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## *Dear SLAS Member,*

This *SLAS Newsletter* coincides with the end of Lula's first year in office as President of Brazil. It has been an interesting year. George Soros admitted that he had been wrong in predicting, should Lula be elected, a crisis of the magnitude of Argentina in December 2001. Analysts of Goodman Sachs and *The Financial Times* also had to revise opinions which contributed to Brazil's currency losing 40% of its value by the first round of elections. Lula and his team have stuck by their commitment to be conciliatory and to honour commitments already made. The agreement with the *IMF* has been renewed, high interest rates maintained, pension and tax reforms have been skilfully steered through Congress.

All this comes at a cost. High interest rates make much harder the task of stimulating the economy and cutting record rates of unemployment. Critics to the left of Lula and his team have just been expelled from the party, while other prominent members have left in protest. A crucial test will come in the local elections in October, but a recent *CNI/Ibope* poll shows that Lula would still win election on the first round, while *Datafolha* reports 42% still approving of him and his government.

Lack of progress in social reforms, despite *Fome Zero*, is the main source of criticism. There is general support in the area of foreign policy and trade policy. Lula has followed Cardoso in voicing Latin American interests, through *Mercosur*, especially in his working with Néstor Kirchner, but also in relations with Venezuela, Bolivia and Peru. Negotiations over the *Free Trade Area of the Americas* will be an acid test in the coming months. The Summit just ended, in Miami, with its attendant violence, is only the first round in what will be a prolonged contest.

***Elizabeth Allen***

***Editor of the SLAS Newsletter.***

## **PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT!!**

**Deadline for material to be included in the April 2004 Issue of the  
SLAS Newsletter, Issue No. 78, will be midday on 15 March 2004**

### **Material and contributions:**

Please send all material for inclusion in email, text only format, to Karen Hegyi at  
khegyi@geog.gla.ac.uk

Even if your news is only provisional, at that date, please send in your contribution and an  
address where readers can get in touch, nearer the time of the event, to check the details

### **Virus attacks : please help.**

The *SLAS Newsletter* received a severe virus infection at the end of 2002, despite having a  
protection scheme installed. This was received through email attachments and took a great deal  
of time to clear, with many files being lost and the virus passed on inadvertently to others. We  
apologise for this.

Therefore, we would much appreciate your help to try and avoid this in the future.

***Please, wherever possible, include your material into the body of your Email. If you cannot  
do this, please run your material through a virus checking system before sending. We do  
hope you will understand and do your best to help us. Many thanks.***



## **Anniversary Conference, 1964-2004**

2-4 April 2004, Leiden, The Netherlands. [www.slas.leidenuniv.nl](http://www.slas.leidenuniv.nl)

This year SLAS celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its foundation in 1964. For this special occasion SLAS will 'go continental': for the first time its Annual Conference and AGM will be held outside the UK. Leiden University and the Department of Latin American Studies (TCLA) will host the Conference on 2-4 April 2004 in Leiden, The Netherlands. We are expecting to welcome some 200 participants coming from Britain, The Netherlands, the rest of Europe, and the Americas. We invite all SLAS members and Latin Americanists in general to join us in Leiden to celebrate four decades of the existence of our society.

The SLAS Conference 2004 will consist of 40 sessions in which Latin Americanists from Britain, The Netherlands, the rest of Europe, and the Americas will present papers on a large variety of subjects (see list of panels, below). We are now in the process of listing all the papers to be presented at this academic event and making a provisional timetable of sessions and rooms. We hope to be able to place that information on the web-site at the beginning of January.

The Conference will be held at the facilities of Leiden University, in the core of the [historical city centre](#), with many interesting places to visit. Participants will stay at [Holiday Inn hotel](#) in Leiden, for a conference fee that remains at normal SLAS conference levels (on a double room basis). See for the different conference fees the Registration Forms at the Conference's website: [www.slas.leidenuniv.nl](http://www.slas.leidenuniv.nl)

We remind all the participants that, due to strict contractual obligations with the hosting hotel, the absolute deadline for receiving a booking with accommodation is 15 January 2004. On that day we will make the final reservation for

accommodation only for those participants from whom we have already received their payments. After that day you will have to find accommodation on your own. Please note that Leiden has a limited number of hotels.

In addition, at the time of Conference, the 'flower season' will already be under way. This attracts thousands of tourists, making it almost impossible to find a free room in Leiden and surrounding towns. So if you already know you are coming to Leiden, please fill in the registration form and pay the fees now to guarantee your accommodation. Please note that there are two different registration forms (one for UK residents and one for the Rest of the World).

Although the selection process of panels and paper proposals has now closed, we kindly invite all those interested in just attending the Conference as a public to register as soon as possible (see registration form on the website).

We hope that Leiden 2004 will contribute to the consolidation of a solid bridge between British and 'Continental' Latin Americanists and will be a place to start new academic initiatives at individual and institutional levels. After 40 years of activity, the SLAS 2004 conference will also represent a moment of reflection about the achievements of the last decades and the many challenges lying ahead.

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## **2004 SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: FINAL LIST OF PANELS**

The SLAS Conference 2004 will consist of 40 panels in which some 300 Latin Americanists from Britain, The Netherlands, the rest of Europe, and the Americas will present papers on a large variety of subjects. In this section you will find all the panels which have been finally accepted. We are now in the process of listing all the papers which will be presented at this academic event and making a provisional timetable of sessions and rooms. We hope to be able to place that information on the web site at the beginning of January.

### **1. Political Violence and the Construction of National Identity**

Organiser: Dr Peter Lambert, University of Bath [p.w.lambert@bath.ac.uk](mailto:p.w.lambert@bath.ac.uk)

The panel will explore the relationship between political violence in its many forms and the construction/creation of national identity in either dissident or hegemonic form in any one country in Latin America (although a specific region may also be acceptable). Within the context of the relationship between national identity and political violence, we will encourage participants to focus on one or more of the following themes in any Latin American country: the construction of a public national identity and nationalism in political discourse; the role of narrative, myth, symbol and landscapes in public discourse/literature; the manipulation of national identities for political purposes; the reinvention of narratives of political violence for political purposes; the roles of gender, ethnicity or class; the socio-political role of nationalist discourse.

### **2. Building Democracy: Latin America's Political Class**

Organiser: Dr Laura Tedesco, University of East Anglia [l.tedesco@uea.ac.uk](mailto:l.tedesco@uea.ac.uk)

This symposium aims to analyse the role of the political class in building democracy in the region. It will address various issues, including, but not limited to: the role of the political class during the authoritarian period and in the transition process; the democratic values of the political class; the relationship between the political class and the business sector; the relationship between the political class and foreign governments/institutions; the building of democratic institutions. Ideally, the debate should be as geographically wide-ranging as possible. If you would like to contribute to this session, please contact me (before the 31st of October 2003) with a title and a short summary (150 words) of your proposed paper.

### **3. Tiempo e Imagen en América Latina**

Organizador: Prof. Luz Rodríguez Carranza, Universidad de Leiden

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Este panel propone interrogarse sobre la manera en la que la literatura latinoamericana participa en una transformación antropológica radical: la desaparición de la conciencia histórica, la coincidencia de pasado y futuro en un presente inmediato. En este 'presentismo', que ha sido constatado por

investigadores de diferentes disciplinas, nos encontramos con un rechazo de toda forma de continuidad entre momentos aislados. Lo mismo sucede con las fuertes imágenes de los relatos nacional populistas y con las manifestaciones de la identidad personal. Ya no hay novela histórica, ni vieja ni nueva: ya no hay historia. Se invita a presentar propuestas de ponencias, tanto reflexiones teóricas como análisis de casos particulares.

#### **4. Indigenous Peoples, Democracy, Development and the State in Latin**

**America** . Organiser: Dr Rachel Sieder, ILAS, London [rachel.sieder@sas.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.sieder@sas.ac.uk)

This panel invites papers examining the relationship between indigenous peoples' organisation and political and social change in Latin America. During the 1980s and 1990s processes of economic and legal globalisation shaped the emergence of indigenous peoples as national and transnational actors in Latin American politics. During the 1990s reform of the state to accommodate indigenous peoples' demands was initiated in a number of countries, resulting in what Van Cott has termed a new 'multicultural constitutionalism'. This panel aims to look at contemporary processes and challenges affecting the recognition of indigenous peoples rights in practice and to take a critical look at the 'new multiculturalism'. Papers are invited on a range of topics, including: politico-administrative reform, indigenous peoples' participation in electoral politics and social movements, natural resource claims, legal pluralism, new development paradigms such as 'ethnodevelopment', and the international and transnational dimensions of multiculturalism in Latin America.

#### **5. Local Politics, Popular Participation and Democratic Governance**

Organiser: Dr Kees Koonings, Utrecht University [C.G.Koonings@fss.uu.nl](mailto:C.G.Koonings@fss.uu.nl)

In the course of democratic transition and consolidation experienced by many Latin American countries over the past two decades, political and administrative decentralisation has made local (and regional) political arenas more salient. At the same time, increased popular and civil mobilization spurred by democratic politics have sought to widen access to political power and public policy at these levels. In many cases, this has led to new and often innovative 'designs' for the relationships between politics, the state, and civil society and grass roots forces. This panel invites contributions to discuss recent examples and modalities and to

assess factors that shape success but also limitations and failure. Among the latter one could think of factors such as institutional flaws, conventional elitist, clientelistic or patrimonial political culture, persistent social exclusion, or social and political violence.

## **6. Latin American Literature: Analyses and Debate**

Organiser: Dr Victoria Carpenter, University of Derby [V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk](mailto:V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk)

The forum invites papers in English and Spanish on a variety of issues in Latin American literary studies. It is hoped that at least three distinct subject threads will form the basis for individual sessions and the final roundtable discussion.

This year, a particular attention is paid to the representation of violence in Latin American literature. Cross-disciplinary papers are also welcome. The topics to be covered by the forum include, but are not limited to, the following: literary representations of historical events; subalternity in Latin American literature; gender issues in literature; intertextual and/or crosscultural analyses; and close readings of individual works.

## **7. Agrarian Transformations and Rural Livelihoods in Latin America**

Organiser: Dr Cristóbal Kay, Institute of Social Studies [kay@iss.nl](mailto:kay@iss.nl)

Latin America's rural sector has experienced major transformations since the implementation of structural adjustment programmes and the shift towards neoliberal policies in the last few decades. Globalisation and transnational agribusiness are also powerful forces reshaping the region's countryside. This panel seeks to explore the nature of these changes and their impact on rural livelihoods. What are the characteristics of Latin America's new rurality?

What have been the responses of farmers and peasants to the new challenges of neoliberalism and globalisation? These are some of issues and questions to be discussed. You are invited to submit proposals to this panel on these, or similar, topics.

## **8. Ordinary People's Politics: reflections on the past 40 years**

Organiser: Dr Lucy Taylor, University of Wales Aberystwyth [lt@aber.ac.uk](mailto:lt@aber.ac.uk)

This panel seeks to explore how the political participation of ordinary people has changed since 1964. The aim of the panel is to reflect with a medium-term

backwards glance at the development of politics since the hey-day of class conflict and statism, identifying the contours of change - and, importantly, continuity. We welcome papers on all regions of Latin America and the Caribbean. Paper givers might consider responding to questions such as: How have power relations changed over this period? Are ordinary people more or less powerful; has this power somehow changed? What has been the effect of 'including' women? How should we understand the development of ideas like citizenship or democracy? What about the changing relationship between the people and the state? How does 'race' fit into these changes? Indeed, how has the academic approach to the study of ordinary people's politics changed over the past 40 years? We look forward to hearing your ideas.

### **9. Music, Dance and Identity in Latin America**

Organisers: Prof. Peter Wade and Dr Emily Walmsley, University of Manchester  
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This panel is intended for scholars wishing to present recent work on the relationships and intersections between music, dance and identity in Latin America. Topics might include the relationship of music and dance to: national, ethnic, racial, gender and class identities, embodiment, (transnational) processes of migration and hybridisation, creativity and mimesis. Please send proposals for papers to Emily Walmsley on [emilywalmsley@aol.com](mailto:emilywalmsley@aol.com).

### **10. Natural Disasters and Social Disruption in Latin America**

Organiser: Dr. Susann Ullberg, Stockholm Univ. [susann.ullberg@socant.su.se](mailto:susann.ullberg@socant.su.se)

Natural hazards, such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes or flash floods are quite disruptive events (like hurricane Mitch in Central America, floods in Venezuela, earthquake in Mexico city, to just mention some cases in point). Hazards are embedded in social order, economic and political structure, which forge people's vulnerability. Hazards are also embedded in cultural practices for which categories such as class, gender, race, citizenship, profession, ethnicity play significant roles when it comes to developing coping strategies and practices that create resilience to such events. How do people in disaster prone areas cope with them? How has political and economic history in Latin American countries framed disaster management? What are the roles played by organised civil

organisations and other social networks, and by the state when it comes to disaster management? How do natural disasters affect communities' subsistence in shorter and longer terms? How does disasters relate to mayor development processes in these countries? Papers are welcome in both Spanish and English.

**11. New Trends and Perspectives in the Historiography on Getulio Vargas and his Era, Fifty Years after his Suicide.** Organiser: Dr Jens Hentschke, University of Newcastle [j.r.hentschke@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:j.r.hentschke@ncl.ac.uk)

From the outset of his presidency, F.H. Cardoso declared his administration would bring about the end of the Vargas era in Brazil. Did he succeed? The realisation that not only the military had failed in the 1980s but half a century of developmental nationalism, technocratic modernisation strategies, and self-styled social democracy made historians and social scientists look afresh at the legacy of the former dictator-turned-populist, his and his proteges' normative ideas, and the origins and nature of his regime.

