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Dear SLAS Member,

In Brazil, as elsewhere in Latin America, things are not always what they appear. The most recent reminder comes in the revelation that one of the most popular national patrons, Nossa Senhora da Aparecida, the much-revered black Madonna, is not, after all, black, but, really, white.

Lourival Santos, an historian in the University of São Paulo, has explained that the statue, caught in fishermen's nets in the Rio Paraíba, first was turned brown by the action of the water, then further darkened in a sanctuary close to a charcoal furnace, and then by the smoke and soot from innumerable candles. Its real colour has been known since at least 1978, when a young man entered the Basilica de Aparecida do Norte and hammered the image into 167 pieces. Not at all daunted, the church authorities, after careful mending, then applied layers of black paint. This always had been the cult of a black Madonna, and would continue as such.

This last year has seen the tarnishing of other images in Brazil, darkened by the soot and grime of corruption and alleged betrayal of political promises. Some reputations may remain irretrievably blackened, and deservedly so, but, at present, to change the metaphor slightly, there is a notable tendency to tar everyone with the same brush.

It is, therefore, important, not least in an election year, to remember the thousands of Brazilian politicians and loyal party members, at all levels and in all parties, who have remained untainted by corruption and have fought against it. This is especially true of the many idealists who, over twenty-five years, have struggled to create the PT. They, in time, will emerge from the smoke and soot and, above all, must not be deliberately blackened.

Elizabeth Allen, Editor, SLAS Newsletter

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEADLINE

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT!!

Deadline for material to be included in the October 2006 Issue of the *SLAS Newsletter*, Issue No. 84, will be midday on 15 September 2006.

All contributions, from SLAS Members, members of PILAS, and organisations and institutions with an interest in Latin America, are very warmly welcomed

Material and contributions:

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THE SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 2006: UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM:

Conference panels.

Please note well:- ALL convenors are expected to send a short report on the papers and discussion in their panel to the Editor of the SLAS Newsletter by the 15th April 2006

1. Latin American Press History

Convenor: Laura Llull, Universidad Nacional del Sur, Bahía Blanca, Argentina

The forum aims to cover the following areas:

- 1) the role of newspapers, journals and magazines as means of mediation between the civil society and politics;
 - 2) the role of the press in the political elections;
 - 3) the role of the press as the voice of certain groups, factions and political parties,
 - 4) the press as business - history of the firm, of its owners, its managers, its staff, etc.
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2. Class Struggle and the State in Latin America: Reconsidering Brazil and Mexico

Convenor: Adam Morton (Nottingham) (adam.norton@nottingham.ac.uk)

Discussant: Paul Cammack (Department of Politics and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University)

- 1) Alfredo Saad-Filho (SOAS, London), 'The Political Economy of the Cycles of the Brazilian Left'
- 2) Adam David Morton (Nottingham), 'Mexican Revolution, Primitive Accumulation, Passive Revolution'

3) Greig Charnock (Manchester), 'An Unfinished Agenda: 'Second Generation' Reforms and the Neoliberalisation of Mexican Political Economy'

3. The Latin American Short Story, Past and Present

Convenor: Astvaldur Astvaldsson (Liverpool)

The idea of the panel is to look at the development of the short story - always a pivotal genre in Latin America -, and at the reasons behind its recent revival, in the gloom of the post-boom era, as a genre preferred by many of the writers, male and female, of new and upcoming generations.

4. Latin American Literature: Close Encounters

Convenor: Victoria Carpenter, University of Derby

Topics include comparative analyses (with the focus on the transcultural nature thereof), the representation of historical events in literary works, gender writing, and non-traditional narratives. Papers on literary representations of violence are particularly welcome as the organiser is currently compiling a collection of articles on the above topic (to be submitted for publication by summer 2006).

5. Changing national consciousness in revolution

Convenor: Ana Souto (Nottingham)

This panel addresses the importance of identity in Latin America during and/or after revolution (e.g. Mexico and Cuba). This panel will explore especially the way identity is expressed through the visual arts. Papers confirmed:

Guy Baron (Nottingham): *The image of the mother-figure in 'Lejanía' (1985)*

Natasha Picot (Nottingham): *The representation of the indigenous in Diego Rivera's National Palace Mural*

Ana Souto (Nottingham): *Building national identity. Architecture in Post-revolutionary Mexico*

6. El Salvador 15 Years After the Peace Accords

Co-Convenors: Mo Hume, Department of Social Sciences, University of Glasgow, and Cath Collins, ex-ISA, University of London

A decade and a half after UN-brokered peace accords officially ended El Salvador's 12-year civil war, the country is still struggling to overcome the

SLAS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, 2006

Nominations are invited for the following posts:

- . **Treasurer**
- **3 (three) ordinary members**

Nominations may be sent by e-mail, and must be forwarded via a seconder and the nominee, who must accept the nomination. Nominations must reach the SLAS Secretary, Dr Adrian Pearce, at Adrian.Pearce@ntu.ac.uk, by **March 16, 2006**. The nominee, proposer and seconder must be fully paid-up members of the Society.

If for an office there is only one nominee, the office will be filled. If for an office there is more than one nominee, ballot papers shall be circulated two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, accompanied by a pre-paid envelope and a statement of up to 200 words prepared by each candidate outlining his or her relevant background and qualifications for the post. The ballot forms shall be returned to the Secretary **by March 30, 2006** at the following address:

Dr Adrian Pearce, Department of History and Heritage, Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Campus, Nottingham NG11 8NS.

Calling all SLAS Members!!

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Share your news with other members of the society - please send contributions to SLAS Members News on the form in this SLAS Newsletter.

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legacies of political polarisation. Post-war El Salvador went through one of the most substantial institutional reform processes in the region, and in areas like justice reform, demilitarisation and reconstruction of the public security forces the achievements were considerable. Nevertheless, violence past and present still looms large in many people's perceptions of the country, with the massacres of the 1980s still largely unresolved and present-day indices of violent crime and homicide amongst the highest in the region and even in the world. The economy is heavily dependent on *maquilas* and on *remesas*, remittances from the US; and the 'importation and exportation' of gang violence to and from the US has brought a new and explosive dimension to the question of migration.

