have a long, long way to go (the 623 titles listed in the database are less than 20% of our present stock): if you are interested in an item and do not find it in the on-line inventory, please feel free to inquire. Finally, we remind you that Recent Portuguese Publications Bulletins are no longer being issued in printed form.

BULLETINS 17, to 27 are available on the website. If you would prefer a printed copy, please feel free to ask. We can also send copies as e-mail attachments in Adobe Pagemaker 6.5. Over 4,400 titles from these bulletins can be searched via the in-print database on the website as well. The 257 items from Recent Portuguese Publications Bulletin 27, while available now in bulletin form, have not yet been entered into the searchable database for in-print Portuguese publications. They should be available there within a few days. For more information contact: Richard C. Ramer, Old & Rare Books, 225 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021, e-mail: [rcramer@livroaro.com](mailto:rcramer@livroaro.com) website: <http://www.livroaro.com> fax: (212) 288-4169, telephones: (212) 737-0222 and 737-0223

### **ELETRONIC LISTS FROM SUSAN BACH, BOOKSELLER**

Susan Bach is now prepared to send all those who want it eletronic lists of our Information Letters, Law Lists and other catalogs, using Word for Windows (TXT). They will also continue to mail you catalogs in printed format.

## **THE MESOAMERICAN BALLGAME**

For 3,000 years, Mesoamerica, in the subtropical regions between North and South America, was home to some of the world's most advanced civilizations. Their ballgame, the first team sport, was a game of life and death -- the loser was sacrificed for the prosperity of the community. Here you can take a front row seat to view the pageantry or suit up and play the game, an elaborate form of hackey sack using balls made of the native rubber plant. Or just explore the culture and the court, and play a less risky trivia game based on Mesoamerican culture. <http://www.ballgame.org> This site requires the latest Flash plug-in, but provides an immediate download if it turns out you don't already have it.

## **NEW BOOK FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY PRESS**

**Warren, Jonathan, *Racial revolutions: antiracism and Indian resurgence in Brazil*, Latin America otherwise series, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd, London, December 2001, pbk £16.95 and hbk £49.95, pp 363, b&w photos, index, bibliography, glossary, appendices, notes.**

This book considers the growing number of the Brazilian population who claim indian identity - a phenomenon which represents a radical change in racial identification. Chapters consider the post-traditional indians; methodological reflections; indian exorcism; racial stocks and Brazilian bonds; prophetic Christianity and indigenous mobilisation; racial formation; indian judges; and contesting white supremacy. this is an interesting book which looks at racial identities in Brazil other than the black -white distinction which is already well documented. Recommended for all those interested in race relations, indigenous identities in Brazil and Latin America as a whole, and for those wanting to understand better the indigenous peoples of eastern Brazil.

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## **ANNUAL JOURNAL OF URBAN SPACES: HISTORY; CULTURE AND DESIGN-2002**

The Anuario examines the city and the process of urbanization from a variety of perspectives, including theory, history, politics, geography, economics, as well as

urban growth and planning. The following are some of the topics considered suitable for publication: urban form, territory and architecture; social movements and political participation; demography; social and cultural identities (including questions of class, ethnicity and gender). Studies adopting a comparative approach are especially welcome. Editor-in-chief: Dr. Carlos Lira Deadline for submission: January 31, 2002 Please send submissions to the following address (preferably via UPS or FedEx): Comité Editorial, Anuario 2002, Área de Estudios Urbanos, Departamento de Evaluación del Diseño, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Azcapotzalco, Av. San Pablo N° 180, Col. Reynosa Tamaulipas, Azcapotzalco, D.F. C.P. 02200, México, For further information and guidelines for submission, feel free to contact the editor by e-mail: lvcaj@correo.azc.uam.mx phone: (011-52-5) 318-9368, 328-9179 and 328-9180 (fax)

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### **NEW - US BOLIVIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION**

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Bolivian Studies Association, the only U.S based professional association dedicated to scholars of Bolivia. Based at Loyola University in New Orleans, the mission of the BSA is to “to advance and promote research and knowledge of Bolivia through providing an inter-disciplinary forum and resource for collaboration, research, publication, study, funding and employment opportunities.” Historically, the study of Bolivia has been subsumed in that of other countries or regions. One result of this has been that scholars of Bolivia have not only lacked a vehicle to promote communication and collaboration with other Bolivianists, but also have lacked a sense of scholarly community. It is this condition that gave rise to the BSA, and which it seeks to address. I would like to invite you to become a member of the BSA. Among the benefits you will receive with your tax deductible membership to this non-profit organization are:

- Subscription and an invitation to submit articles to the official biannual electronic journal of the BSA, The Bolivian Research Review. Subscription to the biannual newsletter of the BSA, Willaqniykuna, which contains information on events, conferences, opportunities and news on Bolivia.