Under democratic conditions, critical research has become possible again and new methodologies have been applied. New archival sources have become available within Brazil (police archives) and outside (COMINTERN). This panel invites papers who address the new trends, themes, and perspectives in the historiography on Vargas and his era but also reveal the lacunas which still exist.

**12. Social Policy in Argentina**

Organiser: Dr Camila Arza, LSE, [c.a.arza@lse.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.arza@lse.ac.uk)

The panel will explore the characteristics of social policy programmes and outcomes in Argentina. It will be focused on the identification of main turning points in social policy making in a country which has gone through a significant process of economic and social restructuring during the last decades. Social policy is conceived broadly as any formal and informal arrangements which directly affect the well-being of the population. The panel will concentrate on the production and outcomes of formal systems and informal networks of social protection, as well as on the social implications of broader economic policies. It welcomes papers from a broad range of disciplines dealing with either the social

policy-process (history and determinants of social policy formation) or the social outcomes of policy (effects on poverty alleviation and social development).

**13. New Focus on Security in Latin America: Urban Violence and Territorial Disputes.** Organiser: Prof. Dirk Kruijt, Utrecht University [d.kruijt@fss.uu.nl](mailto:d.kruijt@fss.uu.nl)

With the consolidation of democratic governments from the mid-1980s, the security agenda is slowly shifting from the classical national defense agenda to other missions such as the 'war on drug' and international terrorism. We also observe a change towards more internally oriented security themes such as containment of urban violence and urban armed actors, drug warfare in urban slums, etc. This has stressed the focus on 'urban no go areas', on non-conventional and 'civilian' intelligence gathering, and a more explicit emphasis on police interventions against territorial disputes, drug related gang war, youth gangs (maras), etc. The participants of the workshop will contribute with thematic papers and specific case studies.

**14. Contemporary Colombia and Venezuela: Conflict, Interventionism, and Competing Visions of Democracy.** Organiser: Dr David Raby, University of Liverpool [dlraby@liv.ac.uk](mailto:dlraby@liv.ac.uk)

In recent years both Colombia and Venezuela have been the focus of media attention, Colombia because of its ongoing internal conflict and the US-sponsored 'Plan Colombia', and Venezuela because of the upheavals associated with the rise to power of President Hugo Chávez and his 'Bolivarian Revolution'. It also appears at times as if the two countries are on a collision course, with Colombia espousing the free-trade neoliberal agenda and welcoming US intervention, while Venezuela leads hemispheric opposition to the FTAA and faces the open hostility of the Bush administration because of its independent line and friendship with Cuba and the OPEC countries. Both the Colombian media and government have repeatedly accused Venezuela of sponsoring the Colombian guerrillas, an accusation indignantly denied by Caracas; and Chávez supporters in Venezuela accuse the Colombian authorities of collaborating with US plans to destabilise the Bolivarian revolution.

### **15. Scholarship on the Cuban Revolution: Always Behind the Facts?**

Organiser: Prof. Gert Oostindie, KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies [Oostindie@kitlv.nl](mailto:Oostindie@kitlv.nl)

Ever since the collapse of the Soviet bloc the imminent demise of the Cuban Revolution has been announced: enthusiastically by the regime's opponents, more cautiously and detached by many within the scholarly community. Yet despite rampant crisis in the early 1990s and at best modest recovery since, there has been nothing of a regime change and only limited economic reform. In early 2003, an unusual harsh crackdown on the frail Cuban dissident movement confirmed the determination of Fidel Castro and his inner circle not to allow significant political reform. Whence Cuba now? How long will Fidel hold on, and will anyone be capable and, once in power after el líder máximo, willing to prolong the present policies? What do Cubans themselves really expect and hope for? Just like those studying the Kremlin two decades ago, scholars today still have a hard time establishing what is really going on in Cuba. This panel addresses not only the question 'Whence Cuba?', but also the evident diagnostic and prognostic limitations of scholarship on the island.

### **16. The State, the Military and Politics in Latin America, 1850-1950**

Organiser: Dr. Alejandro San Francisco, Universidad Católica de Chile  
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This session aims to analyse the presence of the armed forces in Latin American politics between 1850 and 1950, a period in which the military played an important role in many of the continent's national governments. This historic approach becomes particularly necessary, considering the processes of democratization that Latin America experienced at the end of the 20th century, which frequently do not consider the politico-military "tradition" of large amounts of data and profound roots. This panel will look at the problem from an historic perspective and focus on cases that led to political participation of the armed forces and the militarization of politics during the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century in Latin America.

National Identities in Latin America from Independence to the Present Day

Organiser: Dr Nicola Miller, University College London [nicola.miller@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.miller@ucl.ac.uk)

My idea would be to start out with a 'state-of-the-art' review of current thinking on the topic (which I would probably do myself) and then to discuss new research in a series of sessions on a thematic basis. I would hope that papers would be offered from people working on a wide range of periods and countries, so that we can have a broadly-based comparative discussion of a set of questions that are relevant to many people's work.

### **17. Human Rights and Solidarity in Contemporary Latin America.**

Organiser: Dr Marta Zabaleta, Middlesex University [m.zabaleta@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:m.zabaleta@mdx.ac.uk)

Departing from the approaches traditionally used to analyze and explain human rights' violations and social injustices derived from unequal gender, race and class relations in Latin American societies, this panel will explore new forms of those phenomena, with emphasis in ways of counteracting their effects. Also, new concepts of solidarity will be proposed, and the strategic importance of Latin American Studies emphasised. The need to reinforce and expanding its approaches- both in theoretical and practical terms, such as a new multicultural, multidisciplinary dialogue in the Interamerican and European contexts, as proposed by CEISAL's Presidency at the ICA 51 in Santiago de Chile, will be central to the discussion.

### **18. The Uses of Culture in Latin America**

Organiser: Dr Jon Beasley-Murray, University of Manchester

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This panel proposal invites offers of papers dealing the way in which culture intersects with and is taken up or reframed in other fields, such as the political, the economic, the legal, and so on. 'Culture' is here envisaged as a broad range of productions and activities from 'high' culture (literature, art) to 'mass' culture (film, shopping), 'traditional' cultures (indigenous, folkloric), 'popular' cultures (testimonio, graffiti), and hybrid variations and combinations in between. The concept of 'use' may also be interpreted widely: from elite or nationalist appropriation of the folk, to culture as resistance and memory of trauma; from the projection of Latin American identity on a global scale, to the definition of particularistic enclaves of locality.

### **19. La Memoria y el Olvido del período de los regímenes militares**

Organiser: Dr Mario Aguilar, St. Mary's College, University of St Andrews

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This panel considers the social memory of the period of military regimes in Latin America. It suggests that, in order to understand what happened and why it happened, a social memory needs to be constructed, described, and interpreted. Aspects of such memory include Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, history and historiography of the period, literature, music, cinema, monuments, human rights groups and all genres that create and re-create a contemporary memory. Participants in this panel have themselves helped to construct this social memory through their academic work, sometimes a memory that is personal and painful. However, it is also important to remember the forgotten and that which has purposely been omitted. Thus, the memory of a society becomes a text, in which authors, readers and critiques contest their own interpretation of the past, in the present and for the future.

### **20. Mestizajes in Latin America**

Organiser: Dr David Lehmann, University of Cambridge, and Dr Fiona Wilson, University of Copenhagen [adl1@cam.ac.uk](mailto:adl1@cam.ac.uk), [fiona@ruc.dk](mailto:fiona@ruc.dk)

This panel is based on a broad construction of mestizaje, exploring the many different meanings of the concept and its reflexivities, in fields such as ethnicity, religion, politics, literature, art and music. One perspective focuses on the breaching and recreation of frontiers: everyday cultural practices in circumstances where those involved are aware of the question of origins (for example in colonial religion); the revindication of tradition and heritage which appear to give new life to mestizaje even while attempting to escape or avoid it; the incorporation of transnational influences in Latin American religion, music and art; kitsch as (possibly) one of Latin America's distinctive contributions to global style, and the constant interplay of high and low culture, with all its refractions and self-conscious irony, elevating mixing itself into a valued element in artistic creativity. Another perspective, by no means in conflict with the former, insists more on disjunctures, on the thickening and even sharpening of old and new frontiers, of mechanisms of exclusion in labour markets and in the arrangement of public spaces.

**21. Gender, ethnicity and nation in Latin American Cinema**

Organisers: Dr David Wood, King's College and Dr Claudia Arroyo, University of London [David.m.j.wood@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:David.m.j.wood@kcl.ac.uk); [florsilvestre42@hotmail.com](mailto:florsilvestre42@hotmail.com)

This panel examines the relationship between social ideologies and films from and about Latin American countries, from the silent period to the present day. It asks how both commercial and non-commercial cinemas have either reinforced or subverted the mainstream narratives that underpin local, national or transnational identities, with a particular focus on narratives of ethnicity and gender. The panel aims to cover as many national cinemas as possible. Textual analyses of individual or groups of films are welcome, as well as studies theorizing on discourses about Latin American cinema.

**22. Popular Mobilisation and Political Change: Civil Society Responses to Political and Economic Crisis.** Organiser: Dr Ana Cecilia Dinerstein, University of Bath, [A.C.Dinerstein@bath.ac.uk](mailto:A.C.Dinerstein@bath.ac.uk)

In recent years, the Latin American region witnessed the failure of neo-liberal programmes and high levels of popular mobilisation combined with new community responses to the political and economic crisis, most of them developed in non institutional forms. This symposium is dedicated to discussing the nature and significance of popular mobilisation for political change by looking at the various forms of civil society responses to crises. This includes: i) the emergence of new as well as the revitalisation of traditional forms identity, mobilisation, participation and organisation; (ii) national and international networks (participation in World Social Forums); (iii) the relationship of civil society with the local and national states (iv) the re-conceptualisation of civil society and democracy. The symposium aims to gather a large, geographically diverse, sample of papers on these themes.

**23. What happened to the Mexican Revolution?: Contemporary Mexican Politics in Historical Perspective.** Organiser: Prof. Abdiel Oñate, San Francisco State University, USA [onate@sfsu.edu](mailto:onate@sfsu.edu)

This panel invites papers examining the political, economic, and social changes occurred in Mexico during the last 30 years, with special emphasis on how the

project of the Mexican Revolution of 1917 and its ideological tenets, have been replaced by a discourse and practices in the liberal tradition. Since 1994 in particular, and as part of the "democratic transition", events in the country have provoked a reaction from those who see the country moving farther and farther away from the historical reference of the Mexican Revolution. Ideally, the debate will touch on a number of themes relevant to the topic, and we expect a lively discussion.

**24. Cambio social, medios de comunicacion, consumo y cultura de masa en las nuevas democracias latinoamericanas.** Organizadora: Prof. Angelina Peralva, Universidad de Toulouse II [atperalva@worldonline.fr](mailto:atperalva@worldonline.fr)

Este panel propone interrogarse sobre la actual dinámica democrática latinoamericana, a partir de la hipótesis de una coexistencia problemática entre situaciones definidas a la vez por una fuerte integración cultural (elevación generalizada de los niveles de educación, impacto de los medios de comunicación, del consumo y de la cultura de masa, nuevos modelos de organización de la familia) y por desequilibrios y desigualdades sociales que persisten en los diferentes países del continente. Se tratará de examinar las formas que asume actualmente esa coexistencia problemática, y las nuevas exigencias que ella plantea desde el punto de vista de las condiciones de funcionamiento de la democracia, a partir notadamente de los casos de Brasil, México, Argentina y Chile.

**25. Outsiders in urban space**

Organisers: Dr Christien Klaufus and Dr Jacobijn Olthoff [j.olthoff@fss.uu.nl](mailto:j.olthoff@fss.uu.nl)

This session explores the ambiguous position in Latin American urban society of those social categories which often are referred to under the heading of 'the other'. 'The other' is a rather broad concept, which we would like to use here for those groups which although formally part of society, at the same time are being pushed towards the fringes of that same society. In the session, our aim is to move beyond a merely socio-economic interpretation of exclusion and fragmentation and to link more obvious variables for exclusion (such as class or ethnicity) to new ones (such as transnational migration or age).

Concrete questions are: How and why do processes of 'othering' occur in today's Latin American cities, and how do the 'othered' groups cope with their position? In the session there is room for both case studies based on empirical notions about one or more outsider groups in Latin American urban space, and for papers addressing 'the other' in urban space at a more theoretical level. Papers already programmed for presentation will address the positions of lower class teenage girls in Lima, Peru and of transnational migrants in Ecuador. We invite other scholars who feel affinity with the theme to send in paper proposals.

**26. Rebellion in their Veins? Social Movements and Political Mobilisation in Bolivia 1780-2004.** Organisers: Dr Sian Lazar, University of Cambridge and Dr John-Andrew McNeish, Comparative Research on Poverty Programme (CROP), Bergen [SL360@cam.ac.uk](mailto:SL360@cam.ac.uk); [john.mcneish@sif.uib.no](mailto:john.mcneish@sif.uib.no)

Over the last year Bolivia has been convulsed by a series of mass demonstrations, which have resulted in a series of violent confrontations between the country's majority indigenous population and government security forces, and the resignation of President Sanchez de Lozada. This panel will draw upon anthropological, historical and social science research to explore the connections between recent events and a rich tradition of ethnic politics and rebellion in the Andean region. We invite papers that focus on key moments of rebellion in Bolivia - the Tupac Katari and Zarate Willka revolts as well as the upheavals of 2000-2003 - in order to nuance current explanations for the recent crisis and draw attention to the root causes of social conflict in Bolivia, such as colonialism, persisting racial prejudice and severe inequality. We invite papers in both Spanish and English.