7. Individual, local and global perceptions of wellbeing in Peru and beyond.

Convenors: James Copestake, University of Bath, BA2 7AY. E-mail:

j.g.copestake@bath.ac.uk and Teófilo Altamirano Depto de Antropología,

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima. E-mail: taltami@pucp.edu.pe

The panel will present preliminary findings from Peru arising from collaboration between economists, anthropologists and psychologists at the *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* and at the University of Bath, who are all members of the ESRC "Wellbeing in Developing Countries" (WeD) research group. The overarching goal of WeD is to develop a conceptual and methodological framework for understanding the social and cultural construction of wellbeing in developing countries. Papers accepted include:-

1. Researching wellbeing and development in Peru: a corridor analysis. *JL Alvarez, J Copestake, T Hinks, J Velazco.*
2. Local and global components of life satisfaction along the Peruvian corridor: an integrative approach. *J Yamamoto, AR Feijoo*
3. Collective action and participation in food transfer programmes along a Peruvian corridor. *JL Alvarez, J Copestake*
4. Spatial movement and wellbeing along a Peruvian corridor. *T Altamirano, J Copestake, B Lockley*
5. Transnationalism and local development: highland Peruvian shepherds in the USA. *T Altamirano*
6. Identity and wellbeing across spatial boundaries: the experience of Peruvian migrants in London and Madrid. *K Wright-Revollo*

8. Britain and Latin America

Convenor: Will Fowler, wmf1@st-and.ac.uk

Presentations in this session include:-

1. "British Investors and Public Finances in Mexico, 1821-1836". *Jesús Hernández Jaimes, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas.*
2. "British Influences on Mexican Constitutionalist Thought (1830-1836): The Cases of Lucas Alamán and Francisco Sánchez de Tagle" *Dr Cath Andrews, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas*
3. "British Perceptions of Mid-nineteenth Century Mexican Society: Frances Erskine's *Life in Mexico* (1843)". *Dr Will Fowler, University of St Andrews*
4. "Sir Weetman Pearson and Mexican National Development, 1889-1919". *Prof. Paul Garner, University of Leeds*
5. "British and French Bankers in Revolutionary Mexico. Or how not to collect on the foreign debts on Mexico, 1916-1925" *Dr Abdiel Oñate, San Francisco State University*
6. "Irish Anarchists and Revolutionaries in Latin America". *Edmundo Murray, University of Zurich*
7. "British Firms and Populist Nationalism in Post-War Latin America". *Dr Rory Miller, University of Liverpool*
8. "Pinochet in London and the Death of Fr. Michael Woodward: An Example of Disrupted Anglo-Chilean Relations". *Dr Mario Aguilar, University of St Andrews*
9. "Políticas comerciales Gran Bretaña-México, 1870-80"
Silvestre Villegas Revueltas, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, UNAM
10. "Lionel Carden and the frustrated Anglo-Cuban Commercial Treaty, 1901-1906" *Chris Hull, University of Nottingham*

9. Institutional Design, Development and The Quality of Democracy: Conceptual Innovations and Empirical Challenges for Latin America

Convenors: Marco Larizza (Essex) & Jairo Acuña-Alfaro (Oxford)

Democratization has meant a turning point in many aspects for Latin American societies: with a few exceptions, incumbent Presidents and most Members of Parliaments (MPs) are now elected in competitive elections under at least minimal standards of freedom and fairness. Competition and alternation in office take place across the region, to the point that the countries of Latin America now

comprise a new democratic universe. This panel attempts to provide a common framework for addressing empirical challenges faced in the identification of strengths and weaknesses in formal and informal Latin American “institutions”, while also offering alternative and innovative answers to questions such as 1) How the variable ‘quality of Democracy’ should be measured; 2) How to uncover key-factors explaining variations in the ‘quality of Democracy’ across time and space. The contributions are expected to address some of the following questions: How to measure democracy and its dimensions? What affects the quality of democracy in Latin America? Are institutional factors and institutional reforms critical in deepening the quality of Democracy and improving development? Which is the role played by structural factors such as economic development and income distribution? And - Last but not least – how democracy and its attributes can contribute towards social and economic development?

10. Imagining the impossible: textual, aural and visual negotiations of the city in Latin America.

Convenor: Dr Niamh Thornton (University of Ulster, Coleraine Campus)

The aim of this panel is to consider the representation of the city in Latin America. Over the last century there have been dramatic increases in urbanization globally. But, what of the particularities of Latin America? There are a greater number of large cities and an emptying out (and sometimes a swallowing up) of small rural areas. What we would like panelists to explore is how the city is represented in narratives. How does topos reveal itself in textual, aural and visual accounts of Latin American cities? Is it possible to imagine cities with populations that are larger and more varied than many countries? Does the city necessarily become another character in the story, or what is its function within the narrative?

11. Sport and identity in Latin America

Convenor: David Wood (Sheffield)

In the course of the past two decades sport has become established as a subject of academic study in the UK and Latin America alike, but to date it remains a greatly underdeveloped field within Latin American Studies. This general absence becomes all the more apparent when it is contrasted with the pervasive

presence of sports in various spheres of daily life in Latin America. This panel seeks to be the first of many that will explore different aspects of sporting practice in the region, and will focus on the means by which identity is expressed through sport. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the study of sport, this conference provides an ideal meeting point for those with an interest in this field working in and across a range of disciplines.

12. Workshop: '¿Hacia dónde va Chile? Change in society, politics, institutions, culture, management and the economy'

Organisers: Gregorio Perez and David E. Hojman

Chile has experienced profound change in the last three or four decades. However, scholars disagree in their evaluations of the precise nature and possible long-term effects of these changes. Although everyone agrees that as the economy grew both society and culture changed, the implications for ordinary people and for national institutions remain uncertain. This workshop aims at exploring and discussing alternative interpretations and future prospects.