- An invitation to participate in the first BSA conference, held every eighteen months. The inaugural conference is scheduled for March 10-21, 2002, hosted by Loyola University in New Orleans.
  - Access to listings of grants, awards, employment and other scholarly opportunities
  - Access to the Member's Directory, enabling you to establish contact and explore collaborative opportunities with other members.
  - Access to the Publisher's Directory, which lists publishers who have published works on Bolivia.
  - Access to and ability to submit announcements on the BSA listserv, which links and promotes scholarly collaboration among Bolivianists worldwide.
  - Access to a comprehensive links page on Bolivia
  - Access to and an invitation to submit information on the Traveler's Notes section, where members share experiences and suggestions concerning travel in Bolivia.
- Access to and an invitation to submit exhibits on the Virtual Exhibit page, featuring exhibits of textiles, art and other forms of creative expression. Please visit our website at [www.bolivianstudies.org](http://www.bolivianstudies.org) to learn more about this unique organization, and to sign up as a member. The BSA is a member-driven organization, and invites suggestions, input, announcements and other content from members. With your participation, we can create a strong and unprecedented sense of scholarly community, collaboration, and the advance-ment of knowledge of Bolivia. Please also feel free to contact me, Nicholas Robins, Ph.D., President, at [info@bolivianstudies.org](mailto:info@bolivianstudies.org), or 919-490-6937 if you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can help "grow" this new organization.
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## **TRAVEL GRANTS TO ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.**

**1. The Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut** is offering research grants for travel to Storrs, CT to work with the collections in Archives and Special Collections here. (See below for general information and link to application, etc). Remember that UConn has a variety of excellent specialized collections for study of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain. A great opportunity. Darlene Waller, Latin American & Caribbean Specialist, University of Connecticut Library, Storrs, CT, 860-

486-1148 darlene.waller@uconn.edu

## **2. Dodd Travel grant info:**

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/Doddcentre/ASC/pages/travelgrant.html> The Archives & Special Collections of the University of Connecticut Libraries, housed in the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, support the research of scholars throughout the United States and from abroad. Sigmund Strochlitz Travel Grants are intended to encourage use of these unique collections and to provide partial support to outstanding scholars who must travel long distances to consult them. Grants are awarded twice each year, on a competitive basis, to promising graduate students and to established scholars who plan to conduct research at the Dodd Center.

**Awards:** Awards up to \$500 are made to graduate students and post-doctoral students; established scholars are eligible for awards of up to \$1000. Approximately \$3,000 in grants are available each year.

**Selection:** Travel grants are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants selected by a committee composed of Dodd Research Center staff and University of Connecticut faculty. The committee attempts to approve awards in a number of subject fields reflecting the strengths of Archives and Special Collections: Alternative Press, American Literature, Business History, Connecticut History, Children's Literature, Hispanic Culture & History, Human Rights, Labor History, Natural History, and Nursing History. Criteria for selection include the significance of the individual's research project, his or her scholarly research credentials and letters of support, and an identified need to use the Dodd Center collections.

**Travel Grant Recipient Responsibilities:** Travel grants recipients agree to conduct their research at the Dodd Center as indicated in their proposal, agree to meet with University faculty and library staff to discuss their research, and give a public lecture within their specified academic discipline.

**Application Process** Awards are advertised electronically and printed in scholarly publications. Application deadline for travel during January-June is September 1; for travel occurring between July-December is February 1. Awards are announced on October 1 and on April 1 respectively. Hispanic History & Culture Collections info. <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/Doddcentre/ASC/latin/hispbroc.html>

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## **ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF BRITISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS**

We are seeking contributors for a forthcoming 2-volume project, The Encyclopaedia of British-American Relations (Oxford: ABC-Clio). The project is designed to provide readily-accessible information about the most important historical, cultural and political relations between Britain and the Americas from the first encounter up to the present day; the subject matter is multidisciplinary. The unifying factor for such a wide-ranging, ambitious project is the crucial focus on the British-American connection at the heart of each entry. Scholars working in any area of British contact with North America, South America, or the Caribbean who are interested in contributing to this project are encouraged to contact one of the editors, with an indication of your research interests and academic background. We welcome enquiries from postgraduate students. Please do not send attachments. contact; Dr. Will Kaufman, Reader in English and American Studies, University of Central Lancashire, UK. E-mail: [wkaufman@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:wkaufman@uclan.ac.uk) and Dr. Heidi Macpherson, Senior Lecturer in English, University of Central Lancashire, UK. E-mail: [hrrsmacpherson@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:hrrsmacpherson@uclan.ac.uk).