**27. Anthropological and Historical Perspectives on Subject, Community and State.** Organiser: Dr Ariadna Acevedo, University of Warwick

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The study of state-building and state-society relations continues to stimulate academic research and remains a key issue in current politics. Drawing from recent interdisciplinary work on the subject, this panel will take a historical and anthropological perspective to assess the response of specific subjects and/or communities to state policies. Special attention will be given to the cultural and

everyday aspects of state formation. Papers will present theoretically informed case studies of any Latin American country or region, for any period of history up to the present. Currently, themes include the process and consequences of the interaction between individuals, communities, social organisations and state agents during the implementation of agrarian and educational policies in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in rural indigenous regions of Mexico, Brazil and French Guyana. It is hoped that papers on other policies as well as other periods and Latin American countries join the panel. Papers are welcome in Spanish and English.

### **28. Friendship and Masculinity in Latin American History**

Organiser: Dr Patience A. Schell, University of Manchester

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Friendship is a universal human experience, and is an essential glue to societies, found in the realm of politics, work, family and, most obviously, social life. While friendship binds individuals and groups together, its presence has been largely unnoticed in the historiography of Latin America. In part the invisibility of friendship must be blamed: there are no legal contracts to create friendships or official documents to end them. Yet, like marriage and *compadrazco*, this most common and flexible of relationships possesses a history that varies depending on place, culture and gender. In the 2001 double issue of the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, Thomas Klubock calls for histories of 'homosocial' spaces, of bars, single-sex clubs, markets and prisons to 'complicate and expand' our notions of patriarchy while going beyond the assumption frequently evident in the historiography not only of heterosexuality but also of heterosexual social relations. Inspired in part by Klubock's call, this panel will explore notions of friendship and masculinity across diverse time periods, regions and stages.

### **29. Development Theory and Practice: Perspectives from Latin America**

Organiser: Dr Katie Willis, Royal Holloway, University of London

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This panel will consider the ways in which experiences from Latin America can inform debates in development theory and practice. Possible topics include: the role of post-colonial or post-development theory in a Latin American context;

possibilities of participatory development practice; transnationalism in development practice; constructions of Latin American development 'problems' by external agencies; poverty reduction as the international development focus; empirical papers on specific development projects or approaches. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to offer a paper.

### **30. Local and Regional Development in Latin America**

Organisers: Dr Paul van Lindert and Dr Gery Nijenhuis, Utrecht University

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This panel aims to discuss recent experiences of local and regional development in Latin America at different levels of scale and in a comparative perspective. After decades of almost singular attention to the role of markets and free trade and investment flows as the main preconditions for (aggregate) economic growth and development based on comparative advantages, academic interest is shifting again to the role of specific geographical factors and social-political impediments to balanced regional and local development. Neo-institutionalism and the 'cultural turn' in economics and other social sciences bear testimony to this reappraisal. As a consequence, the regional and local (community-; participatory-; governance-) perspective on development emerges as a particularly promising one. This panel invites papers to discuss current transformation processes that are taking place in and between villages, cities, urban neighbourhoods, metropolitan areas (etc.), distinguishing between endogenous and exogenous forces of change (the local-global nexus).

### **31. Social Mobilization in Lula's Brazil**

Organiser: Dr Kathryn Hochstetler, Centre for Brazilian Studies, Oxford University

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Since its beginnings, the Workers Party (PT) in Brazil has had a strong foundation in organized civil society. As the PT heads the national executive for the first time, this presents considerable opportunities and challenges for its traditional power bases. The papers in this panel examine the relationship(s) between the PT and social movements as they have unfolded during the first year of Lula's administration. Papers already included will cover neo-corporatist, human rights, and civil society organizations.

### **32. Gender (in)equity: are we getting there?**

Organiser: Dr Jelke Boesten, University of Amsterdam and Dr Nikki Craske, University of Liverpool [J.Boesten@uva.nl](mailto:J.Boesten@uva.nl); [n.craske@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:n.craske@liverpool.ac.uk)

This panel proposes to assess the state of affairs in relation to gender (in)equity in Latin America. The 1990s saw increasing legislation in favour of equality in opportunities in work and political participation; of increasing women's freedom to determine their own course of life in laws of divorce, improved fertility control, and against domestic violence; and in access to resources such as education and health care. Most Latin American countries signed important international treaties in relation to the rights of women and installed a governmental institution that deals with women's issues in order to prioritize and speed up the process of transformation. However, what has been the impact of these measures? To what extent are laws effectively implemented? To what extent can laws and national programs influence actual gender relations? Do international treaties contribute to national legislation and observance of women's rights? Up to what point does society take up the ideas behind gender equity? To what extent can official programs influence gender (in)equity if it does not combat other forms of discrimination (based on 'race', ethnicity, sexuality) as well? What do recent case studies show in relation to gender (in)equity?

The panel intends to present several papers which study cases of gender (in)equity in order to open a broader debate among its participants. The idea is to discuss the state of affairs in present day Latin America by referring to concrete examples that make comparison possible.

### **33. Organised labour, politics, and the state in 1930s Latin America**

Organiser: Dr Paulo Drinot, St Antony's College, Oxford  
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The 1930s were arguably the key decade in the twentieth century in the struggle to define the character of state-labour and labour-capital relations in Latin America. This panel brings together three papers that examine the relations between state, labour and capital in Argentina, Mexico and Peru. Individually, the papers address issues that are central to the historiography of labour and the state in each of the countries. Collectively, they raise important points, regarding

the role played by state-labour relations in shaping the social and political history of the region in the twentieth century, that are relevant for the historiography of labour in Latin America as a whole

#### **34. Social Policies and Development in Latin America**

Organiser: Dr. Beatriz Schmukler, Inst. Mora, Mexico [bschmukler@mora.edu.mx](mailto:bschmukler@mora.edu.mx)

This session will be focused on a multidimensional analysis of transformations experimented by the contemporary societies in Latin America, on the basis of responses of social policies in the context of neoliberal trends. The main idea is to analyze the challenges of social policies facing inertias and transformations on dynamic social processes in diverse areas. We will focus mainly on: 1) international migration and the new flow patterns from Latin America to the United States and Europe, 2) democratization of family relations and gender roles, 3) development initiatives generated from local spaces facing local and global difficulties, and 4) the importance of social development promoted by higher education institutions. The session will look at the problem of identifying potential public mechanisms to respond to the basic human needs through social policies for development. Regarding this social and political configurations, the panel will explore citizen's and government's challenges to respond to some of the most important Latin American social problems in order to increase people's capacities for development.

#### **35. Inter-Cultural Encounters: Immigrants and their Latin American Hosts**

Organiser: Dr Michael Derham, Univ. of Northumbria [michael.derham@unn.ac.uk](mailto:michael.derham@unn.ac.uk)

Immigration has played an important part in the history of Latin America but there is a comparative dearth of quality academic material on the subject. There is scope for research not only on the nineteenth-century European immigrants of the export boom period but also on previous and later waves, much less well documented, such as the English-speaking West Indians who went to Venezuela in the 1920s to work on the oil sites and caused the upsets portrayed so vividly in the novel *Mene* by Ramón Díaz Sánchez or the African 'Portuguese' arriving in Venezuela in the 1970s. I would be particularly interested to receive papers on isolated colonies such as Colonia Tovar peopled by descendants of Germans from the Black Forest who arrived in the 1850s. How have they survived? What

strategies have they employed? What links have they (re)established with the countries of their birth? What about the agricultural colonies of the nineteenth century but still being established after WWII? Even where evidence exists for arrival the subsequent story has often been lost or forgotten. Family correspondence offers rare but exciting insights into the lives, struggles and survival strategies of many but this is only intermittently available. Consequently, this panel will welcome papers on immigration from any part of the world to any country in Latin America although hoping to concentrate on the republican period. It will especially welcome items dealing with ongoing issues of intra-regional immigration such as Colombians in Venezuela or Bolivians in Argentina, whether from a contemporary or historical focus. Both quantitative and qualitative approaches will be equally at home in this panel.

### **36. Visual Cultures and Identities in Latin American and the Caribbean**

Organisers: Dr John Mraz, Universidad autónoma de Puebla and Dr Eli Bartra, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco [elijohn@infosel.net.mx](mailto:elijohn@infosel.net.mx)

This session will examine the role of different expressions of visual culture in the construction of identities. We hope to consider facets of identity related to nationality, ethnicity, gender, and class. Visual cultures -- traditional, modern and postmodern -- have been fundamental in forging identities in the eminently multi-cultural societies of Latin American and the Caribbean. We hope to include papers on modern visual cultures such as photography and cinema, including such postmodern forms such as digital imagery, as well as traditional visual cultures such as folk art, painting, and architecture.

### **37. 'Doing development': constructing 'experts' in Latin America**

Organiser: Dr Nina Laurie, Newcastle University [Nina.laurie@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:Nina.laurie@ncl.ac.uk)

This panel will focus on the role of expert knowledges in constructing and maintaining neoliberal development imaginaries in contemporary Latin America. It aims to examine the embodied processes of knowledge production in particular careers across a range of sectors and identify the role of 'experts' in legitimating particular understandings of 'good' development. It is anticipated that papers will address the gendered and racialised nature of these processes and examine the tensions around professionalisation.

### **38. The 'non-politics' of water management**

Organiser: Dr Graciela Schneider, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique  
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The "non politics" of water management deals with the mutation and internationalisation since the 1990s. It concerns institutional changes in the management of the resource, of technical systems and of uses with increasing concern for environmental questions. The globalisation of the water question is directed by international organizations and by the water groups. Commodification is at stake and water is considered by some to be the most coveted resource in the XXI century. Latin America water follows this worldwide trend with some significant differences: with 6 % of the world's population it possesses 26 % of the world's water resources. Many big cities (Mexico, Buenos Aires, Santiago, La Paz, Cartagena) have undergone privatisation of their water and sewage systems but access remains unequal. To discuss the water question gives a new picture of the economic, social, political and urban situation of contemporary Latin American societies.

### **Session and paper proposals**

We invite SLAS members and Latin Americanists in general to send proposals for individual papers to the Organisers **straightaway**. Please send it to Gerard van der Ree at [g.van.der.ree@let.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:g.van.der.ree@let.leidenuniv.nl) In order to streamline the format of the Conference and to encourage more interaction among the participants, we urge the organisers of sessions to consider a minimum of 4 papers and a maximum of 8 for their panels (a greater number can be considered of papers if convenors can make a good case for having a larger panel) .

The proposals for individual papers should include the following information: name, institutional affiliation (Dept., University), postal address, e-mail, and telephone number (please also state whether you are a SLAS member).

Proposals should also include a short abstract of the session or paper (up to 150 words). See for a list of proposals already received by the organisers:

[www.slas.leidenuniv.nl](http://www.slas.leidenuniv.nl)

If you are interested in presenting a paper in one of those panels, please *contact the session organiser directly* (not the conference organisers).

### **Registration**

In order to facilitate the registration of participants who are *residents of the UK*, the Conference fees can be paid directly (and only in pounds sterling) to the Society's Treasurer: Please fill the Registration Form 'for UK Residents only' and send it with a cheque payable to 'Society for Latin American Studies' to: David Fox, 22 Bollin Hill, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4AW, tel. 01625 528000.

Participants from *outside the UK* are kindly requested to fill in the Registration Form 'for non-UK Participants', loadable from the Conference's website, and to pay the Conference fees directly to the Dutch organisers.

We remind you that the payment of your fees has to be booked in our bank account before 15 January 2004. Due to contractual obligations with the hosting hotel that day is the absolute deadline for receiving bookings with accommodation. Please keep also in mind that international money transactions take sometime before they are effectuated, particularly in this time of the year (with Christmas, New Year and many holidays). So we strongly advise you to pay your Conference fees before Christmas to be sure that we have received your payment before 15 January 2004.

Due to contractual obligations with the hosting hotel the *absolute deadline* for receiving bookings which include accommodation is **15 January 2004**. After that day you will have to find accommodation on your own. So if you already know you are coming to Leiden, please fill in the registration form and pay the fees as soon as possible to guarantee your accommodation.

### **Travelling to Leiden**

Most international airports in Britain have direct flights to Amsterdam. Fortunately, in recent years these flights have become relatively cheap. Generally the rule is that the sooner you make your reservation, the cheaper the ticket will be.

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport has an excellent train connexion to Leiden (every 20

minutes). The journey takes only 15 minutes for just € 4,50 (£ 3). You can also come to The Netherlands by sea, rail and coach. More information can be found at the Conference' website.

Leiden University has a [Visitors' Centre](#) at Leiden Central Station to provide foreign visitors all the information they require. They will be delighted to tell you how to walk to the SLAS Registration facilities.

The registration (as well as the meetings of PILAS, BLAR Editorial Board, SLAS Committee Meeting, and the Annual General Meeting) will take place at the Faculty of Social Science (FSW) which is at a short walk distance (some 300 metres) from the Leiden Central Station. From there a special coach service will take you to Holiday Inn hotel. The rest of the Conference activities will take place at university facilities at the city centre.

For any further information about the Conference please contact Gerard van der Ree. Remember that session and paper proposals should go to Gerard van der Ree not later than 31 October 2003: [g.van.der.ree@let.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:g.van.der.ree@let.leidenuniv.nl). Please visit the SLAS site on a regular basis for the latest information on the Conference ([www.slas.leidenuniv.nl](http://www.slas.leidenuniv.nl)) *Tot Ziens* in Leiden!

**Patricio Silva, Conference organiser**

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## **NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE SLAS COMMITTEE**

Nominations are invited for candidates for the following posts on the SLAS Committee:

Treasurer	(currently David Fox)
Publicity Officer	(currently Jon Beasley-Murray)
6 Ordinary Committee Members	(currently Andrew Canessa, Sylvia Chant, Nikki Craske, John Fisher, Peter Lambert, Rachel Sieder) All currently serving members are eligible for re-election.