Participants may include:- Jonathan Barton, Eduardo Bitran, Jessica Budds, Fulvia Farinelli, Elisa Giuliani, Louise Haagh, Cristobal Kay, Lucian Peppelenbos, Paola Perez-Aleman, Patricio Silva.

13. Current politics in Latin America: impacts on development, integration and international relations

Convenor: Gustavo Emmerich (UNAM, Mexico City)

In the last few years, several Latin American countries have elected left-leaning governments; some others, on the contrary, continued to prefer center or right-wing ones. An active ideological contraposition seems thus to be taking shape, both inside many Latin American nations as well on the regional political map. The changing political configuration of the region calls for a timely assessment of the development models, projects of integration, and international strategical alliances prevailing for the last two decades. In order to examine these themes, this panel will deal with comparative issues, such as: - national political situations; - cross-country comparative political analysis; - international relations and alliances; and prospects for regional integration.

14. Street vending in Latin America: political organisation and the negotiation of public space

Convenors: Lissette Aliaga Linares, University of Texas, María Fernanda García Rincon, University of Cambridge

Street vendors represent one of the most visible parts of the urban 'informal' economy throughout Latin America. They contribute to urban life, generating work through chains of supply and distribution, selling products available at more affordable prices, and generating a flow of money through 'informal' trade. Street vendors continuously struggle for space on the street in order to make possible their right to work. Their strategies, often involving negotiation and sometimes boiling over into confrontation, are intended for the establishment of terms under which work can be permissible and potentially profitable. Researchers and public policy makers do not generally appreciate the role, size and contributions street vendors make to local Latin American economies. This panel brings together current research on street vendors in Latin America. Confirmed Presenters are:

1. Lissette Aliaga Linares, University of Texas, *Negotiating to compete: Street Vendors organizational strategies in Santiago de Chile.*
2. Maria Fernanda Garcia, University of Cambridge. Negotiating the law: appropriation of public space and the right to work
3. Sally Roever, University of California, Berkeley. Negotiating Formality: Informal Sector, Market, and State in Peru

15. La negación de la nación: historia no oficial de un concepto

Convenor: Nick Morgan (University of the Andes)

Esta mesa comprenderá hasta seis ponencias, cada una de las cuales interroga a su manera las implicaciones del uso del concepto de nación en los discursos socio-políticos latinoamericanos. Adoptan una posición crítica hacia los proyectos hegemónicos que históricamente han buscado legitimarse mediante la invocación de un modelo muy particular de organización social. Asimismo, consideran las rearticulaciones actuales del concepto de nación, sobre todo en sus complejas relaciones con los conceptos de democracia y soberanía popular. Finalmente, analizan las dinámicas políticas que hacen que tal noción siga conformando, en tiempos de globalización, una parte tan importante del imaginario político de ambos países. Papers confirmed are:

1. Margarita Serje, *The Wild Territories of Colombia*
2. Nick Morgan, *Identidades dobles: nación, democracia y hegemonía en Colombia y Venezuela*
3. Gregory J. Lobo, *La historia de un engaño: Colombia, "nacion-dad", y la sociedad todavía no pensada*

16. Bringing the Margins to the Forefront: Reasserting Latin American Borderlands as Rich Sites of Social Enquiry

Convenors: Catherine Grange, University of Sheffield and Marie Woodling, University of Wales, Aberystwyth

The panel address the importance of borderlands in Latin American studies and those issues which pertain to them, which are often issues pertinent to Latin America as a whole. Studies of borders are situated at an interdisciplinary crossroads, where cultural studies, anthropology, geography, international relations, sociology, psychology, and many others meet, borrow from, and accommodate each other. Borderlands have traditionally received scant attention in most disciplines, in favour of scholarship of states; instead of being considered legitimate sites of study they themselves have been relegated to the margins of our academic disciplines. In response, this panel employs a border centric perspective to reject the idea that borderlands are neutral and static dividers that 'fell down from heaven' one day and created states. We consider borders to be socially constructed, and accordingly regard borderlands as rich sites of enquiry where political, social and cultural meaning is created, contested and adapted. Thus, borderlands can be considered not as 'sharp edges' which contain the state, but sites of contested power which have separate although interrelated social dynamics.

17. Visual culture in globalization

Convenor: Anny Brooksbank-Jones (Sheffield)

Since 1915, Mexico has seen visual culture deployed almost continuously in the 'rediscovery' of the nation or in its official constructions and projections. This strategy was institutionalized in the immediate aftermath of the Revolution and the muralists were early canonical figures. But by the 1980s official nationalist discourse and the changing representations of the post-Revolutionary project in

which it was rooted were no longer robust enough to adapt to new circumstances. This dynamic centred on the expansion of (theoretically) free market politics, the deterritorialization of people, culture and capital, the denationalization of corporations and, it seemed, of the nation itself (Good 2001). The national modernization strategies of the 1950s included the construction of museums and other public cultural centres: at the turn of the millennium the will to project a new, global, modernity is motivating official support for high-profile, and usually privately-funded, contemporary art centres. These are helping to package and promote selected visual artists (many of them born outside of Mexico) for global consumption.

Globalization is widely assumed to reduce the national character of aesthetic production. Yet while local singularities are often seen as potentially resistant to globalization they have often proved magnetically attractive to it. Film-makers, photographers and other artists, cultural producers and entrepreneurs who have benefitted from the circulation of their work in global networks are generally (if ambivalently) happy to exploit the wider opportunities that this thirst for difference presents. Given the almost unrelenting focus of these international exhibitions on the problems confronting Mexico – the crime and corruption, the poverty and pollution highlighted, for example, at the P.S.1 exhibition in New York (2002) – this process has been likened to ‘cultural voyeurism’ (Debroise 2005) or ‘pornomiseria’ (Roca 2003). The panel will explore the location of visual cultural producers, ‘entrepreneurs’, and institutions between nostalgia for the nation and globalization’s reconfiguring of national sovereignty, its innovative energies and its weakening of the state’s capacity to manage the field in which cultural is produced and circulates. Speakers confirmed: Orianna Baddeley, Jon Beasley-Murray, Anny Brooksbank-Jones, Michael Chanan, Silvia Montes, Andrea Noble.