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## **LATINAMERICA PRESS**

We at Latinamerica Press are pleased to inform you of our new internet-based resources, tailored to the demands of educational institutions, libraries and students with an interest in Latin America and the Caribbean. Based in Peru, Latinamerica Press publishes independent news and analysis in English and Spanish. For more than 30 years our subscribers, who include the likes of Noam Chomsky and Eduardo Galeano, have enjoyed reliable coverage and insight into social justice issues that are hard to find in the mainstream media. Our new website builds on the strong foundations laid by Latinamerica Press over the years. We have a growing archive of articles and features, updated three times a week, which is searchable by country, theme, author or keywords. Articles are linked to other related materials held in the archive.

Our country pages offer key data on countries throughout the region while our database of statistics, updated every two weeks, pools together in one place the kind of Latin American stats you could spend hours tracking down elsewhere. It is also possible to download PDF or text-only format copies of our bi-weekly 12-page printed bulletin. Our IP access facility offers educational institutions campus-wide access, allowing any number of people from the same institution to simultaneously use the website.

Latinamerica Press is an invaluable educational resource. With years of experience in the countries they cover, our correspondents offer students and educators alike an insider's view of issues, trends and people shaping current events in the region. The Spanish version can help English speakers hone their language skills. Latinamerica Press is a non-profit organization, which is reflected in our system of pricing. I encourage you to visit us at [www.latinamericapress.org](http://www.latinamericapress.org) to try out these new resources for yourself. Free week-long trials are available on request. Please direct replies to: David Shanks, **Information Network Facilitator** [dshanks@acana.org.pe](mailto:dshanks@acana.org.pe)  
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## **REFLECTIONS ON THE RECENT ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE IN THE COLOMBIAN PACIFIC.**

**Non-violent resistance in a context of civil war: Colombia's black communities facing guerrillas and paramilitaries.**

Understanding Colombia's internal conflict and its terrible and painful manifestations has become an almost impossible task, in spite of the increasing number of analyses provided by the so-called *violentólogos*, expert analysers in issues of violence. Colombia must be the only country in Latin America where one feels safer in the cities than in the countryside, where paramilitary massacres, guerrilla attacks and kidnappings are the order of the day. Not one day passes where the national media do not report on massacres and human pain of indescribable extent.

Powerful guerrilla movements and right-wing paramilitary groups fight a dirty war in the rural areas over territorial control, although only rarely do they engage in direct military confrontation with each other. The peasants are typically caught up in this conflict and bear the brunt of it, in that they are accused by both sides of supporting the other. Massacres, intimidation and spreading terror among rural populations become the principle strategies of paramilitary groups to 'dissuade' local peasants from supporting the guerrillas. As a result, the countryside is slowly being evacuated by unprecedented levels of peasant displacements to the cities. The right-wing paramilitaries' self-proclaimed aim is the destruction of the guerrillas, and in the perverse logic of Colombia's dirty war, this means killing anyone who is remotely suspected of sympathising with the latter: a category which includes intellectuals, left-of-centre politicians, union workers, university professors, radical students, NGO workers, social movement leaders, peasants and lately also comedians.

The popular and much-loved Colombian comedian Jaime Garzón, who was 'suspected' to have been involved in the 'peace process', was shot dead in his car on 13 August 1999 by *sicarios*, hooded assassins on a motorbike, the common way of eliminating unwanted intellect in Colombia. One year later, in August 2000, the head of the paramilitary organisation AUC (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia), Carlos Castaño, was declared to be responsible for the killing by the National Prosecutor. However, Castaño only appears in TV interviews and not in court to defend himself.

Within this national context of violence and terror the social movement of black communities organises in defence of territorial rights on the Pacific coast region which the state has officially granted, but is unable to guarantee in practice. For example, the representative of the first community council in the Pacific coast to be granted collective territorial rights was assassinated, probably by paramilitaries. My own fieldwork sources told me how on 12 February 1998 a black community leader in Nariño was assassinated while carrying out the population census in one of the territories to be titled collectively. The assassins were apparently known to him and to the community, and they left a note with the body: 'For hassling us with Law 70'. As so often in Colombia, impunity won out over justice, and the people responsible for the killing were not found, although there is a widespread consensus that the murder

was arranged by the companies that exploit African palm for palm oil in the area. They had suffered a setback to their activities in a court case where Law 70 was applied to show that they had illegally felled 800 hectares of forest to plant African palm trees. The murder was seen as a revenge and a form of intimidation to other community leaders in the area.

On 10 May 2000, right-wing paramilitaries of the AUC (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia) entered the community of Zabaletas on the river Anchicayá on the Pacific coast near Buenaventura, killed twelve people, kidnapped four others, and burnt numerous houses down.