All nominations for elected posts require a proposer and seconder. The nominee, proposer and seconder must be fully paid-up members of the SLAS. The

nominee must have signified his/her willingness to stand. The proposer should send a letter or email, with the name and contact details of the nominee, the post for which s/he is being nominated, confirmation that the nominee has agreed to stand, and the name of the seconder, to: The SLAS Secretary, Victoria Carpenter, DBS, University of Derby, Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GB (email: v.carpenter@derby.ac.uk) by 15 February 2004. The outcome of the elections will be announced at the AGM, 2 April 2004, in Leiden.

### **SLAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004**

The next SLAS AGM will be held on Friday 2 April 2004, during the Leiden conference. The provisional agenda is as follows. Members wanting to add items to the agenda should contact the Secretary, Victoria Carpenter. Agenda

1. Minutes of last AGM (circulated in the current issue of the SLAS Newsletter)
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (details below)
5. Election of Committee members (details in this Newsletter)
6. AOB

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SLAS CONSTITUTION FOR THE AGM, 2 APRIL 2004.**

It was suggested by the SLAS Committee that it would be preferable to stagger the election of the six Ordinary Committee members, so that three are elected each other year. This provides a greater measure of continuity for the Committee. It is proposed that for the six people elected in 2004, the three with the greatest number of votes should serve for 2 years, while the remaining three should serve for 1 year only (all Committee members are eligible for re-election). If no votes are cast, the names of three members will be chosen at random to stand for 1 year only. This proposal will be formally presented to the AGM, 2 April 2004, in Leiden.

## OTHER CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- Amendment of the Constitution following AGM approval on 11 April 2003
- It was agreed at the AGM that the post of Membership Secretary should be abolished and a new post, of Publicity Officer, be created.
- The Constitution needs to be amended to remove all references to the MS. These can mostly be directly replaced with a reference to the PO, as they concern term of office, etc.
- The main entry in the Constitution regarding the MS is regarding the duties of the post and the following amendment is suggested.

### REMOVE THE FOLLOWING:

“v) [the duties of] the Membership Secretary shall be:

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

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

### REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“v) [the duties of] the Publicity Officer shall be:

- to promote the Society and its activities in appropriate circles, with a view to increasing the membership and international standing of the Society.”

It is also suggested that the matter of the supervision of membership matters be added to the duties of the SLAS President in the following way; “to maintain a supervisory function over the administration of the Society’s membership”.

The MS also appears in the Standing Orders as follows:

1. Election of members: a) Persons wishing to join the society shall supply to the Membership Secretary (or his/her approved delegate):

i) a letter or form of application; and ii) such membership subscription as shall have been determined by the Society at an AGM.

b) Members will be deemed to have resigned if:

i) they shall have signified the same to the Membership Secretary (or his/her approved delegate) ii) they shall have failed for one year to maintain their subscription.

It is also suggested MS is replaced with President here.

**Peter Wade, SLAS President. 07/10/2003**

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## **SLAS POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE GRANTS**

The SLAS Committee is pleased to inform postgraduate members that £500 has been made available on an annual basis 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 post-graduate student at a UK university; and giving a paper to the conference.

A grant will only be made towards the cost of travelling from the UK (i.e. not to the conference from another country). Please note that funds are limited and that SLAS can only offer a contribution towards expenses. Send an original and ONE copy of each of the following: An abstract of the paper; A breakdown of estimated costs; A statement of any financial support already available; A letter of support from your supervisor. These documents should be submitted to the Secretary of SLAS and will be considered at a meeting of the SLAS Committee or an appropriate sub-committee. There are TWO deadlines for applications every year: **28th February and 30th September**. A maximum of £250 will be allocated to applications after each deadline. Please submit your application to: Victoria Carpenter, School of Education, Human Sciences and Law, University of Derby Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GB, Tel: 01332-591808. E-mail:

[V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk](mailto:V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk)

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## SLAS POSTGRADUATE TRAVEL GRANTS

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 PhD 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; Financial need.

There is no application form, instead THREE copies of the following must be submitted: Outline of proposed research (max. 500 words) ; Contact address and telephone numbers; Details of qualifications and affiliations; Full details of existing or expected financial support . Applicants must also ensure that TWO academic referees (one would normally be from the supervisor) arrive by the **28 February 2004** deadline.

Completed applications will be judged by a panel composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of SLAS 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 2003 are expected to be £600 each. Applications should be submitted to: Victoria Carpenter, School of Education, Human Sciences and Law, University of Derby Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GB, Tel: 01332-591808. E-mail: [V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk](mailto:V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk)

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## **PILAS**

### **(Postgraduate Students in Latin American Studies)**

**PILAS** is the postgraduate arm of the **Society for Latin American Studies** in the United Kingdom (SLAS, [www.slas.org.uk](http://www.slas.org.uk)). As an organization run by students, we aim to foster the interaction between postgraduate students researching on Latin America from different scholarly disciplines at academic institutions in the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe. However, we have recently had an increasing participation of students from other parts of the world too. Everyone is welcome.

The next PILAS conference will be held at the Department of Politics & International Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom, during the 13 - 14 February 2004. [[See below for more details](#)] Don't miss the chance to be part of this growing network of young Latin Americanists!

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### **Seventh Annual PILAS (Postgraduates in Latin American Studies) Conference**

PILAS usually hold a conference for members in December or January/ February each year. The next PILAS conference will be held at the Department of Politics & International Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, during: **13 - 14 February 2004**. [Room: WCE 0.10 – West Wood Campus] The PILAS Conference serves as a forum to explore Latin America from the perspectives and priorities of a broad range of scholarly disciplines. Affirming our commitment to the value of a multidisciplinary approach, we expect to unravel and understand the complexities and contradictions that have characterised the unique

experience of Latin American politics, culture and society since its origins. Similarly, we are committed to fostering the interest in Latin American issues in the context of British and European universities.

**CALL FOR PAPERS:** Take the opportunity to discuss your research interests in Latin America by presenting a paper on the subject you are currently exploring. You can also come around to simply share your experiences and questions related to research and fieldwork trips among a group of colleague postgraduate researchers. Don't miss the chance to be part of this growing network of young Latin Americanists! Deadline for submission of paper/panel proposals: **19 January 2004.**

**REGISTRATION:** To participate at the PILAS Conference you must first ensure you are a current member of SLAS. For information on SLAS membership, please check the section [How to Join SLAS](#) from the main SLAS web page, [www.slas.org.uk](http://www.slas.org.uk). Please specify if you intend to stay for the two days of the conference, as lodging arrangements need to be considered ahead of time. Send your paper/panel proposal to: Marcelo Saguier at [M.I.Saguier@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:M.I.Saguier@warwick.ac.uk)

### **Latin American Experiences of Globalisation and Regionalisation**

As part of the effort of PILAS to promote the study of Latin America in British and European universities, papers presented at the next PILAS Conference addressing the theme of Latin American experiences of globalisation and regionalisation will be considered for the Working Papers Series of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR) (<http://www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/CSGR/>). Affirming our commitment to a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Latin America, papers from all scholarly disciplines are welcome. CSGR Working Papers are included in the centre's website and thereby gain considerable audiences.

**Marcelo Sanguier, President PILAS**

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**SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2003-12-16**  
**Minutes of the AGM held in Hulme Hall, University of**  
**Manchester, April 11, 2003**

1. Minutes of the last AGM (in the relevant SLAS Newsletter) were approved as an accurate record.

2. President's Report.

This was Will Fowler's second and last report. The President thanked the committee for being supportive, forward-thinking and reliable, and in particular Vice President Peter Wade for overseeing the Society during his prolonged absence, chairing two of the five committee meetings held.

He noted that the Society is as active as ever. Last year's conference in Norwich was a great success with 174 attendees, 16 panels, 48 sessions, 2 plenary speakers, and a surplus of £2000. The Society thanked Rhys Jenkins and the organising team. This year's conference in Manchester was the second SLAS conference at this location in ten years (the previous one was held here in 1993). There were more than 150 attendees, 21 panels, 60 sessions, and 2 plenaries at the conference. The Society thanked the organisers: Paul Cammack, Peter Wade and Jon Beasley-Murray.

The President went on to announce that the next conference will be held at the University of Leiden, Netherlands, April 2-4, 2004. Patricio Silva will preserve all the existing SLAS conference traditions (including the price!). The Chilean embassy and Leiden City Council will both host wine receptions; and the Holiday Inn will provide the accommodation. The Society was reminded to make reservations soon and start organising panels.

So far, there has been no offers forthcoming for the SLAS 2005 Conference. The Committee welcomed any suggestions.

With regards SLAS grants, the President informed the AGM of the following:

1. Four grants were awarded to young Latin American scholars to enable them to attend the SLAS 2003 conference.
2. Seven postgraduate bursaries were awarded to the students giving papers at the present conference

3. The Society awarded two grants for postgraduate students attending conferences abroad; and three more applications were to be considered before the end of the present conference.
4. Seven postgraduate travel grants were awarded last year, and there was a possibility of awarding six this year. The outcome will be made public after Sunday.
5. The Society gave four conference support grants: Manchester, Liverpool, PILAS and St. Andrews.

BLAR's New Home. The President announced that starting this year, BLAR has been given a permanent base - ILAS Liverpool. BLAR has an office and an assistant has been appointed. The Society thanked Nikki Craske for helping make this possible. Blackwell has contributed £3000 towards the costs of the post, and SLAS is providing the rest.

BLAR was also reported to be thriving. There was an increase in institutional circulation by 65%, and a 12.5% increase in the overall return to SLAS. The union with Blackwell is going well.

The President reported that Ronnie Munck was standing down as Senior Editor of BLAR, and thanked him for the great job he has done. He then welcomed Sarah Radcliffe as the new Senior Editor, and Jean Grugel and Jon Beasley-Murray as editors. Nicola Miller remains book reviews editor for a while longer.

Gareth Jones' resignation. Gareth has been membership secretary since 1992, and performed above and beyond the call of duty, for which the Society is very grateful. Since Blackwell took over the subscription matters, the post has become redundant. The committee proposes to replace the post with publicity officer (no longer dealing with subscription matters).

SLAS membership - there are approximately 330 members. Between November and February there is a decrease in the number of members because not everyone renews the subscription promptly. The publicity officer will work on increasing membership.

CCASA and Area Studies. There has been no activity on behalf of CCASA. Considering the importance of area studies organisations, the Society will continue addressing this issue in an attempt to revive CCASA or support alternative Area Studies organisation.

The *SLAS Newsletter* continues to come out even after a major computer virus problem. The President thanked Elizabeth Allen for her work on the SLAS Newsletter and asked the Society not to send the SLAS Newsletter submissions by attachment.

Harold Blakemore Prize. Last year's winner was Nicola Foote. This year, only two entries were submitted; the winner is Michael Goebels. The President reminded supervisors to encourage submissions.

The society is getting more democratic and more professionalised. 2000 Constitution helped, as did Blackwells taking over BLAR. The Society's financial stability allows it to spend more on grants. With the creation of new centres, there is an increase in the interest in Latin American studies. However, the President noted with regret that there was no contest for the elected posts this year. New faces and ideas are needed. Next year, all committee posts are up for re-election; the President encouraged the members to nominate 'new blood' for the Committee.

### 3. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer distributed the expenditure account and comments (2002 and prospects for 2003) to the AGM, noting that the income and expenditure balance were being examined by Tony Bell, new SLAS auditor.

Income: a great financial success of the Norwich conference was duly noted. Subscriptions: there are members who still pay their membership dues directly to the Society, and the money is kept in the informal escrow account. The Treasurer also noted that an advanced contribution towards the new post, plus the 2002 subscription income were included in the budget.

Expenditure: outstanding invoices of BLAR expenditures. More money was allocated for the Blakemore prize, and a generous contribution was given to fund various projects for postgraduate students.

Prospects for 2003: the subscription income will remain similar (from BLAR, subscriptions from Blackwells will increase, and Society will decrease), while the conference surplus might be considerably less. Overall, the Society's income will remain approximately the same as last year's. Expenditure is expected to increase. The overall cost of moving BLAR will be approximately £10000 (including the costs of the new post and the move to ILAS Liverpool).

Increased support to postgraduates, conferences, travel for committee, etc. will contribute to the increase in spending. On the whole, the anticipated expenditure increase is £13874. This year, there may not be any net increase, but there is no cause for concern as the Society's accounts are very healthy. In 2004-5 there might be more financial flexibility. The President passed the BLAR expense summary on to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer invited questions and comments regarding the budget. The meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

#### 4. Vote on constitutional amendment.

A constitutional amendment was proposed to abolish the Membership Secretary and set up the Publicity Officer post (next year to be re-elected) - co-opt for this year, elect next year. The majority voted in favour of the amendment.

#### 5. Election of committee members.

There were three nominations in total for the three posts. The results are as follows: President: Peter Wade; Vice President: Tony Capcia; Secretary: Victoria Carpenter

#### 6. AOB

The Committee will discuss the ways to mark Robin Chapman's contribution to the Society. It was suggested that a new prize be established in his name or an existing project be renamed in his memory. The new committee will address this issue at a forthcoming meeting.

The President called for a minute's silence to honour the memory of Simon Collier.

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## **SLAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004**

The next SLAS AGM will be held on Friday 2 April 2004, during the Leiden conference. The provisional agenda is as follows. Members wanting to add items to the agenda should contact the Secretary, Victoria Carpenter.

### Agenda

1. Minutes of last AGM (circulated in the current issue of the *SLAS Newsletter*)
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (details below)
5. Election of Committee members (details in this *SLAS Newsletter*)
6. AOB

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SLAS CONSTITUTION FOR THE AGM, 2 APRIL 2004.**

It has suggested by the SLAS Committee that it would be preferable to stagger the election of the six Ordinary Committee members, so that three are elected each other year. This provides a greater measure of continuity for the Committee. It is proposed that for the six people elected in 2004, the three with the greatest number of votes should serve for 2 years, while the remaining three should serve for 1 year only (all Committee members are eligible for re-election). If no votes are cast, the names of three members will be chosen at random to stand for 1 year only. This proposal will be formally presented to the AGM, 2 April 2004, in Leiden.