18. The Politics of Resistance in Latin America: Neoliberalism and Beyond?

Convenors: Dr Sara Motta (LSE) and Dr Mario Novelli (Bristol)

The fault lines of democracy, and failures of development, upon which neoliberalism is constructed in Latin America have not gone without contestation. This panel will explore theoretically and empirically processes of both neoliberal

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REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: After the early registration deadline of 10 February 2006, participants cannot be guaranteed accommodation and will pay a surcharge of £10. The final registration deadline is 14 March 2006. Registration begins from 13.00 on Friday 31 March and the conference closes after lunch on Sunday 2 April 2006.

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domination and resistance to that domination during the last 20 years. Is domination constructed by the power of a transnational economic and political class, and resistance to that power a return to protectionism and developmentalism? Is domination constituted along national and regional class lines and does resistance to power mean moving beyond and below the limits of national struggles? Can resistance to domination come through the election box, the barrel of a gun, the creation of a counter-power, or an anti-power? What form does resistance take? How successful have attempts been at resisting neoliberal domination? These are the types of issues that this panel seeks to explore.

19. Local-diasporas: created, lived and expressed

Convenors: Monica Moreno (Goldsmiths College, Department of Sociology) so901mgf@gold.ac.uk and Rodney Reynolds (University College London, Department of Anthropology) rodney.reynolds@ucl.ac.uk

Following Gupta and Ferguson (2001), 'Latin America' can be understood as a deterritorialized place that is constituted by a wide range of social and spatial relations. It emerges at the limit of how the self is associated with a particular nation or locale and identity. This panel will encourage participants to question how such an identity is given form and expressed such that specific territorial associations are potentially transcended through narrative, representational and material practices. Particular attention will be given to ways in which Latin American identity(ies) are lived, recreated and/or (super)imposed within the migrant/diasporic experience. Additionally, what sorts or narratives, representations and/or material practices come into being in the interplay of notions of belonging and assimilation? How are identities made in a Latin America diaspora circumscribed by perceptions of what national or local identities should be?

20. Latin American International Relations: The bilateral and the multilateral

Convenor: Laurence Allan (Queen Mary London)

In recent years the international relations of Latin America have taken place in an environment increasingly seen as blurring boundaries between the national and international, the local and the global. At the supra-national level, claims that changes in the economic, political and legal spheres – including consolidation of

regional trading blocs and the evolution of international human rights regimes – are profoundly altering regional international relations have gained wide acceptance. At the sub-national level, developments in cross-border linkages between cities, provinces, and regions have been recognised as increasingly influential over regional international relations. This panel will assess how far dynamics emanating from the supra- and sub-national level have driven Latin American international relations in recent years, weighing the significance of these purportedly novel phenomena against the continuing presence of 'traditional' national-state centred, bi-lateral relations. *Known participants:*

1. Laurence Allan: Argentina, Chile and the Antarctic
2. Par Engstrom (Oxford): Inter-American Human Rights Regimes
3. Miryam Colacrai (Rosario, Argentina): The Provincial in the International
4. Jon Marco Church (Cambridge/Padua): Argentina-Chile Rapprochement

21. Domesticity and the Practice of Everyday Life in 19th C Latin America

Convenor: Catherine Davis (Nottingham)

The panel will focus on the everyday practices of domestic life in a century that witnessed radical changes in lifestyle in many parts of Latin America, particularly in urban societies. Some of the issues that may be addressed are: domestic economies; social and familial networks; subversive cultural consumption; everyday creativity; the home as interface between state/family, public/private, tradition/modernity, work/leisure; power relations in the home; the symbolic, political and tactical significance of everyday practices such as cooking, cleaning, childcare, letter writing, dressmaking, reading, buying, visiting, parties; the uses of space; education and schooling; the impact of technology; in short, the 'art of living'. Panellists include: Catherine Davies, Iona MacIntyre, Claire Brewster (Nottingham).

SLAS CONFERENCE - POSTGRADUATE BURSARIES

SLAS offers bursaries to enable postgraduate students to attend the SLAS annual conference. The bursary will cover a postgraduate registration fee (shared accommodation). Each panel can submit one postgraduate bursary application, made by the convenor on the basis of the student's contribution to the panel. The

student will provide evidence that s/he has no other financial support to attend the conference. A letter from the student's supervisor, indicating that the student is enrolled on a postgraduate programme and receives no financial support from his/her institution, will suffice. Successful applicants will be reimbursed for the registration fee at the conference. It is expected that they have registered for the conference in good time. The panel convenors submitting an application for this bursary should contact the Secretary for SLAS, Adrian Pearce (see committee list at the front of the SLAS Newsletter)

SLAS CONFERENCE GRANTS FOR LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLARS

SLAS offers grants to enable Latin American scholars to attend the SLAS annual conference. The grant will cover air fare from Latin America and a registration fee. The grant will normally be no more than £750GBP. Each panel can submit one grant application, made by the convenor on the basis of the scholar's contribution to the panel. The scholar will provide evidence that s/he has no other financial support to attend the conference. A letter to that effect from the scholar's home institution will suffice. All applications will be considered by the SLAS Committee, and successful applicants will be informed once the decision has been made. The panel convenors submitting an application for this bursary should contact the Secretary for SLAS, (see the committee list at the front of the SLAS Newsletter)

HAROLD BLAKEMORE PRIZE 2006

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 (recently, the winner has received a prize of £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 2006, 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 February 2006. A panel of judges for the prize will be appointed by the SLAS Committee. The winner should be announced at the SLAS Annual Conference in the University of Nottingham, in April 2006.