Two days later the Process of Black Communities PCN distributed the following statement via email: “ The black communities of the Colombian Pacific have been fighting for the right to legalise their collective lands together with the right to administer them autonomously and in agreement with their traditional practices and values. The Colombian constitution recognises this right through Law 70 of 1993. The grassroots organisations of the river Anchicayá have advanced significantly in their land titling process. The collective appropriation by the black communities of the Colombian Pacific is seen as a threat by those who maintain an interest in capitalising on the enormous natural wealth of the area, which includes: valuable and highly commercial tropical timber, gold and the potential of establishing intensive commercial cropping. [...] The ancestral rights of the black and indian communities, reflected in the constitution, are seen as an obstacle to this exploitation and development. Under the false pretext that these communities are collaborating with the guerrilla, violence and intimidation are used to displace them forcefully and debilitate their grassroots organisations.”

In this context, what does it mean for non-violent resistance such as the social movement of black communities when seeking to organise and to defend their territorialities? What strategies are these organisations to adopt in confronting violent actors such as paramilitaries and guerrillas? How can their territories be meaningfully defended? These issues are increasingly affecting the organising processes of black communities on Colombia's Pacific coast and must be urgently addressed.

As a PCN activist wrote to me in a personal email commenting on the massacre in the river Anchicayá: “We cannot simply run away, can we?” Affirming territorialities in a non-violent way can be fatal in this context. In fact, we can observe changing landscapes where places acquire new meanings in terms of a changing sense of place and the articulation of specific geographies of fear. Taking the case of the river Anchicayá, its sense of place seems to have shifted from one of poetics and beauty as expressed in don Agapito’s poem *El puerto de Buenaventura*, to one of fear and terror after the paramilitaries’ massacre.

**El puerto de Buenaventura**

*un puerto bien venturoso,  
donde apegan los navíos  
y los hombres de reposo.*

*El puerto de Buenaventura,  
¿cuándo estaremos allá?  
viendo muchachas bonitas  
que bajan del Anchicayá.*

(recorded with don Agapito Montaña, Guapi, 23 April 1996)

Whereas don Agapito talks about the beautiful girls that descend from the river Anchicayá onto Buenaventura, the news of the massacre tells us of murder, burnt houses, disappeared and displaced people. These are the new geographies of fear being produced in Colombia which are increasingly difficult to confront for black communities in their legitimate struggle for cultural and territorial recognition.

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**THE LAND QUESTION IN BRAZIL:  
is the Cédula da Terra project the solution?**

Brazil is one of the most extreme cases of skewed land distribution in South America. In rural areas of Brazil, as in other developing countries, land is a primary means to generate resources for survival. One of the principle obstacles to development of rural areas in Brazil has been the concentration of land in the hands of the few. The land question and agrarian reform are thus of considerable importance on the Brazilian political agenda.

The paper by Mancini, A., and Pallas, S., (December 2001), *The land question in Brazil: is the Cédula da Terra project the solution?*, ISPI, Milan, 103 p. will begin by defining a rationale for land reform, and then give an overview of the existing literature on rural development and the role of land reform

- in chapter 1; different approaches to land reform will be explained in detail
- chapter 2. To put these theoretical arguments into an empirical context,
- chapter 3 will briefly revise the history of land reform in Brazil before concentrating on the two terms of the current Cardoso government.
- chapter 4 will then analyse the new approach to land reform promoted by the current government with the support of the World Bank (WB), the Cédula da Terra (CdT or Cédula) project.

This new type of land reform will be examined in detail in order to emphasise its difference to previous reforms, its advantages and disadvantages, and to point out problems inherent in the project as well as criticisms made by other actors in land reform. The aim of the paper is to find out how applicable different types of land reform – in particular the market-assisted approach – are in the Brazilian context, indicating also the future prospects of reaching a substantial redistribution of land via land reform, and how the policy measures undertaken by the Cardoso with respect to land redistribution have and will influence not only the efficiency of agriculture but also the socio-economic rights of its population.

The article will be published as an ISPI working paper. ISPI (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale) is a private institute working closely with the University of Bocconi in Milan, Italy. The paper can be obtained through the following website: HYPERLINK <http://www.ispinet.it> www.ispinet.it

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## **NUMERO ESPECIAL DE LA REVISTA DEL CESLA, NO 3, UNIVERSIDAD DE VARSOVIA**

Las derechos humanos de las latinoamericanas: el cuerpo importa. Numero especial de la *Revista del Cesla*, No 3, Universidad de Varsovia, saldra a la venta aproximadamente en abril del 2002, en Polonia. El volumen recoge discusiones decandente actualidad tales como la violencia domestica en Cuba y Nicaragua y del estado contra las mujeres en Chile, Argentina y El Salvador. Tambien, recoge el abuso sexual como expresion del poder de genero; la larga lucha de las feministas en Brasil y la realidad de los ninos de la calle en ese pais; el uso de la nueva tecnologia por la redes feministas, con una discusion acerca de su eficacia en acciones urgentes de solidaridad (quince temas son debatidos); contiene poemas y cuentos y da detalles de la accion politica de las lesbianas durante al dictadura chilena, el rol de la familia en la educacion de la mujer proletaria y las demandas de las mujeres indias y campesinas en Mexico, entre otros.