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## **HAROLD BLAKEMORE PRIZE 2004**

The Society for Latin American Studies has an annual essay competition for current or recent (graduated in the year preceeding the submission date) post-graduate students of British universities. The winning essay writer will receive a cash prize (for the 2003 prize the winner received £400). 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. For entry to the competition for 2004, TWO copies of the essay, which should be double spaced and no more than 8,000 words in length, should be submitted to the SLAS President by 6 February 2004. A panel of judges for the prize will be appointed by the SLAS Committee. The winner should be announced at the SLAS Annual Conference, Leiden, April 2-4 2004. For further information and to submit your essay, please contact: Peter Wade, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. Tel: 0161-728-9149. Fax: 0161-275-4023. Email: [Peter.Wade@man.ac.uk](mailto:Peter.Wade@man.ac.uk)

## SLAS MEMBERS NEWS

**Penny Taylor**, SLAS Membership Services Specialist at Blackwell Publishing Ltd

left Blackwell Publishing and her role of Membership Services Specialist on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2003. Rest assured that any correspondence sent to her Email or postal address after November 28<sup>th</sup> will be dealt with accordingly.

For an interim period after this date, please forward all correspondence relevant to membership of SLAS, to **Louise Urquhart**, Membership Services Manager, Blackwell Publishing, PO Box 1269, 9600 Garsington Road, Oxford, OX4 2ZE, UK, Tel: +44(0)1865 476043, Fax: +44(0)1865 471043. *Email:*

[louise.urquhart@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com](mailto:louise.urquhart@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com) Please include the full name of your society in any correspondence and the journal to which you are referring.

This will assist Louise in dealing with your correspondence as quickly as possible.

**Alexander Springer** is an Austrian SLAS member and until recently resident in Vienna, Austria . He has recently been posted to the Austrian Embassy in Madrid.

**George Banks**, retired at the end of August 2003 as Keeper of Ethnology at the Manchester Museum and is currently researching the Andean collection of the Manchester Museum especially modern pottery from Peru and Ecuador. He has recently published an article on Modern potters using preHispanic technology in N Peru and S Ecuador, in Jansen, D.A, and de Block, E.K., (eds) *Colecciones Latinoamericanas Latin American collections, Essays in honor of Ted J.J. Leyenaar*, Leiden, Netherlands, 2003, pp 175-184.

**Oscar Forerro**, at Wye, has moved on and not left a forwarding address – does anyone know where he is now? Similarly, Walter Katajamaki from Liverpool has had his SLAS Mail returned – does anyone know his current address?

## **National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies**

This group is holding a national conference on 16-21 February 2004 and calls for papers. SLAS Members interested in attending should consult the website at [www.naaas.org](http://www.naaas.org) and also speak to Dr Katie Willis ([kwillis@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:kwillis@liverpool.ac.uk)) about the reduced rates which may be available

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## **IT NEWS**

### **1. ONLINE :Health and Education Reform in Latin America**

Documents and Papers on Health and Education Reform in Latin America from the Woodrow Wilson Center Workshops on the Politics of Health and Education Reform in Latin America, held at the Center in April 2002.

LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars [http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?topic\\_id=1425&fuseaction=topics.documents&group\\_id=11306](http://wwics.si.edu/index.cfm?topic_id=1425&fuseaction=topics.documents&group_id=11306)

## **2. ONLINE : Latin America and Caribbean Forest Network**

A network of model forests designed to show how partnerships with local communities and improvements in government policies can lead to effective forestmanagement, environmental conservation, and poverty reduction. <http://www.comminit.com/CommforDevNews/sld-6681.html>

## **3. Prensaescrita <http://www.prensaescrita.com/>**

Provides links to newspapers around the world written in the Spanish language, arranged by country. Also provides country-based newspaper listings for European nations.

## **4. VN Illustrated Database of Mexican Biodiversity**

The VN database offers an insight to the immense biodiversity of Mexico. Organised in topic related sections such as animals, plants and places, it presents a navigable and interactive source of information on biodiversity and conservation related topics.

## **5. Digitalized Rare books about Brazil**

This is the new site of Biblioteca Mario de Andrade, the Public Library of Sao Paulo, Brazil It shows about 120 rare books on Brazil (some 20,000 pages), digitalized in full, and near 5,000 prints and original photographs. The home page is in portuguese, but the navigation is very easy.

<http://portal.prefeitura.sp.gov.br/secretarias/cultura/bibliotecas/marioandrade/0012>

Rizio Bruno Sant'Ana, Biblioteca Mario de Andrade, [rziobruno@uol.com.br](mailto:rziobruno@uol.com.br)

## **6. Ancient Mexico**

(<http://www.ancientmexico.com>), which is maintained by Patrick Olivares, "offers a number of thematic exhibits, primary documents, and images that will provide a good overview of the groups that have lived in this region. ...Particularly helpful ... are the primary documents, which include Hernando Cortes's recollection of his meeting with Montezuma and a poem by Nezahualcoyotl, the poet and king of the Aztec city of Texcoco. " (Reviewed in the SALALM Newsletter, Vol.XXX, no.5, April 2003.)

**7. The testimonies of 881 victims of the 'Dirty War' in Argentina** are available on the website <http://www.nuncamas.org/index2.htm>, together with official documents, reports and verdicts, a list of detention centres, and a bibliography.

**8. Acción Colectiva y Mejoras en Las Condiciones de Vida de la Población Rural:** Hemos publicado en nuestra web de soporte de la conferencia de el documento final de síntesis <http://www.grupochorlavi.org/accioncolectiva/>

**9. Lessons of the 'War' on Drugs for the 'War' on Terrorism.** Discussion Paper ESDP-2002-05, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, June 2002.

#### **10. CONVOCATORIA LAZOS. BOLETIN BOLIVIANISTA**

Contactos : Laurent Lacroix, politologo, [laurentlacroix@netcourrier.com](mailto:laurentlacroix@netcourrier.com)  
Francoise Martinez : [francoise.martinez3@libertysurf.fr](mailto:francoise.martinez3@libertysurf.fr) Se prepara la aparición del boletín bolivianista LAZOS en el Internet. El objetivo es difundir mas amplia y facilmente informaciones de las investigaciones realizadas sobre Bolivia. El principio de esta publicación se basa sobre en sus contribuciones voluntarias y regulares para facilitar el contacto entre todos.

**11. BIBLIOGRAFIA EN LINEA : Poblaciones, Migraciones, Crecimiento Urbano.** Informes, estadísticas sobre población, migraciones, crecimiento urbano con o sin perspectiva de género. Ámbito: Europa, España, Francia, Mundo, Asia, Compilación: Anne le Maignan - Generourban.org Más detalles con todos los enlaces en: <http://www.generourban.org>

#### **12. Population Dynamics in Latin America; 14-05-03**

<http://www.inventariando.com/articulo.php?id=2761>

**13. El número 7 de Revista Theomai** que incluye un dossier sobre "Antysistemic Social Movements" ya está disponible en línea: <http://www.unq.edu.ar/revista-theomai/numero7/index.htm>

**14 CENTROAMERICA : ESTUDIOS HISTORICOS EN LINEA.** La página web de la Asociación para el Fomento de los Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica (AFEHC) ofrece un espacio de intercambio para los estudiosos que se ocupan de la historia de Centro América: <http://membres.lycos.fr/elitesamerique/>  
Coordinadores: Christophe Belaubre: [belaubre@univ-tlse2.fr](mailto:belaubre@univ-tlse2.fr) Rodolfo Hernández: [rodhe@intelnet.net.gt](mailto:rodhe@intelnet.net.gt)

**15. La géopolitique des Indiens du Mexique.** Du local au global Paris, CNRS- Editions, 2003, Danièle Dehouve Contacto e-mai : [dehouve@mae.u-paris10.fr](mailto:dehouve@mae.u-paris10.fr)

**16. Brazilink's new version.** Brazilink: Connecting People, Information and Ideas on Brazil through Electronic Research <http://www.brazilink.org>

**17. TEXTOS EN LINEA : La violencia de Estado (Frances/Espanol) -**  
REVISTA AMNIS EN LINEA : <http://www.univ-brest.fr/amnis/>  
<http://www.univ-brest.fr/amnis/startesp.htm>

**18. Revista electrónica. (ANPHLAC)** La Asociación Nacional de Investigadores de História Latinoamericana y Caribeña (ANPHLAC) - Brasil convoca esta llamada de artículos para su revista electrónica. Antonio Gil – Tom Vice-presidente da ANPHLAC Home Page: <<http://anphlac.cjb.net/>>  
<http://anphlac.cjb.net> E-mail: <[mailto:tom\\_gil@tom\\_gil@uol.com.br](mailto:tom_gil@tom_gil@uol.com.br)>  
[tom\\_gil@uol.com.br](mailto:tom_gil@uol.com.br) Lista de Discussão: <<mailto:anphlac@yahoogrupos.com.br>>  
[anphlac@yahoogrupos.com.br](mailto:anphlac@yahoogrupos.com.br)

**19. DOSSIER COURRIER INTERNATIONAL** Les Indiens aux portes du pouvoir  
44 Millions d'Indiens en Amérique Latine  
<http://www.courrierinternational.com/pdf/cartes/668IndienAmeriqueLatine.pdf>

**20. New website links on BUBL** (<http://bubl.ac.uk/link/updates/current.html>):

**21 Forced Migration Online** <<http://www.forcedmigration.org/>>  
<http://www.forcedmigration.org/> A digital library of full-text journals, articles, and reports on the subject of forced migration. Also contains research guides by

region and a search engine for locating selected relevant resources. (The section on Colombia is at

<http://www.forcedmigration.org/browse/regional/colombia.htm>)

<<http://www.unog.ch/library/other/refugees.htm>>Refugee Bibliography

<http://www.unog.ch/library/other/refugees.htm> Bibliography on the UNHCR's (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) mandate and activities, refugee protection and durable solutions, and refugee situations and forced displacement.<<http://www.unhcr.ch/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home>>UNHCR: UN Refugee Agency <http://www.unhcr.ch/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home> News updates, and a database of documents from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and its information partners.

## **22. DOSSIER ECON ON-LINE : Interpretacion Crisis Argentina**

<http://www.iade.org.ar/iade/Dossiers/dossiers.html>

## **23. ARTICULOS EN LINEA :**

<http://www.iade.org.ar/iade/Dossiers/xq/primer.html>

**24. Domingo F. Sarmiento** Domingo F. Sarmiento's book about general Angel Vicente Peñaloza, the "Chacho", must be counted among the testimonies on the difficulties all too frequently encountered by "civilization" when, in the need to interact with "barbarism", puts its civilized condition at stakes. You may read more about this book by clicking

<http://www.stockcero.com/book.php?ID=553332505> Periodically we will send you news about new titles in our catalogue. If this in some way may bother you please ask to be removed from the newlist by clicking

[academicervices@stockcero.com](mailto:academicervices@stockcero.com) and typing "remove" in the subject line.

**25. Latin American imprints to 1851.** The Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research at the University of California, Riverside is creating a union catalog of Latin American imprints to 1851. With the aid of two grants from the National Science Foundation we have keyed the major bibliographies for Latin American Colonial imprints as well as a number of bibliographies and library catalogs of imprints of the post-colonial period to the end of the hand press era. These

records, totalling nearly 50,000 in number can be searched through the CBSR web page (<http://www.cbsr.ucr.edu/>) by clicking on the CCCILA (Catalogo colectivo de impresos latinoamericanos hasta 1851) icon. Henry L. Snyder Professor and Director Center for Bibliographical Studies University of California, Riverside

**26. Aymar Arux Akhamawa** The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Chicago is pleased to present the electronic publication of *Aymara Language is Like This* By Miguel Huanca

<http://clas.uchicago.edu/publications/aymara/index.html> This valuable resource is now made available at no cost for self-guided language learning of Aymara via the world wide web, complete with digitally-recorded native-spoken dialogues, vocabulary supplements, original literature, and traditional song. The on-line publication of this text can be found on the Center's website at <http://clas.uchicago.edu/thematic/aymara>. This is the second edition of the text.

**27 EN LINEA : CITYSCAPES : Latin America and Beyond (Revista Harvard)**  
Cityscapes: Latin America and Beyond. WINTER 2003

<http://drclas.fas.harvard.edu/publications/revista/cities/tcontents.html>

**28 Diccionario de literatura salvadoreña en línea.** Por una cortesía de la Dirección de Publicaciones e Impresos del Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y el Arte (CONCULTURA), de la república de El Salvador, ya se encuentra en el ciberespacio una versión virtual de mi "Diccionario de autoras y autores de El Salvador", en el que varias personas como ustedes han colaborado o han obtenido información. La dirección en que se encuentra es

[http://www.dpi.gob.sv/sala\\_lecturas/diccionario/portada.htm](http://www.dpi.gob.sv/sala_lecturas/diccionario/portada.htm)

**29. 18th & 19th Latin >American imprints.** Best places, both online and generally, for 18th & 19th Latin Mexico Biblioteca Nacional de México

<http://biblional.bibliog.unam.mx/bib/biblioteca.html>

<http://biblional.bibliog.unam.mx/bib/catalogo/catalogo.html>

UNAM <http://www.dgbiblio.unam.mx/>

Peru Biblioteca Nacional del Perú <http://www.binape.gob.pe/>

Chile Biblioteca Nacional de Chile

[http://www.dibam.cl/biblioteca\\_nacional/index\\_bn.html](http://www.dibam.cl/biblioteca_nacional/index_bn.html)

Argentina Biblioteca Nacional nb. this is Borges' library...

<http://www.bibnal.edu.ar/>

**30. A bibliographic database dedicated to Economics** <http://ideas.repec.org/>

Over 200,000 items of research can be browsed or searched, and over 100,000 can be downloaded in full text. IDEAS uses the RePEc database. RePEc stands for "Research Papers in Economics" and is an internal name for a group working on the provision of electronic working papers.