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SLAS DEADLINES AND EVENTS

Listed below are recent SLAS events and deadlines. If you have any queries about particular events, then please contact the organizers directly. General queries to Katie Willis, SLAS IT Officer Katie.Willis@rhul.ac.uk

14-15 January 2006: SLAS-supported conference in Queen's University Belfast - [God's Revolutionaries? Faith and Impiety in The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1940](#). For further details see: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/Mexico/>

27 January 2006: SLAS-supported conference in Institute for the Study of the Americas (ISA), London - [Colonial worlds: alternative views on the history of colonial Latin America](#). For further details, please contact ISA: <http://americas.sas.ac.uk/events/index.php>

4 February 2006: Deadline for submissions to the [Harold Blakemore Prize](#)

28 February 2006: Deadline for applications for [postgraduate travel grants](#).

31 March - 2 April 2006: SLAS Annual Conference, University of Nottingham

SLAS FUNDED RESEARCH TRIP TO MEXICO

Thanks to SLAS Travel grant I was able to undertake a study trip in Mexico for a month last December 2005-January 2006. Landing around mid-December in Monterrey – 4 million inhabitants and close to the US-Mexican border - the major part of the fieldwork has been done in four weeks and is still on its way to be

accomplished. This short trip helped at the collection of primary data for the following thesis : “Exchange Entitlement Mapping: Theory and Evidence – A case study from the *maquiladora* workers’ identity in Mexico”.

The theoretical framework of this thesis develops Amartya Sen’s concept of exchange-entitlement mapping¹ and tested in order to form the E-mapping of a potential or actual *maquiladora* worker. The purpose of such analysis is to provide the author with an empirical tool to test individual and household entitlements in the context of a changing economic environment. The theoretical framework presented in the thesis is used to build the E-mapping a *maquiladora* worker of Mexico who faced macroeconomic policy changes such as inflationary pressures or movements in the labour demand. Therefore, two major steps are taken. First, a labour demand model is built in order to map the *maquiladora* worker entitlement to the labour market. Then, and here comes the fieldwork generously sponsored by SLAS, a questionnaire is given out to a random sample of workers as well as their families which serve as a basis to draw each household’ social and economic endowments and entitlements. The questionnaire is established in a way that allows the description of the perceived interests and contributions of each household’s member. Finally, the main purpose of the thesis, as mentioned above, is to accurately represent the E-mapping of a *maquiladora* worker living in the city of Monterrey.

Once arrived in Monterrey, a lot of networking was necessary to get access to the workers. At first, the idea was to get access through specific unions but following local people advice, notably that unions are mostly corrupted and do not have much bargaining power², I have been introduced to workers and middle managers. After four weeks, including the long off-period of Christmas and New year, I have been able to make few interviews, to visit some industrial plants, to get about 50 questionnaires back, which represents about 15 households whose at least one member work in the *maquiladora* industry. Moreover, thanks to extensive networking, some contacts are still giving out questionnaires. More

¹ E-mapping or exchange entitlement mapping represents the set of consumption bundles that the individual faces, any of which can be chosen, given his or her endowments (Sen 1981, Appendix A).

than a field trip, this travelling allows me to live in a Mexican family for a month, to understand their habits and traditions, to experience their kindness, warmth and economic status which is a real bonus for my research on endowments and entitlements. Also, I had the opportunity to cross the US-Mexican border by land which is quite impressive in terms of legal rights, discriminative attitudes and contrast between both sides of the Rio Grande. These two completely different worlds living next to each other represents a challenging reality, which had first raised my interest to undertake research in this region.

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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 UK (SLAS, www.slas.org.uk). 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. Everyone is welcome.

PILAS COMMITTEE 2006-7

After a successful year coordinating the PILAS Network I am pleased to introduce the new PILAS Committee. This year we have a University of Liverpool team:-

President:- Daniel Huerta Conde, e-mail: D.Huerta-Conde@liverpool.ac.uk

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g.perez@liverpool.ac.uk and Katinka Weber e-mail: katinka.weber@web.de

Finally, Cassandra and I would like to give a special thanks to all those who have supported during the PILAS period 2005-2006 - **Jose Deras**

² Also, one of the characteristics of the *maquiladora* industry is not to allow unions under the cover of offering benefits not provided in non-*maquiladora* workers (vouchers, transports to the plant...etc)

PILAS: POST-CONFERENCE REPORT

PORTSMOUTH: HARBORS ASPIRING UK

LATIN AMERICANISTS

We are pleased to announce the success of our 9th Annual Post-Graduates in Latin American Studies (PILAS) conference, this year held at Portsmouth Business School from February 2-3, 2006. Following the high standard of interdisciplinary work bequeathed by the previous year's conference at Cambridge, this year's event covered a wide terrain of scholarship from Post-Graduates based in the UK. With 18 papers presented, a hefty local audience and visiting professors (a few proud parents as well), debates roiled across sessions on democracy, resource management and the environment, education, literature, anthropology, political economy, and special sessions on Brazil and Central America.

Some brief summaries from the conference: In early sessions, papers spanned empirical research on democracy and public expenditure in Latin America from the University of Cambridge (Dalibor Eterovic), to citizenship education programs in Brazil from the University of London (Tristen McCowan) to analysis of reform of electoral systems in Mexico from the University of Liverpool (Daniel Huerta).

Education was a persistent theme, with a theoretical paper on the politics of educational policies in Latin America setting a framework from the University of London (Alejandra Fabella) and the role of human resource management linking capacity and employment patterns in Chile from the University of Liverpool (Gregorio Perez).

The politics of health was explored through a work on Brazil's "Secretaria Especial de Politicas para as Mulheres" and legislation on abortion from the University of Sheffield (Torunn Eskedal) and a paper on international commerce, Indo-Brazilian bilateral relations and the politics of procurement for Brazil's national HIV/AIDS program from the University of Cambridge (Cassandra Sweet).

Economic policy through regional integration was explored with a paper from the University of Portsmouth (Jose Deras) and at a national level, with critical analysis of Nicaragua's structural adjustment and food security programs from the University of Oxford (Nazia Habib Mintz).

Environmental policy and perception spanned work on the Dominican Republic from the University of Manchester (George Holmes), Ecuador from the University of Liverpool (Sally Evans) and with a focus on the anthropology of the sea from the University of Manchester (Carlo A. Cubero).