Ofrece homenajes a la recientemente asesinada ex monja mexicana y abogada Digna Ochoa y a Jacky Roddick; provee el discurso de la comandante zapatista Esther al parlamento mexicano y de la Dra. Carrio al argentino durante el debate de los derechos reproductivos. Contando entre las autoras a conocidas especialistas en paises tales como Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Francia, Espana, Inglaterra, Nicaragua, USA, Canada y Honduras.

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS: INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

**1. *Economic And Social Progress In Latin America: competitiveness: the business of growth.*** The Research is pleased to announce the publication of the latest issue of its newsletter Latin American Economic Policies, Volume 15. Third

Quarter 2001. This issue of Latin American Economic Policies draws on research conducted for the 2001 edition of *Economic and Social Progress in Latin America* entitled *Competitiveness: The Business of Growth*. The newsletter focuses on the importance of labor productivity to competitiveness and looks at issues related to education, training programs, labor market regulations and labor relations. Latin American Economic Policies is an economic policy newsletter published by the Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank. The newsletter reports on recent research on major economic and social problems affecting Latin America and the Caribbean.

English Version: <http://www.iadb.org/RES/news/Eng3Q-15.pdf>

Spanish Version: <http://www.iadb.org/RES/news/Spa3Q-1.pdf>

If you want to know more about other RES publications, working papers and our newsletter, please visit us at: <http://www.iadb.org/res>

**2. LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH NETWORK BOOKS:** The Research Department is pleased to announce the publication of its latest books in this series:

1. *Defusing Default: Incentives and Institutions*, Marco Pagano, Editor. Defusing Default examines the problem of default in various countries throughout the Americas as well as public and private means of encouraging repayment of debts.
2. *Diagnosis Corruption: Fraud in Latin America's Public Hospitals*, Rafael Di Tella and William D. Savedoff, Editors.

Copies of *Defusing Default: Incentives and Institutions* and *Diagnosis Corruption: Fraud in Latin America's Public Hospitals* can be purchased from the IDB bookstore at <http://www.iadb.org/exr/pub/index.asp> or by e-mail at: [idb-books@iadb.org](mailto:idb-books@iadb.org) If you want to know more about other RES publications, working papers and our newsletter, please visit us at: <http://www.iadb.org/res>

### **JORGE DISSONÂNCIA: composer, singer, and guitar player**

The composer Jorge Dissonância has been considered an excellent musician due to the singularity of his dissonances, his interpretations, the poetry and the melody on his songs. During the year of 2000 were produced two CDs with his songs: The first, "**BEM**" is a thematic work where water related issues are presented as food, ways of transportation, as a "super-creature" and also simply as the element water, claiming for preservation. The other CD, named "**CAÍPE**", has eleven songs by the

composer. Here he mixes rhythms from northeastern part of Brazil, from Brazilian African influences, from Bossa Nova, and also from the American Jazz and Blues. In Brazil he is considered a Jazzman. Please contact Eliane Velozo, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brasil, [evcolibri@hotmail.com](mailto:evcolibri@hotmail.com)

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### **NEW BOOK: on the Yanomami debate**

In an occasional paper, *The Yanomami and the Ethics of Anthropological Practice*, Dr. Terence Turner analyzes the treatment of the Yanomami (an indigenous people of Venezuela and Brazil) by anthropologists and other researchers that led to the writing of Patrick Tierney's exposé *Darkness in El Dorado* and the controversy that followed the publication of the book. Turner, a former member of the American Anthropological Association's (AAA) Ethics Committee and Committee for Human Rights, and Head of the AAA's 1990-1991 Special Commission to Investigate the Situation of the Brazilian Yanomami, offers an intensive critical study of the ethical issues raised by the Yanomami controversy that has rocked anthropology and the scientific establishment. Based on extensive new research and a synthetic reexamination of existing texts and data, this work addresses larger issues such as the intersection between ethics and science, and has implications beyond anthropology and the Yanomami. Price US \$10.00 plus p&p per copy. Contact Mary Jo Dudley, Associate Director, Latin American Studies Program, 190 Uris Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 USA, Fax: 607 255-8919.

### **LIBRARY NEWS: GRANTS AND JOB VACANCY**

**LIBRARY RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS:** The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida is again offering library research travel grants to use the UF Latin American Collection in Summer, 2002. contact: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/lac>  
Please forward this on to interested students at your institutions.