**31 Available from Assembléia Legislativa do Estado de Pernambuco.** A new, free online resource was (Alepe) that might be of interest. There are two parts: PERFIL PARLAMENTAR-Século XXe which includes sections of women, culture, the history of the Assembléia Legislativa do Estado de Pernambuco (Alepe) with some biographies. The second part under the "Culture" option includes historical documents as follows.

Projeto O Projeto DOCUMENTOS HISTÓRICOS tem como objetivo Catalogação Divulgação do Acervo Documental da Assembléia Legislativa de Pernambuco. Este se inicia pela digitalização (transporte para meio digital) de originais manuscritos e tipografados referentes ao período imperial brasileiro (1822 - 1889). The site: <http://www.alepe.pe.gov.br>

**32. REVISTA EN LINEA : Dossier : Indios y Negros (Brasil)**

<http://www.seol.com.br/mneme/> A revista mneme é uma publicação bimestral do Curso de História da UFRN - CERES - Campus de Caicó. Os artigos encomendados pela revista têm prioridade na publicação. Artigos enviados espontaneamente poderão ser publicados caso sejam aprovados pelo conselho editorial. ISSN 1518-3394 v.4 - n.8 - abr./set. de 2003 Se pueden leer todos los articulos en totalidad. Ver Resumen y acceder a : "Artigo na Integra"

**33. Website Update RECENT PORTUGUESE PUBLICATIONS BULLETIN 38,** with 326 items, has just been added to our website, <http://www.livroraro.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 1,430 titles listed in the database are less than 20% of our present antiquarian stock): if you are interested in an item and do not find it in the on-line inventory, please feel free to inquire.

**34. RARE MEXICAN NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS.** The University of Texas at Austin General Libraries and its Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection have preserved on microfilm 227,930 pages from 560 Mexican newspaper titles which date primarily from 1900 to 1929. The microfilm is available for purchase or through interlibrary loan. For a full description of the contents of the microfilms, see <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/benson/revolutionarymexico/>

### **LATIN AMERICAN NEWSLETTERS (LAN) 2003**

LAN has a portfolio of seven different services and the Latin American special Reports are a key element, covering more detailed analysis than can be provided in their Daily or Weekly Reports. Recent reports have covered Latin America and the 'war on terror'; who's competing for power in Latin America; Debt and external vulnerability in Latin America; political and economic risk in Latin America, and the issue of drugs in Latin America. Previously, these special reports were available in hard copy, more recently there was an option to have computer access, and now only available via the website or email. There are three subscription options now available: you can subscribe immediately by going to the secure website at [http://www.latinnews.com/lsr\\_/LSR\\_2319.asp](http://www.latinnews.com/lsr_/LSR_2319.asp); you may register for a free seven day evaluation via the website; or you can email Joe de Courcy at [CEO@latinnews.com](mailto:CEO@latinnews.com). In 2003, the reports produced by LAN were: -

1. **Who's competing for power in Latin America (SR-03-01)** was published in February 2003, and is 19 pages long. There is an executive summary of the region as a whole, followed by assessments of Argentina, Paraguay, Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, and the statistical background to other contests in St Vincent and the Grenadines, Belize, Dominica, and

Bermuda. Tables show the electoral calendar for 2003, useful for planning the year but also for reminding one of when events happened in 2003, and the electoral statistics for each of the main countries assessed in this report. An invaluable yearly production by LAN which sets the political baseline for events during the year.

2. **Latin America and the US 'war on terror' (SR-03 02)** was published in May 2003, and is 23 pages long. It has an overview of the picture behind some of the catchall labels and the differences between internal violence and external links. The report then considers the situation in Colombia and the impact of the spillover from events there. Peru and the reorganisation of the Shining Path is followed by an assessment of the standoff in Chiapas and the role of the Mexican military. A section on other countries focuses on Cuba, Venezuela, Paraguay and Bolivia, while the last three sections cover Argentina, the Triple Border area, and the trails, sightings, and misinformation about Muslim groups operating in the region. Tables from official sources give details of the current levels of violence in Colombia. This is an essential brief on the current situation and the developments and implications stemming from the US drive against groups that it nominates as terrorist. A report not to be ignored.
  
3. **Is Latin America shifting to the left?** was published in July 2003, and considers the range of election results in Brazil, Ecuador, and Argentina which have raised discussion about political orientation in the region shifting to the left. Detailed accounts follow on Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, El Salvador, and Mexico. The report suggests that asking whether Latin America is shifting to the left may be the wrong question, and that the divide is really between the 'sound' and the 'populist', and the need to satisfy social demands in the individual countries concerned. A table shows the left of centre Presidents from 1982 until 2003. This is an interesting and highly relevant topic with much pertinent information. Another essential synopsis to events and political orientation in the area.

**4. Indigenous people and power in Latin America.** Published in September 2003, 16 pages, this report covers the growing indigenous participation in the region's power structures. Sections consider the general context in which indigenous people, even in areas where they are national minorities, have taken advantage of opportunities to gain a political foothold. Country studies look at the situation in Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, and Colombia. While, as a conclusion, Rodolfo Stavenhagen, the UN's special rapporteur on indigenous rights, paints a grim picture of Indian rights in Mexico and Chile. This report is an interesting development on one published by LAN nearly ten years ago, in June 1994, called *Indians: new factor on the Latin American scene*. This is an example of the value in these special reports, and of the current and also historical interest they provide in highlighting current events in Latin America.

**5. Drugs in Latin America: what kind of turning point?** Published in November 2003, this highly relevant report of 16 pages looks at the interplay between US anti drugs policy and its' efficacy on the ground. Assessments of the situation in Colombia, where the huge amounts of money put into fighting coca production have turned a war on drugs into a real one, in Bolivia, where there has been a market upswing, in Peru, where eradication has failed to stop replanting, and in Mexico, where new cartels have emerged and Colombians have moved in to fill the gaps as Mexican leaders have been arrested. Another important, concise, clear, and informative document which provides materials essential to understanding the new processes at work in the drug trade in the region.

The 2004 academic rates for Latin American Special Reports (6 reports/year) are as follows: English: £225 (business rate: £345); Spanish: £160 (business rate: £276); Reports are available PDF or HTML format and are also able to be accessed via IP address recognition. [www.latinnews.com](http://www.latinnews.com)

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## NEW BOOKS

### FROM MQ PUBLICATIONS

**Barrio, Hilda, and Jenkins, Gareth, *The Che Handbook*, MQ Publications Ltd. London, 8 October 2003, hbk £12.99, pp 432, over 250 b&w and colour images, references, notes, bibliography, index.**

This handbook is organised around the events of Che's life, from child, student, traveller to guerrilla fighter; and then to statesman, ambassador, husband, father, and to international fighter, and finally to the legend. The plentiful and vivid photographs, many of which have never been published before, are a constant illustration of the man about whom the legend developed. This is a most pleasurable book to read and to study. Everyone interested in the politics and modern development of Latin America should have one!

### FROM CUADERNOS DE CEDLA: [www.cedla.uva.nl](http://www.cedla.uva.nl)

**Baud, Michiel, *Intelectuales y sus utopias: indigenismo y la imaginacion de America Latina*, CEDLA, Cuadernos no 12, Amsterdam, February 2003, pbk, E10.00 + p&p. pp93, footnotes and references, no index.**

This book concentrates on the intentions of intellectuals to understand the character of Latin-American society. Four chapters consider the academic, the moral and the political; the decolonization of Latin American history; Indigenismo in Latin America; and Intellectuals and their Utopias.

**Hogenboom, Barbara, Cohen, Miriam Alfie, and Antal, eds. *Cross-border activism and its limits: Mexican environmental organisations and the United States*, CEDLA, Cuadernos no 13, Amsterdam, April 2003, pbk, E10.00 + p&p. pp 98, map and bibliography, no index.**

The rise and development of Mexican environmental NGOs and their cross border relations with the US organisations is the theme of this study. Individual sections address: the NAFTA experience; rise and fall of environmental NGOs along the Mexico-US border; and crossborder relations of Mexican environmental NGO's in Tijuana – San Diego. The study concludes that given the variety of

experiences of the NGOs in this area, it is hard to fit them existing sociological and political theories of globalisation, democratisation and regional integration.

**Van Dijck, Pitou, Nusselder, Hans, and Sanders, Arie, eds, *Microfinanzas en Nicaragua*, CEDLA, Cuadernos no 14, Amsterdam, August 2003, pbk, E10.00 + p&p. pp 116, tables, diagrams, notes and references, no index.**

This volume is made up of five studies of the dimensions of microfinances in rural communities of Nicaragua. They look at the strategies involved, the social and economic impacts, and the dilemmas raised by the development of this new sector. The book is based on studies carried out in 2002.

#### **FROM ECLAC**

***Road maps towards an information society in Latin America and the Caribbean.* ECLAC, Santiago, July 2003, bibliography, figures, tables, and boxes.**

This book was the basis of a ministerial conference for the World Summit held in the Dominican Republic in January 2003. Sections consider the definitions and principles of an information society, Latin America and the Caribbean transition to an information society, and a public policy agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean. The book sets out to address three issues: what kind of information society is wanted? What are the characteristics and traits of the transition to such a society in these areas? What policies can be used to support such a transition?

**Ocampo, Jose Antonio, and Martin, Juan, eds. *A decade of light and shadow: Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990's*, ECLAC, Santiago, July 2003, footnotes, numerous tables, diagrams, bibliography, no index.**

This book looks at the changes taking place over the decade in the region, under the headings of: the global and regional context; connections between internal and external environments; macroeconomic performance; structure and performance of goods producing sectors; infrastructure service sectors; social sectors; creating opportunities for sustainable development; economic and social performance in the Caribbean; and the restructuring of national territories.

**FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY PRESS:**

**Gutman, Mathew C., ed., *Changing men and masculinities in Latin America*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 1 September 2003, pp 418, pbk £18.95, notes, references, b & w illustrations, tables.**

This collection of essays is intended to extend feminist theory and gender studies in Latin America in new directions. The contributions consider: discarding manly dichotomies; Latin American perspectives on masculinity; gender relations in a Brazilian working class neighbourhood; men and their histories – life transitions in urban Mexico; masculinity in a Venezuelan shanty town; male identity in Mexico city; the Mir, masculinity and power in the Chilean agrarian reform 1965-1974; sexuality and revolution; measures of manhood in Brazil 1850 – 1890; changing Chicano/a narratives; political uses of masculinity in Ecuador; masculinity and male homosexuality in Brazil; men at home- Chilean working class fathers; masculinity and emerging male homosexual identities in Mexico; and rape and the politics of masculine silence in Argentina. As a collection that covers a wide range in terms of coverage of the region, it will be of interest to all those concerned with the development of gender studies, and particularly the changing perceptions in the role of men in Latin American culture.

**Taylor, Diana, *The archive and the repertoire: performing cultural memory in the Americas*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, 3 November 2003, pp329, hbk £69.00 pbk £17.50, 109 b & w illustrations, notes, bibliography, index.**

This book sets out to describe a personal intervention in performance studies and in Latin American hemispheric studies, formed during five years at New York University. The contents consider: acts of transfer; reflections on performance and ethnography; memory as cultural practice; false identifications; the DNA of performance; staging traumatic memory; politics of decipherability; witnessing September 11<sup>th</sup>; and hemispheric performances. It will be of interest to those who are researching and working in the fields of political imagery; how traumatic memory is transmitted; and in aspects of cultural identity.

**Salvatore, Ricardo D., *Wandering Paysanos: state order and subaltern experience in Buenos Aires during the Rosas era 1820 –1860*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 31 October 2003, pp 524, 22 tables, map, 25 b & w illustrations, notes, glossary, references, detailed index.**

Based on extensive and intensive archival research, this book weighs the relationship between the rural folk and the provincial state, with an emphasis on class in the form of the country peon. It also considers the often contradictory nature of the relationship between Rosas and the urban and rural masses.

Twelve chapters cover: the ways of the market; cash nexus and conflict; Provincianos paths to work; class by appearance; power of laws; making of crime; experience of punishment; Regiments; deserters reasons; memories of war; rituals of federalism; and subalterns and progress. A detailed and clearly written study, this work will have much to interest all those concerned with Argentine history, urban and rural relations, and military processes.

**Striffler, Steve, and Moberg, Mark, eds. *Banana wars: power, production, and history in the Americas*, Duke University press and combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 6 January 2004, hbk £69.00 pbk £17.50, pp 364, notes, bibliography, tables, b & w illustrations, map, limited index.**

This book sets out to consider the way in which a single export commodity has conditioned society and power in much of the Americas. The book is divided into three sections. The first considers bananas as a global fruit, with contributions on the global trade; links between production and consumption; and the United Fruit Company (UFC) in Latin America. The second section looks at Central and South America. The essays are on 100 years of UFC letters; UFC in British Honduras; UFC, popular struggle and capitalist transformations in Ecuador; the Macondo of Guatemala; and race and ethnicity in the Honduran banana economy 1920's and 1930's. The final section is on the Caribbean and considers globalisation and the banana industry in St Lucia; and the St Vincent Banana Growers Association. The book will have a great deal to interest those concerned with rural production, its control and development, and with

assessment of the means and processes of change in rural economies linked principally to export.

**Saldana-Portillo, Maria Josefina, *The revolutionary imagination in the Americas and the age of development*, Duke University press and the combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 15 December 2003, hbk £65.00 pbk £17.50, pp 367, notes, references, index.**

Based on an interest in the intersection of revolution and development, feminism, and ethnic identity, this work looks at the challenges to colonialism and capitalism that the Americas have failed to resist. Chapters assess development and revolution in the postwar period; Che Guevara and Mario Payaras; rural subjectivity under the Sandanista agricultural policy; reiterations of the revolutionary 'I'; development and difference in Zapatismo; and post-revolutionary reflections on Malcolm X and the New Aztlan. This is a study which will appeal to all those concerned with the development path of revolutionary thought and practice and with the process of post war capitalism.