A session on culture and interpretation provided exquisitely crafted lyrical analysis on the Caribbean "marvelous" (Michael Niblett) and uses of the "Paradise Motif in Malcolm Lowry Juan Rulfo and Wilson Harris" in Mexican literature (Sharae Deckard) both from the University of Warwick, in addition to analysis delivered in a decidedly thick Argentinean accent on *Tucumán Arde*, urbanization and cultural protest from the University of Manchester (James Scorer).

A special ACLAIR session with Dr. Joanne Harwood, Curator, Latin American Collections, The British Library, brought issues in UK research to the forefront. Dr. Harwood prepared trial cases for PILAS participants, investigating sources for Post-Graduates and outlining strategies in Latin American scholarship at UK libraries. We thank ACLAIR and Dr. Harwood.

We are tremendously grateful for the continuing support of the Society of Latin American Studies, whose generosity has enabled graduate study and the development of the PILAS society and its conferences for nearly a decade. This year's conference is additionally indebted to the Portsmouth Business School (PBS), whose Dean, Ann Ridley, welcomed the conference with vigor and enthusiasm. PBS further provided excellent facilities for conference sessions as well as sponsoring some local events and organizing housing (most of which was provided by local students who hosted participants).

The Institute for the Study of the Americas graciously contributed a significant portion of the conference's expenses, enabling the pollenization of research among UK Post-Graduates and furthermore, sharing the Director of the Institute, James Dunkerley for a special lecture, "Americas Plural. Old Wine in New Bottles?" which drew a crowd from the local university and both meticulously and poetically explored the current state of the Latin American population in the United States.

Finally, we celebrate the election of the PILAS Committee for 2006-2007 and hereby pass the baton on to this capable and diverse team from Liverpool:

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Gracias, obrigado/a and thanks from the PILAS Committee 2005-2006

President: Jose Deras, Univ. of Portsmouth and

Secretary: Cassandra Sweet, Univ. of Cambridge

PILAS MAILING LIST

PILAS also operates an Internet mailing list which is used to distribute information on upcoming events. If you are feeling ambitious you can also use the mailing list to organise events. The mailing list is also an ideal way of making initial contact with your fellow postgraduates. The PILAS Committee would like to update their mailing list to better serve the postgraduate community working on Latin America. To join the mailing list, we are asking postgraduates to email: mfg22@cam.ac.uk, with 'join pilas FIRST NAME LAST NAME' written in the subject line. Also, check the PILAS website to find out about the Forum, the List of Experts on Latin America and other creative initiatives. PILAS continues circulating information [and exchanging] with members through the mailing lists.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SLAS MEMBERS NEWS

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SLAS MEMBERS NEWS

Gemma Nason, Slas Membership Secretary at Blackwells. Gemma is the Editorial contact working on the *Bulletin of Latin American Research* at Blackwell, and she organises the mailing list for the Society. The contact for any Member that either wishes to join SLAS, changes address, or who has a query about their Membership should contact her at: Membership Services, Blackwell Publishing, PO Box 1269, 9600 Garsington Road, Oxford OX4 2ZE, Tel: +44 (0) 1865 778171, Fax: +44 (0) 1865 471776 membershipservices@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com

Colin Clarke has given his research collection on Mexico and Central America to the Library of the Latin American Centre, 1 Church Walk, Oxford OX2 6JF. The materials are especially detailed on the Mexican state of Oaxaca, and contain books, census materials, pamphlets and journal offprints relating to geography, history, anthropology, and archaeology.

David Preston: University of Leeds. Bolivia: Ecological issues in Tarija. Research since 2000 in a range of ecological situations in Tarija, southern Bolivia, has focused on finding ways in which communities can identify their own priorities for improving their livelihoods. Reports on the research, funded by the UK DFID Natural Resources Systems Programme, are now available from the project website www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/groups/andes/fragenv.htm

Peter Flynn, University of Glasgow, (peter.flynn1@ntlworld.com) continues research on Brazil and the Lula government. He has published 'Brazil and Lula, 2005: crisis, corruption and change in political perspective', *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 26. No. 6, pp 1221-1267. This forms part of a longer and more detailed study for a book on the subject.

Lost and not yet found again members? Help us to send mail to them

Jennifer Fraser, London: does anyone know where she is now?

Pablo Ghigliani, Leicester does anyone know where he has gone?

Catherine Hunt, Liverpool, has anyone got her new address?

Janet Townsend, Durham, does anyone know her home address?

Edith Jimenez, Jalisco, Mexico. (ejimenez@cucea.udg.mx) Edith's current research is on urban land and rural land close to cities, with a research project setting up an 'Atlas de la produccion del suelo urbano de la zona metropolitana de Guadajalajara, 1970-2000', financed by CONACYT. (see also news section later)

SPECIAL SECTION OF THE BULLETIN OF LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH, BLAR:

Tlatelolco 1968 in Contemporary Mexican Literature

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Tlatelolco 1968 in Contemporary Mexican Literature, is Volume 24, Issue 4, of BLAR. Guest Edited by Victoria Carpenter. The Bulletin of Latin American Research and Blackwell are pleased to offer the introduction and an article from this special section FREE online via Blackwell Synergy. Simply follow the links below to access the free articles and abstracts:

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Celebrating 25 Years of Publication

To celebrate the *Bulletin's* 25th anniversary, we will be publishing two special issues, in July and October 2006, and holding a half-day event, at which a selection of contributors to these special issues will talk about their articles, and a special lecture will be given by Jean Franco, from our International Advisory Board.