### **CANNING HOUSE LIBRARY - LIBRARY & INFORMATION OFFICER**

An enthusiastic qualified librarian is required to work in our Library specialising in

Latin America, Spain and Portugal. The successful candidate will have the ability to work across a range of professional tasks as part of a small and dynamic team. As we are involved in major IT developments it is important that candidates should have a fundamental grasp of automated library systems. Good level of Spanish and/or Portuguese are essential, as well as knowledge of Latin America and Iberia. For more details. Please e-mail: Carmen Suárez, Library and Information Manager, Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PJ [www.canninghouse.com](http://www.canninghouse.com)

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### **FIESTA MUSIC ON CD**

A fine selection of fiesta music from Peru has been collected by Peter Cloudsley and is now released on CD by Pepe Chiriboga, Soqta Estudio, Lima, Peru Tel: (511) 440 4381. This CD reflects recording work over the last 20 years, from 1980 until 2000 and has 61 tracks from fiestas, carnival, and pilgrimages in the departments of Cusco, Apurimac, Puno, Cajamarca, Ancash, and Amazonas. With many fiestas changing out of all recognition, because of changing patronage, the stress of tourism, political manipulation, new inroads made by television and a new market economy, and altering attitudes to fiestas, many of the earlier recordings are now unique. This is a fascinating selection and will certainly appeal to anyone with an ear for Peruvian music and feeling for indigenous community spirit and Andean culture.

### **INSTITUTIONAL NEWS & SEMINARS**

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- 21 Jan           Olivia Harris, Goldsmiths College, University of London  
                   *The myth of conquest: polarity & politics in Spanish Latin America*
- 28 Jan           José de Souza Martins, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil  
                   *State & agrarian movements in Brazil: the new actors are becoming old*

- 4 Feb Asdrúbal Baptista, Simón Bolívar Professor & IESA, Caracas,  
*State, 'Rent' capitalism, & society in 20<sup>th</sup> century Venezuela*
- 11 Feb Estela Erausquin, Université de la Sorbonne, Paris IV  
*Redefining the nation on the centenary of Argentine independence*
- 18 Feb Celia Brading, University of Cambridge  
*William Miller, 1795-1861: liberator & historian of Latin American Independence*
- 25 Feb Andrew Canessa, University of Essex, Colchester  
*My husband calls me 'india' when he beats me: gender, conflict & ethnic identity in highland Bolivia*
- 4 Mar John Haslam, Centre of International Studies, University of Cambridge  
Vivian von Schelling, University of East London  
*Reflections on modernity & popular culture in Latin America*

#### **VISITORS 2002**

- **Prof Asdrúbal Baptista**, Simón Bolívar Professor 2001-2, IESA, Caracas.
- **Dr. Adrián Gorelik**, Programa de Historia Intelectual, Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **Dr. Graciela Silvestri**, IDEHAB/CONICET, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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**[http:// www.cedla.uva.nl/ceisal-2002](http://www.cedla.uva.nl/ceisal-2002).**

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

Preliminary Programme, and information on this major conference can be obtained from the above address.

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#### **UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW: CENTRE FOR LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH**

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### **STAFF NEWS:**

**Des Gilmore** is currently on three months study leave in Brasil based in the Depto. de Fisiologia e Farmacologia, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife. There he is continuing long-term collaboration with Professors Carlos Peres da Costa and Denia Fittipaldi Duarte on the physiology of the three-toed sloth. The work is being supported by The Royal Society. The principal purpose of this visit is to complete the preparation for publication of papers describing circadian variation in patterns of movement and factors affecting cardiac and respiratory function in sloths. Another study being initiated is the investigation of reproductive function in sloths through the monitoring of gonadal hormones in the faeces. This non-invasive method of following the reproductive cycles, is obviously preferable to other research techniques requiring the collection of blood and tissue samples from animals at post-mortem. The latter study involves collaboration with Dr. Bernadete de Souza at the Universidade Rio Grande do Norte in Natal. Professor de Souza has been monitoring faecal gonadal hormone levels in marmosets over a considerable period of time. A short course in Neuroendocrinology will also be presented to under-graduate and postgraduate students in the Departamento de Biofisica e Radiobiologia at the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco. In January a visit will be made to the Departamento de Fisiologia at the Universidade Federal de Sergipe in Acaraju to present a seminar on the endocrinology of reproduction.

**Peter Flynn** will return to Brazil to carry out further research on the second government of Fernando Henrique Cardoso, which will be partly funded by the Carnegie Trust

**Brian Pollitt** will carry out fieldwork in Cuban cane-farms and sugar mills to appraise recent agro-industrial developments in the sugar economy. In March-April 2002, supported by a grant from the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland,

**Sabine Pallas**, postgraduate student, is about to publish an article on market assisted land reform in Brazil with a researcher at ISPI, an Institute for International Politics in Milan. The article will be published as a working paper.