**Appelbaum, Nancy P., *Muddied waters: race, religion and local history in Colombia 1846 – 1948*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 1 September 2003, pbk £16.95, pp 298, 5 maps, 9 b& w illustrations, notes, bibliography, index.**

This book 'views the history of the white, western coffee Region from the perspective of mixed race Riosucio'. Nine chapters cover: the general background to Riosucio; Cauca intermediaries and Antioqueno migration; Accompanied by progress; Riosucio's indigenous communities; the transition to Conservative rule; Indigenas in the White Republic; Riosucio and the 'model department'; imagining a mestizo community in Riosucio and San Lorenzo. This book, drawing on archival and published sources, will be of interest not only to those studying Colombia but to those concerned with the intermix of race, religion, and national perceptions.

**Arredondo, Gabriella F., Hurtado, Aida, Klahn, Norma, Najera-Ramirez, and Zavella, Patricia, eds. *Chicana feminisms: a critical reader*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 1 September 2003, pbk £18.95, pp 391, b&w illustrations, notes, works cited, index.**

This collection is concerned with theorising and reinterpreting Chicano/a experiences and their representations. It presents 12 new essays on Chicana feminist thought, looking particularly at Chicana feminist theory and creative expression, the politics of expression, and the realities of Chicana life. It will have much to interest those working in anthropology, folklore, and history.

**Bartra, Eli, ed., *Crafting gender: women and folk art in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 1 December 2003, pp 245, hbk £69.00 pbk £17.50, 50 b & w illustrations, notes and index.**

This anthology is prepared to develop comparative perspectives on gender and folk art, from indigenous communities and from groups of women artists. Contributors look at cases in Suriname, Puerto Rico, Panama, Ecuador, Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina. The aim of the book is to illuminate the creative wealth of women in multiethnic and pluricultural communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, and will appeal to those concerned with the study of gender relationships, cultural and artistic production, anthropology, and social development.

**Turner, Mark, and Guerrero, Andres, eds., *After Spanish rule: postcolonial predicaments of the Americas*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London 2 January 2004, hbk £69.00, pbk £17.50, pp 358, notes and index.**

In the series Latin America Otherwise, this book sets out to look at postcolonial debates from the perspectives of the Americas. The contributors assess the ways in which the histories of Latin American countries differ from other former colonies in the southern Hemisphere. Sections in the book cover: Escritura – on imagining /writing post colonial histories; Poetica – knowledge, nations, and histories; Politica – governmentalities, states, subjects. The countries

represented are Spain, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, and Ecuador. It will have strong appeal to all those studying postcolonial histories.

**Serulnikov, Sergio, *Subverting colonial authority: challenges to Spanish rule in eighteenth century southern Andes*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, 10 December 2003, pp289, hbk £74.00 pbk £18.50, notes references, index, maps, tables.**

This book considers the changing forms of colonial domination and peasant politics in Chayanta province in what is now northern Potosi, Bolivia, between 1740 and 1780. The author uses both narrative and analytical modes of historical writing and the chapters assess: political legitimacy; from multiethnic community to multiethnic chieftainship; customs and rules; images of colonialism; dilemmas of self-rule; in the land of the heretics, and Andean political imagination at a time of insurgency. The work will be of interest to those concerned with cultural anthropology, colonial history of the Andean region, and with indigenous processes.

## INSTITUTIONAL NEWS & SEMINARS

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Canning House Library is starting up a Latin American Literature Book Group. It began on the 6th October 2003, and meets on the first Monday of every month from 6.30 to 8.00 p.m. in the Library at Canning House to talk about and enjoy previously selected Latin American short stories or novels. The books may be read in English, Spanish or Portuguese, as the reader prefers. The first book to be discussed on the 6th of October was *The Old Man who Read Love Stories* by Luis Sepúlveda (London: Arcadia, 2001). We will also invite writers and lecturers to come and talk to the group occasionally. All are welcome although Canning House Membership will be required

[http://www.canninghouse.com/cultural\\_membership.htm](http://www.canninghouse.com/cultural_membership.htm).

This will allow access to the library's collection of books and videos and to Canning House events Numbers are limited, so please contact Canning House Library at [enquiries.library@canninghouse.com](mailto:enquiries.library@canninghouse.com) as soon as possible if you are interested. For further information contact Carmen Suárez, Library and Information Service Manager, Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, <<http://www.canninghouse.com/>> or at the above address.

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**Colombia in Context, a two-day seminar** on the present situation in Colombia: 10th & 11th October, 10 am to 6 pm, vE90, van Eeghenstraat 90, Amsterdam. The political violence in this country is intensifying day by day. The victims are just the general population but also the social movements. Since May last year Uribe's government is in power, which can be characterized by a neo-liberal policy, further militarization of the country and repression of the social movements that have an alternative vision for the future of Colombia. Representatives of these movements are visiting the Netherlands to speak about their work, their views on the situation in Colombia and how they would like to improve it. The Colombian delegation will be in the Netherlands from 8th to 18th of October. They will give lectures in various cities: Wednesday 8, Maastricht - Thursday 9, Den Haag - Friday 10, evening programs in Vrankrijk, Amsterdam and Leiden - Sunday 12, Leeuwarden - Monday 13, Groningen - Tuesday 14, Wageningen Wednesday 15, Leiden Thursday 16, Nijmegen Friday 17, Latin Night in Amsterdam. For more information you can check <http://www.stopplancolombia.nl>. You can also send an e-mail to [stopplancolombia@riseup.net](mailto:stopplancolombia@riseup.net) or call 06-41526631. The tour and the seminar are organized by Play Fair Europe! Amsterdam, A SEED, AK2000, LASO, Boerengroep Wageningen, UMP Nijmegen and UMP Maastricht.

**NALACS debat New forms of violence in Latin America**

A public debate organised by the Netherlands' Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (NALACS), Centre for Conflict Studies (CCS) Utrecht University, ICCO (Zeist) Friday 7 November 2003 13.00 17.00 Utrecht, Lutherse Kerk (Hamburgerstraat 9), Prof. dr Jenny Pearce, Dept. of Peace Studies, Bradford University, UK; Dr Dennis Rodgers, Development Studies Institute, London School of Economics, UK; Dr ir Pieter de Vries; Dept. of Rural Development Sociology, Wageningen University. *Plus: scenes from the film 'Cidade de Deus' (Brasil, 2002)*

After decades of civil war, dictatorship and state repression, Latin America has become a relatively peaceful continent: political violence has declined and (more or less) democratic systems have replaced their authoritarian predecessors. Nevertheless, social violence has become a central feature in these societies. Homicides and criminal activities by youth gangs increased in Central America after peace accords were signed. Guatemala has experienced an increase of popular lynchings against delinquents and violent action of former patrol members. Criminal violence is becoming a serious problem in Argentina and Brasil, and remains a central feature in Colombia, where many claim that the FARC has changed from a political movement into a 'narco guerrilla', mainly driven by 'greed'.

So what is going on here? How can we understand this 'transformation of violence'? And how to explain the increase of 'new forms of violence' in Latin America? Is there really something 'new' going on, or is it the intensity that is alarming? This public seminar, building on an earlier NALACS workshop, addresses these questions with presentations by national and international experts, building on recent research in Latin America.

Participation is open to NALACS members, students and others interested in the topic. However, there is a limited amount of seats, so participants are kindly requested to confirm their assistance by e-mail to [workshop7november@icco.nl](mailto:workshop7november@icco.nl) For more information, see the NALACS web page: [www.nalacs.nl](http://www.nalacs.nl)

## **SPECIAL CALL FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT PAPERS!**

The 29th Annual Caribbean Studies Association conference is committed to increasing student participation this year. This exciting, international conference is open to students from all disciplines, from all countries, and from all levels of the university. We are soliciting papers or panels by students on Caribbean Basin Studies (includes Central and Latin American countries which border the Caribbean) or on issues relating to Caribbean culture, Caribbean Literature, Health, Economics, or identity in the Caribbean diaspora. Papers on music, youth and popular culture are particularly welcome.

There will be special program opportunities for English, Spanish, and French-students, including: A preconference reception for all student CSA members A special session on "Finishing your Ph.D., Getting a Job, and Doing Caribbean Studies"; Special Senior Caribbean Scholars designated as academic 'Aunties' and 'Uncles' to each new student member ; A chance to give a paper at a renowned, international conference; Great after-conference social events! The presentation of the annual Barbara Christian Award for outstanding student writing. This year the conference will be held on the beautiful island of St. Kitts and Nevis from 31 May to 5 June, 2004. For more details see the conference web site at: <http://itech.fgcu.edu/csa/flyer.asp>

## **UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH & ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS EDINBURGH Conference on Tropical savannas and seasonally dry forests**

A very successful conference was held at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, with participants from all over the tropics. There was a notably strong contingent from Latin America - mostly from Brazil but with a good representation from Venezuela and Mexico. The Conference was held under the auspices of the Edinburgh Centre for Tropical Forests (ECTF) with additional organisation from the Botanic Garden and the University of Edinburgh. The conference lasted for 6 days from the 15th to the 20<sup>th</sup> September inclusive, and ranged from themes on Vegetation and the Environment, Plant Biodiversity, Palaeoecology and Environmental Change to Human Ecology and Development. Most of the

delegates stayed for the whole conference, which is a good indication of the genuine interest in combining the more scientific with developmental issues.

It is intended to publish the conference papers in different ways, from special issues of appropriate journals to a book publication in the case of the Human Ecology and Development theme. Further details can be obtained from ECTF (email address: savanna- [conference@ectf-ed.org.uk](mailto:conference@ectf-ed.org.uk)).

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### **The Winter 2003-4 issue of *Arara* is now line.**

This issue includes: Aztecs: exclusive publication of the Aztecs conference papers, and an interview with the curator of the exhibition

Haroldo de Campos, in memoriam: an introduction to his life and work.

A guest paper and sources for further research, plus, extensive calendar of current events, and exhibitions planned for 2004. We hope you enjoy the issue, and welcome your comments,

Maria Clara Bernal, Isobel Whitelegg, Cristiana Bertazoni Martins, Carlos Molina and Jennifer Josten, Editors of *Arara* : [www2.essex.ac.uk/arhistory/arara](http://www2.essex.ac.uk/arhistory/arara)

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### **Caribbean Research Seminar in the North:**

An Interdisciplinary Research Seminar on the Caribbean and its Diaspora, in association with the Society for Caribbean Studies. Friday, 23 January 2004, 1:30 - 5:30 pm Before the seminar proper, there will be an opportunity to visit Wilberforce House, the home of William Wilberforce, which contains one of the oldest museums of slavery in the country. It is in the old town, near the city centre and within easy walking distance of the train station. For further information about

Wilberforce House, see <http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/museums/wilberforce/>; for a clearer map of the city centre, see [www.hullcc.gov.uk/maps](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/maps); on the city centre map, the station is marked '2', Wilberforce House is '10'. Ruth Minott Egglestone will be at Wilberforce House to receive those who go there directly. Speakers include:

Paul Sutton, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Hull, *The New Mimic Men: policy transfer and public sector reform in the Caribbean.*

- Ruth Minott Egglestone, Department of Drama and Music, Univ. of Hull *'Jamaica, land we love': The Role of Landscape in the LTM National Pantomime.*

Christer Petley, Graduate Programme in History, University of Warwick, *Unto my reputed natural son': slaveholders' wills, wealth redistribution and the dynamics of society in early nineteenth-century Jamaica.*

A reservation will be made for dinner at a nearby restaurant for those who are able to join us after the seminar. Location maps and travel directions to the University of Hull can be found at <http://www.hull.ac.uk/theuniversity/campustour>. Booking: There is no charge, but if you are planning to come, please fill in the form below and send it to Gertrud Aub-Buscher at [g.e.buscher@hull.ac.uk](mailto:g.e.buscher@hull.ac.uk), or 6 Strathcona Avenue, Hull HU5 4AD. For further information about the seminar, overnight accommodation etc., please email or telephone her on 01482 849443.

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## Seminars

### 1. Series title: **Is neo-liberalism in Latin America collapsing?**

At ILAS, 31 Tavistock Square, London. Tel. +44 [0]20 7862 8870

1. Monday 12th January 2004 Privatisations in Latin America (Esteban Castro, University of Oxford) The view from the ground (tbc)
2. Monday 2nd February 2004 Hot money and control on capitals. (Alfredo Saad Filho, SOAS) How the financial markets work. (David Hillman, War on Want)
3. Monday 1st March 2004 What of neo-liberalism remains standing and where does it go next? (Duncan Green, CAFOD) (Mike Reid, The Economist) George Monbiot

### 2. **LAB City Lit Courses (Full course info on [www.lab.org.uk](http://www.lab.org.uk))**

If you are interested in attending a course in your area look below to find out about courses already up and running. If no course currently exists in your local area watch this space for future developments. To ENROL for these courses please contact the City Lit, Stukely Street, Drury Lane, London WC2B 5LJ. Tel: 020 7831 7831

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#### 2. **Weekly Courses Latin America 2**

(i) Want to further develop your understanding of Latin America? Through case studies, this course will provide an in-depth analysis of the main debates about the continent's history, politics, economics, identity and culture. 3HLA02

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#### 3. **Saturday Workshops.**

All courses priced at: Fee £21 Snr £12 Conc £6 LAB members pay the concessionary fee.