Join us to celebrate our 25th anniversary

We invite you to attend this anniversary event:

Date: Friday 19 May 2006 **Time:** 2.00pm

Venue: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Lecture Theatre,
Charles Clore House, Russell Square, London

Registration: If you would like to join us for this event,
please register with Olga Jimenez, at the Institute for the
Study of the Americas, email: Olga.Jimenez@sas.ac.uk

Speakers

2.00-2.45 Alan Knight, University of Oxford, 'Patterns and Prescriptions in Mexican Historiography'

2.45-3.30 Rosemary Thorp, University of Oxford, 'Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity: Peru, Bolivia and Guatemala Compared'

3.30-4.15 John Gledhill, University of Manchester, 'Resisting the Global Slum: Politics, Religion and Consumption in the Remaking of Life Worlds in the 21st Century'

4.15-5.00 Geoffrey Kantaris, University of Cambridge, 'Cinema and Urbanías: Translocal Identities in Contemporary Mexican Film'

5.30-6.30 Jean Franco, University of Columbia, 'Rethinking Cultural History in the Era of Globalization'

6.30 Drinks reception

For more information please contact Olga.Jimenez@sas.ac.uk

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CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

2006 Congress of the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS), 28-30 September 2006, Univ. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada "From Local to Global in Latin America and the Caribbean: Where Have We Come from and Where Are We Headed?"

Calling for papers for the panel on: "Cooking Modernity in Latin America: Identity, Daily Life, and Food in the Twentieth Century". The aim of this panel is to reflect about modernity and tradition in daily life from the kitchen's window. We consider the kitchen as an essential space for the creation of gender nation, and class identities. Hence, our panel would focus on analysing food preparation and consumption, domestic technology, home economics, cookbooks, and the influence of processed food, public policies, and the mass media in daily cooking. We argue that the study of the kitchen and its practices would show the importance of women in the transformation of identity perceptions and cultural practices in twentieth-century Latin America. Contact: Sandra Aguilar Rodríguez, Univ of Manchester Sandra.Aguilar-rodriguez@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk and Lilia Isabel López Ferman, El Colegio de México, alifusi@yahoo.com.mx llopez@colmex.mx More details in <http://www.larc.ucalgary.ca/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=72&Itemid=67>

Visual Synergies: Fiction and Documentary Film in Latin America, London & Cambridge, 23-26 June 2006

<http://conference-facilities-uk.co.uk/conferences/papers/index.html>

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**Oitavo congresso de BRASA 2006, Chamada para trabalhos:
13-16 Outubro de 2006, Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee.**

Em nome da Brazilian Studies Association - BRASA, gostaria de lembrar a todos que faltam menos de 12 meses para o VIII Congresso Internacional da BRASA, que vai se realizar no campus da Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, de

13 a 16 de outubro de 2006. Pela primeira vez, todas as propostas de mesas e de trabalhos serão encaminhadas exclusivamente pelo site da BRASA (www.brasa.org), e comunicamos que a página oficial BRASA VIII já está em funcionamento.

Pedimos sua colaboração no sentido de divulgar essas informações nas suas listas, nos seus sites e informalmente entre os seus colegas. Aguardamos com entusiasmo suas contribuições para o nosso encontro em Nashville, onde o nosso incansável Diretor Executivo, Marshall C. Eakin, já está fazendo os preparativos locais e promete um Congresso memorável. Esperamos poder contar com a sua participação no nosso Congresso Internacional da BRASA.
Timothy J. Power, Presidente

**4th International Congress of the Hispanic Poetry of Europe and the Americas², University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
22 - 25 May 2006**

"La poesía es ecología con urbanidad. / En un verso cabe el universo.²
(Jesús López Pacheco)

**International Conference: After 'informal empire'? Commerce and culture outside Britain's formal empire in the long nineteenth-century
January 30-31, 2007. University of Bristol.**

Convened by the Centre for the Study of Colonial and Post Colonial Societies and Department of Hispanic, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, University of Bristol, and Bristol Institute for Research in the Humanities and the Arts.

Up-to-date information from Matthew Brown at matthew.brown@bristol.ac.uk or http://www.bris.ac.uk/arts/birtha/conferences/commerce_culture.html

El IV Congresso Brasileiro de Hispanistas, Instituto de Letras de la Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), en el campus Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro, del 03 al 06 de septiembre de 2006.,

El Congreso tiene como objetivo intensificar el diálogo y el intercambio de experiencias entre investigadores brasileños y extranjeros de diferentes universidades, que se dedican a los estudios hispánicos. Así, a fin de organizar

mejor el congreso, proponemos los siguientes bloques temáticos:

- 1- Estudios del lenguaje
- 2- Enseñanza de lenguas
- 3- Estudios literarios, culturales e históricos-

Se enviarán las propuestas en su momento oportuno, junto con el formulario de inscripción, a la Secretaría del Congreso, por Internet, antes del 28/04/2006. Se está elaborando el sitio del congreso que se divulgará pronto. Además de la presentación de trabajos, están previstos encuentros entre investigadores durante el Congreso. Es requisito para participar del Congreso como ponente de trabajo ser miembro de la ABH o alumno de curso de postgrado stricto sensu, o poseer título de maestría o de doctorado. Los interesados en asociarse a la ABH podrán encontrar el formulario y las instrucciones correspondientes en la revista electrónica Hispanista (<http://www.hispanista.com.br>), donde en el futuro también habrá otras informaciones sobre el Congreso.

Del Carmen Daher, Presidenta del Comité Organizador

JALLA 2006, Bogota, Colombia, 14 y 18 de agosto del 2006.

Las setimas Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latinoamericana (JALLA) tendran lugar. Todos los interesados podran encontrar informacion sobre el temario, la presentacion de ponencias y otros aspectos del evento en la siguiente direccion electronica: <Http://www.javeriana.edu.co/pensar/eventos/jalla2006/inicio.htm>

OCTAVO ENCUENTRO INTERNACIONAL HUMBOLDT

El "Retorno" de la Política, 25 al 29 de setiembre de 2006 Colón (Entre Ríos), ARGENTINA Ejes Temáticos:- Movimientos Sociales y Nuevos Actores; Los Recursos Naturales en el siglo XXI; Expansión Agraria y Crisis; Ciudades de América Latina; Turismo y Región Coordinador: Dr.