### **INSTITUTIONAL NEWS**

On 16 October 2001, Glasgow University was visited by Drs Mario Oliva Suarez and Jose Lavandero Garcia, Vice-Rectors respectively of the University of Havana and of the Instituto Superior Politecnico " Jose Antonio Echeverria" of Havana. Their visit was sponsored by the British Council to promote exchange and collaboration Between academic institutions in Cuba and Scotland. Representatives of the Universities of Aberdeen, Robert Gordon and Strathclyde, as well as James Watt College, also took part in the Glasgow-hosted discussions.

Plans to develop relations between the Universities of Glasgow and Havana in particular complement the recent expansion of commercial and civic ties between the two cities. Havana has been visited by representatives of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, for example, which has in turn received a delegation headed by Cuba's Minister of Basic Industries. During reciprocal visits by Glasgow's Lord Provost and the Mayor of Havana, the possibility of twinning the two cities was considered. The visit to Glasgow University of the two Cuban Vice-Rectors itself coincided with the "Cuba Si" cultural festival, held over the period 10-24 November and sponsored for the second successive year by the Glasgow City Council. Initiatives to encourage research and other forms of collaboration with Cuban academic and professional institutions have already been taken by individuals or departments in diverse faculties within Glasgow University. They include: exchanges between the Department of General Practice and Cuba's Ministry of Public Health; the undertaking of elective studies in Cuban hospitals by students from the Faculty of Medicine; the carrying out of a joint research project by the Department of Immunology and Biochemistry and Havana's "Carlos Finlay Institute"; and several members of the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences have longstanding research interests in Cuban history, culture and political economy. In the spring of 2000, the Glasgow's Principal and the Rector of Havana University established a formal basis for the further development of such academic links by signing an official Exchange

and Collaboration Agreement embracing the fields of teaching, research and administration. In the sphere of student exchange, a modest beginning was made in Session 2001-02 by Glasgow's Department of Hispanic Studies which, within its compulsory Year Abroad scheme, sent a student to take language, history and cultural courses offered, free of tuition fees, by Havana University. Ways and means to expand such arrangements on a more reciprocal basis are currently being considered within Glasgow University and proposals arising will be discussed directly in Havana in the spring of 2002.

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- 1 Feb Lucy Taylor, Aberystwyth  
*Political culture and citizenship in Latin America*
- 8 Feb Catherine Boyle, King's College, London  
*Murmuraciones: the only spaces for memory in Chile*
- 15 Feb Latin American Liverpool
- 1 March Andy Thorpe, Portsmouth  
*Globalisation and the sustainability of world fisheries: a view from Latin America*
- 8 March Raúl García Heras, Buenos Aires  
*Argentine economic policy after the fall of Perón*
- 15 March Philip McLean, Director, Canning House  
*Cuba at the Millennium*
- 22 March Jenny Pearce, Bradford  
*Complex violences in Latin America: the case of Colombia*
- 29 March Katie Wright, Liverpool  
*Women and microenterprise activity in Peru*

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Feb 15	Workshop: Economic History
Mch 21–22	Workshop: Peruvian History
May 2–3	Conference: The Bolivian Revolution at 50
June 7	Conference: Contemporary Change in Mexico: the impact of the Fox administration

Full details of Conferences, Workshops and Seminars is published on the Institute's website which is updated regularly with new information and 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)).

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## UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: LATIN AMERICAN SEMINAR SERIES 2002

### Inter-Faculty Seminars in Latin American Studies

Roscoe Building, Brunswick St, (Social Anthropology) Room 4.7.

Tel: 0161 275 3998 <http://wwwart.man.ac.uk/Lacs>

29 Jan Andrew Canessa, University of Essex.

*Title TBA*

12 Feb James Dunkerley, University of London.

*"Seeing the Elephant". Some Thoughts on Modernity and the Historiography of the Americas'.*

26 Feb Nikkie Craske, University of Liverpool.

*Women and the Political Transition in Mexico: Some Thoughts*

These seminars are aimed at people from any discipline who are interested in aspects of Latin American Studies. This year, the seminars will be held in the Department of Social Anthropology. Students and staff are all welcome. Check <http://wwwart.man.ac.uk/Lacs> for up-to-date information about the seminars and Latin American Cultural Studies at Manchester University. These seminars take place at 5.00 pm in Room 4.7, 4th floor, Roscoe Building, Brunswick Street, Manchester

### NEWS

**Professor Catherine Davies and Dr Hilary Owen** (Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Manchester) have been awarded a large 5 year AHRB grant (stlg332,312) for research on 'Gendering Latin American Independence: Women's Political Culture and the Textual Construction of Gender 1790-1850'.