(i) *Working & volunteering in Latin America.* From coffee brigades and tree planting to literacy teaching and human rights work, this day will explore the

possibilities for being something other than a tourist in Latin America. Practical advice and information. 3HIA06 Saturday 10.30-17.30 21 February (1 session)

Tutor: Jean McNeil

(ii) *Tourism in Latin America*. What is the social impact of the growth in tourism on Latin America and the Caribbean? This thought-provoking day will examine the politics of travel and is aimed at first-time travellers to the region as well as veterans. 3HLA09 Saturday 10.30 16.30 13 March (1 session) Tutor: Jean

McNeil

(iii) *World views of indigenous cultures*. How do indigenous people view the world? Taking examples from indigenous peoples in Latin America, this day will look, from their viewpoint, at issues of society, culture, politics and struggles for autonomy. 3HLA10 Saturday 10.30 16.30 1 May (1 session) Tutor: Jean McNeil

(iv) *Globalisation: Curse or Cure*. In Latin America free market economics is firmly in the driving seat, yet poverty is increasing, and the region's people face increased vulnerability to the vagaries of world markets. This course examine this and the alternative economic models available. 3HLA12 Saturday 10.30 - 17.30 19 June (1 session) Tutor: Andy Higginbottom

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### **STAFF NEWS**

**John Fisher and Rosaleen Howard** attended the ICA conference in Santiago de Chile where John was re-elected President of the Permanent Committee.

**Nikki Craske** was in Mexico in September where she returned to the neighbourhood of her PhD research to re-interview women who live there 15 years later.

**Rosaleen Howard** is on leave this academic session and is resident at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study until June 2004. Lindsey Crickmay will be replace Rosaleen at ILAS for the year.

**Mo Hume** has been awarded an ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship which she will take up at the Institute in December.

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23 January 2004 Workshop on Central America (organised with the Anglo-Central American Society)

February – March 2004 Peruvian Colonial History seminar series

19-20 February 2004 Law and Gender in Contemporary Mexico workshop

27 February 2004 Ethnicity, Gender and Identity seminar

17-19 March 2004 Judicialisation of Politics conference

28 May 2004 Crime, Justice and Violence seminar

4 June 2004 Brooks lecture by Sonia Álvarez

There is also an active programme of seminars throughout the academic year.

Full details of the Institute's programme of Conferences, Workshops and Seminars are published on the Institute's website, which is updated regularly with new information and any amendments. A copy of the programme will be sent on request. Please note that advance registration for conferences and workshops is required. For further information contact the Seminar Secretary, Olga Jiménez (tel. 020 7862 8871; e-mail [Olga.Jimenez@sas.ac.uk](mailto:Olga.Jimenez@sas.ac.uk)).

**NEWS:** The next issue of the online newsletter, *ILAS enlace*, will be published in January 2004 and will be accessible via the ILAS home page or directly at [www.sas.ac.uk/ilas/enlace/enlace\\_home.html](http://www.sas.ac.uk/ilas/enlace/enlace_home.html).

**RESOURCES:** The *Handbook of Latin American and Caribbean Studies in the UK*, which was published in hard copy in 2003, will soon be available in searchable format online. The advantage of this format will be that it is more easily updated, so any changes can be notified to Gayle Burgess on [gayle.burgess@sas.ac.uk](mailto:gayle.burgess@sas.ac.uk) at any time.

**STAFF CHANGES:** *Library*, **Michael Jones** joined the Library in December as Senior Library Assistant (Periodicals). Michael previously worked at the University of Bangor library.

### **VISITING FELLOWS**

**Dr Klaus Gallo** of the Universidad Torcuato di Tella will be presenting on the following topics during his visit from January to March 2004: 'City of Hope. Politics and society in Buenos Aires two years after the crisis' and 'In the eyes of the albion: the views of British diplomats, immigrants and travellers on Bernardino Rivadavia's Rioplatense government. 1821-1827'. Also on 'Jeremy Bentham y 'la feliz experiencia'. Presencia del utilitarismo en Buenos Aires. 1821-1824' and 'Una sociedad Volteriana? Política, religión y teatro en Buenos Aires durante la era rivadaviana'

**Dr Laura Izarra** of the Universidade São Paulo will be visiting in May-July 2004 and working on 'Irish voices from South American diaspora space: Narratives of renewed cultural identities'.

**Professor Dirk Kruijt** of Utrecht University will visit in late spring.

**PUBLICATIONS – forthcoming in 2004:** For the full list of titles and ordering details see the ILAS website: [www.sas.ac.uk/ilas/publicat.htm](http://www.sas.ac.uk/ilas/publicat.htm)

#### **1. ILAS Series**

*Fútbol, Futebol, Soccer: Football in the Americas*, edited by Rory Miller

*Latin American Environmental History: The Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* edited by Christian Brannstrom

*The Financing of Politics: Latin American and European Perspectives* edited by Carlos Malamud and Eduardo Posado-Carbó

*Some Other Amazonians: Perspectives on Modern Amazonia*, edited by Stephen Nugent and Mark Harris

*Science and the Creative Imagination in Latin America*, edited by Eduardo Ortiz and Evelyn Fishburn

*A Deconsolidating Democracy? The Bolivian 2002 Elections in Perspective* (Research Paper), Willem Assies and Ton Salman

*Consumption, Markets and Trade in Latin America, 1750–1950*, edited by Rory Miller

**Newsletters:** *ILAS enlace* online at [www.sas.ac.uk/ilas](http://www.sas.ac.uk/ilas) (published October, January and May)

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON,  
Special collections , King's College, London.**

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/specialcollections>

**LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES VISITING FELLOWSHIPS, 2004-2005,**

King's College London is pleased to invite applications for three short-term visiting fellowships to promote scholarly use of its Special Collections and Archives. The fellowships will be worth up to £2,000 each and are intended to meet the cost of travel to and accommodation in London during the tenure of the fellowship, which will normally be for one month. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2004. Awards will be made by 1 March 2004 and must be taken up by 1 March 2005. Further details of the fellowship scheme and the application procedure are available at:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/iss/library/speccoll/news.html>

This year we will be giving preference to applications in the following fields: travel and discovery; the history of science; the history of medicine; English and American literature; Hellenic studies and welcome applications from historians of the book or of publishing in these fields. For more information contact: Katie Sambrook, Special Collections Librarian, King's College London. Tel. (44)+ (0)20 7848 1845. Fax (44)+ (0)20 7848 1843. <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/specialcollections> and [catherine.sambrook@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.sambrook@kcl.ac.uk)

**UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER ,  
CENTRE FOR LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES,**

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The Centre holds a fortnightly seminar (Tuesday evenings 5pm, Roscoe 4.7) at which members of the Centre and invited guests discuss their work. Papers from the seminar may be published as Centre working papers. 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. For more details, see [http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars\\_events/](http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events/)

3 February: Sian Lazar (Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge), TBA

17 February: Erna von der Walde (University of Essex), TBA

2 March: Mark Millington (Hispanic and Latin American Studies, University of Nottingham), TBA

16 March: Trevor Stack (Modern Languages, University of Aberdeen), "Genealogies of History in West Mexico"

20 April: Vivian Schelling (Cultural and Innovation Studies, University of East London), TBA

## **UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**School of Historical Studies, University of Newcastle.**

**STAFF NEWS:** Keith Brewster, lecturer in the History of the Americas, has published a book on Militarism, Ethnicity, and Politics in the Sierra Norte de Puebla, 1917-1930, Published August 2003 by University of Arizona Press. 215 pages, US\$47.00, ISBN 0-8165-2252-9. For further information:

[www.uapress.arizona.edu/books/bid1516.htm](http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/books/bid1516.htm)

## **OXFORD UNIVERSITY, CENTRE FOR BRAZILIAN STUDIES,**

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Friday 30 January Workshop: 'Labour reform in Brazil' (tbc)

Friday 20 February. Workshop: 'Central banking and monetary policy in new democracies, with special reference to Brazil'

Friday 5 March. Workshop: 'Environmental politics in Brazil'

March (date to be arranged) Workshop: 'Social exclusion and the politics of inclusion: the city of Sao Paulo in comparative perspective'

May/June (dates to be arranged) Workshop: 'The political economy of federal banks in Brazil'

May/June (dates to be arranged) Conference: 'New approaches to poverty alleviation. The case of Brazil in comparative perspective' – to be confirmed

August (date to be arranged) Annual human rights conference (in association with British Council Brazil and CESCE, Universidade Candido Mendes): 'Police reform in Brazil and UK'- to be held in Rio de Janeiro.

### **STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS FOR RESEARCH IN BRAZIL 2004**

Applications are invited for grants towards travel and other expenses for research in Brazil. Students should be registered for a graduate degree in a UK university.

Awards (up to a maximum of £1,000) are made subject to availability of funds.

There is no application form. Candidates should apply in writing to Professor Leslie Bethell. Please send applications to: Julie Smith, Administrator, Centre for Brazilian Studies, 92 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 7ND email:

[julie.smith@brazil.ox.ac.uk](mailto:julie.smith@brazil.ox.ac.uk) no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004.

Applicants should state the amount of grant requested, other sources of funding, and research to be carried out in Brazil. A letter from the candidate's supervisor supporting the application should also be sent. Successful candidates will be required to submit a report on their activities no later than a month after their return from Brazil.

### **STAFF NEWS:**

**Dr Kurt von Mettenheim** (University Lecturer in Brazilian Studies, politics/political economy) has been appointed and took up his post on 1 August 2003

**Dr Kathryn Hochstetler** (politics) took up her post as Research Fellow on 1 October 2003

**Dr Mahrukh Doctor** left at the end of her three year Fellowship to take up a post at the University of Reading

**Dr Miguel Carter** will leave at the end of MT term to take up a post at American University, Washington D.C.

Research Associates are **Dr Fiona Macaulay**, Human Rights, and **Oliver Marshall**, Brasilia Project

## VISITORS

**Dr Jose Augusto Valladares Padua**, Ministry of Culture Visiting Fellow  
(environmental history) Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)

**Dr Joao Cezar de Castro Rocha** Ministry of Culture Visiting Fellow (cultural studies) Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ)

**Dr Lucio Felix Frederico Kowarick** CNPq Visiting Fellow (sociology)  
Universidade de São Paulo (USP)

**Dr Sergio Paulo Rouanet** (mid Feb. – mid May) Academia Brasileira de Letras /  
UnB Machado de Assis Visiting Professor of Brazilian Literature

**Dr Maria Cristina da Silva Leme** Visiting Research Associate (urban studies)  
Universidade de São Paulo (USP)

**Mauricio Rands Barros**, Visiting Research Associate, Chamber of Deputies,  
Brasilia (PT, Pernambuco)

**Dr Antonio Barros de Castro**, CNPq Visiting Fellow (economics) Instituto de  
Economia, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (IE/UFRJ), Rio Branco

Visiting Research Associate: To be appointed in January 2004 to take up the  
position from March/April to July. (In subsequent years this will be a 6 month post  
from January to June).

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Working Papers: 46 currently available <http://www.brazil.ox.ac.uk/papers.html>

2. Research Papers: 2 in press :

Carlos Eduardo Frickmann Young, Environmental Regulation and Competitiveness in Brazilian Industry.

Ronaldo Fiani, Governance Problems in the Brazilian Energy Sector.

3. Research books:

Oliver Marshall, Brazil in British & Irish Archives, (2002)

Leslie Bethell, Brazil in Books by British & Irish Authors, (in press, 2003)

4. Monographs based on CBS conferences: The New Brazilian Cinema, ed.  
Lucia Nagib, (I.B. Tauris, 2003)

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY, QUEEN ELIZABETH HOUSE,  
Oxford University's Centre for Development Studies**

**CRISE - Scholarships for Doctoral Work on Inequality, Ethnicity and Human Security**

Oxford University's Centre for Development Studies, is offering two three-year scholarships for research students wishing to study for a doctorate in Development Studies, to start in October 2004. The scholarships are for research associated with the Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity, CRISE, located at QEH, to expand the Centre's existing doctoral scholarship programme. The scholarships will be sufficient to finance fees and living costs plus the costs of research travel. Successful applicants will be given desk space in CRISE and expected to participate in the general activities of the Centre. CRISE is looking specifically for the following two scholars:

Latin American Scholar with research focus on Peru or Bolivia

SE Asia Scholar with research focus on Indonesia or Malaysia

The students will be expected to combine theoretical and empirical work in the area of ethnicity and inequality in their research region (Indonesia, Malaysia, Peru or Bolivia). Their work will be supervised by senior academics also working with the Centre. The successful candidates will be expected to spend an extended period of time in the countries being studied undertaking fieldwork, normally in association with the Centre's partner institutions. Applicants should have a higher degree in either Development Studies or Anthropology, Economics, Sociology or Politics, a proven interest in developing countries and will be expected to exhibit an outstanding academic record.

Further particulars (and a CRISE scholarship application form) are available here or from Lucy Butterwick, CRISE Administrator, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LA, UK, tel: +44 (0) 1865 283078; fax: +44 (0) 1865 273607; e-mail: [lucy.butterwick@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lucy.butterwick@qeh.ox.ac.uk) The further particulars must be read before applying for the award.

Applicants should complete an application form (GAO/F1) for admission to doctoral research at Oxford University, obtainable from the Graduate Admissions

Office, tel. +44 (0) 1865 270059; fax: +44 (0) 1865 270049; e-mail: [graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk) Applications (the GAO/F1 application form and the CRISE scholarship application form) should reach the University Graduate Admissions Office no later than 15 January 2004.

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## **RGS-IBG GRANTS FOR GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH**

The Slawson Awards offer up to £3,000 for PhD students who are intending to carry out geographical field research outside the UK and preferably in developing countries. The awards are intended to fund geographical fieldwork involving key development issues with a high social value; to include projects in geography related disciplines, e.g. anthropology/economics in developing countries.

Applicants must be members of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

Application deadline is 20 February 2004. For further details contact **Grants Officer**: t. 020 7591 3073 email [grants@rgs.org](mailto:grants@rgs.org) alternatively full details can be obtained from the Society's website: [www.rgs.org/grants](http://www.rgs.org/grants)