**Dr Claire Brewster** has been appointed postdoctoral Research Associate on the project, and **Charlotte Liddell** as a postgraduate student who will be carrying out research on this topic in connection with Brazil. If you are interested in collaborating in the project or would like to receive updates on work in progress, please contact [b309@cam.ac.uk](mailto:b309@cam.ac.uk)

**Professor Jean Franco**, emerita at Columbia University, will be awarded an honorary degree at the University of Manchester 4th March 2002. The ceremony will begin at 5.30 with a lecture by Professor William Rowe (Birkbeck College). Everyone

is invited. Formal invitations will be sent out nearer the time. For further information contact [catherine.davies@man.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.davies@man.ac.uk).

### **THE NEW LATIN AMERICANISM: CULTURAL STUDIES BEYOND BORDERS**

Manchester's Centre for Latin American Cultural Studies will be hosting a major international conference in June, with the theme "The New Latin Americanism: Cultural Studies Beyond Borders." The conference has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of the University of Manchester, the Institute of Latin American Studies, London, and the Canada Blanch foundation. Confirmed speakers include Heloisa Buarque de Hollanda (Programa Avancado de Cultura Contemporanea, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro), Julianne Burton-Carvajal (Literature, University of California, Santa Diamela Eltit (Santiago de Chile), Nestor Garcia Canclini (Anthropology, Universidad Autnoma Metropolitana, Mexico), Neil Larsen (Spanish and Portuguese, University of California, Davis), and Alberto Moreiras (Literature Program, Duke University), among others. For more details, contact Jon Beasley-Murray, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Manchester, [jon.beasley-murray@man.ac.uk](mailto:jon.beasley-murray@man.ac.uk) or Patience Schell, [patience.aschell@man.ac.uk](mailto:patience.aschell@man.ac.uk), or check our website, <http://wwwart.man.ac.uk/Lacs>

### **SYMPOSIUM: PHOTOHISPANIC IDENTITIES: CALL FOR PAPERS**

University of Manchester, 12 September, 2002

This is a one-day symposium where speakers are invited to present papers dealing with the photographic representation of and search for identity in the Hispanic world. Among others, possible topics of discussion are: Photography and history; Realism and representation; Portraiture; Documentary; Landscape; Anthropological; Photography; Art and Photography; Nationalism and Photography; Travel and Photography; Gender, Sexuality, Race, and Photography; Self-Representation; Photography and Cinema; Digital Photography. Speakers will be asked to present chapter-length versions of their papers for inclusion in a volume based on the symposium. To present a paper, please send a 500-word proposal and title, as well as a short biography to: Dr John D. Perivolaris, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL ,

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- 22 Oct–3 Feb      Exhibition: Ashmolean Museum  
*Opulence and Devotion: Brazilian baroque art,*
- 22 Oct – 3 Feb      Exhibition: Pitt Rivers Museum, Ashmolean Museum  
*Acts of faith: Contemporary Brazilian photography*
- 18 Jan              *One day symposium: 'Brazilian art and architecture of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries' to be held at the Ashmolean Museum*
- 28 Jan              *One day workshop: 'The changing nature of business-state relations in Brazil: strategies of foreign and domestic capital'*
- 1 Feb                *One day symposium: 'Popular religion and visual culture in Brazil' (in association with the Pitt Rivers Museum) at the Ashmolean Museum.*

The Centre is planning a full programme of academic activities, details of which can be seen on its web site. ([www.brazil.ox.ac.uk/acaprog/html](http://www.brazil.ox.ac.uk/acaprog/html)) Weekly seminars are held at the Centre for Brazilian Studies, 92 Woodstock Road at 5.00pm.

**UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP IN BRAZILIAN STUDIES**

(in the disciplines of economics, political science or sociology/social anthropology)

Applications will be invited for this new post, tenable from 1 October 2002, based at the Centre for Brazilian Studies. Candidates should have a doctorate in economics, political science or sociology/social anthropology in relation to Brazil, an outstanding research record or potential, and a strong publications record. They should also have a proven track record in graduate teaching and be able to teach a range of graduate courses in their chosen discipline.

The person appointed will be expected to work with the director in the development of the Centre and to generate academic activities which will attract income. He or she

will be expected to contribute to postgraduate teaching, for example to provide courses on Brazil within existing programmes. A college fellowship will be attached to the lectureship. Details of this post will be available early/mid January 2002.

People who wish to receive further information should contact the Centre Administrator, Mrs Margaret Hancox [margaret.hancox@brazil.ox.ac.uk](mailto:margaret.hancox@brazil.ox.ac.uk) who will send this out in the New Year. Website: [www.brazil.ox.ac.uk](http://www.brazil.ox.ac.uk)

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