Alfredo César Dachary Presentación de trabajos completos con resumen hasta el 31 de mayo de 2006 Auspician: Unión Geográfica de América Latina (UGAL); Red Latinoamericana de Estudios Geográficos de la Unión Geográfica Internacional (UGI); Tte. Gral. Perón 1333 - 2do piso - of. 24 (C1038ABA) Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires – ARGENTINA Tel.: 54-11-4374-3581 - encuentrohumboldt-alta@eListas.net encuentrohumboldt@centrohumboldt.org.ar cehumboldt@yahoo.com.ar www.centrohumboldt.org.ar

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ESPECIAL ELECCIONES AMERICA LATINA

A su disposicion, un muy util documento detallando las elecciones presidenciales en America Latina (PDF, 1000ko) Newsletter EGES: El ano 2006 sera un periodo de elecciones presidenciales en gran parte de Latinoamerica. Intentamos destacar acontecimientos relacionados... Pedirmelo si interesados, Marie-Christine (lacoste@univ-tlse2.fr) Marie-Christine LACOSTE, CNRS, Information Scientifique. Direccion Postal : Maison de la Recherche, Université de Toulouse-Mirail, 5, Allées Antonio Machado - 31058 Toulouse Cedex 9 (France), Tél : (33) (0)5 61 50 43 08 e.mail : lacoste@univ-tlse2.fr

COLOMBIA THIS WEEK

Colombia this Week: a revue of events in this trouble – torn country, arriving each Monday. Contact lfanomorrissey@abcolombia.org.uk Also available is Colombia Forum, a quarterly publication of political analysis on Colombia. If you would like to receive it regularly, please send an email to Colombia_Forum@hotmail.com. We would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions on how to improve our bulletin. Contact: Laura Fano Morrissey, Information Worker, ABColombia, Mezzanine 2, Downstream Building, 1 London Bridge, London SE1 1GB, UK Tel: 0044 (0) 207 785 6595, Fax: 0044 (0) 207 785 3909 Email: lfanomorrissey@abcolombia.org.uk

Brazilian Social Sciences Journals English Edition

The Edelstein Center in partnerships with SciELO and with the support of the Open Society Institute (OSI) has created a site containing the principal social science journals of Latin America translated into English:

< <http://socialsciences.scielo.org/>><http://socialsciences.scielo.org/>

The portal is already on-line and will include initially 30 journals from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia and Paraguay. Seven journals are already available and we will be adding three new journals monthly. In August 2006 we will launch the second edition. The articles can be downloaded at no charge.

List of Journals already available on line:- Dados - Revista de Ciências Sociais (Brazil); Estudos Sociedade e Agricultura (Brazil); Novos Estudos - CEBRAP (Brazil); Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais; Tempo Social (Brazil); TOPOI (Brazil); Horizontes Antropológicos (Brazil); Revista de Ciencias Políticas (Uruguay); Cuadernos CLAEH (Uruguay).

Schedule of journals for the next months:

- ++ February - Estudos Afro-Asiáticos (Brazil); Religião e Sociedade (Brazil); Revista Fuerzas Armadas y Sociedad (Chile); Revista de Ciencias Sociales (Uruguay)
- ++ March - Revista de Sociologia e Política (Brazil); Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política (Brazil); Revista de Relaciones Internacionales (Argentina); Revista Paraguaya de Estudios Sociológicos (Paraguay)
- ++ April - Sur - Revista Internacional de Derechos Humanos; Teoria e Sociedade (Brazil); Revista Historia (Chile); Revista de Estudios Públicos (Chile)
- ++ May - Revistas de Estudos Feministas (Brazil); Sociologias(Brazil); Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política (Argentina); Revista Tinkazos (Bolivia)
- ++ June - MANA (Anthropology - Brazil); Revista Estudios Sociales (Argentina) Revista Desarrollo Económico (Argentina)
- ++ July - Revista Sociedad (Argentina) - Revista de Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales (Bolivia).

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Latin American Encounter

DESIGN IN PALERMO is born to become on August 2006 in the meeting point in which institutions, professors and professionals of Design in Latin America will come together to present projects, send communications, share experiences and create new bonds among Latin America. Trends, business and careers are the

three axes in which contemporary Latin American design is defined, building the structure that allows to anticipate and to create new professional scenarios.

Design in Palermo will be structured like this:

TIP 06 is the place for the new trends, where all creative works are exposed and debate is originated in workshops and seminars where all visions about the future of design and the growing demand are exposed.

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We invite your institution to become an academic partner of this event by providing us with your honorary support. This auspice does not entail any monetary commitment, costs or obligations on your side. We are interested in your involvement in this academic space which will gather institutions, professors and professionals of Design in Latin America. The sponsoring institutions (name, image and links) will appear in the event's Web Site and in all the other academic communications and publications. If you wish to be part of our distinguished group of sponsoring institutions, please send your image to the Lic. Carlos Flores Till to his email address cflore@palermo.edu. We would also like you to participate by sending abstracts, creative works and publications sent by your institution and/or faculty members. If you are interested, please complete the [inscription form](#) and send the abstracts to resumenesencuentro06@palermo.edu

Areas of design involved in Design in Palermo are: **Diseño Textil y de Indumentaria / Diseño de Imagen y Sonido / Diseño de Interiores / Diseño Gráfico / Comunicación Audiovisual / Diseño de Paisaje / Diseño Industrial / Diseño Fotográfico / Diseño de Historietas / Producción de Modas / Diseño de la Información (infografía) / Diseño de Espectáculos / Vestuario / Escenografía / Dirección Teatral**

Mg. Oscar Echevarría, Decano Fac.de Diseño y Comunicación, Univ.de Palermo

DIGITAL ATLAS OF GUADALAJARA

For the last four years, a team of three researchers, including SLAS Member Edith Jimenez, have been working at the University of Guadalajara on a project financed by CONACYT, the National Council for Science and Technology. For the digital atlas of the city they produced three databases. One database is of statistical information, another on land developed for urban purposes by formal and informal agents, and, thirdly, one providing extensive information on 50 ejidos (similar to common land) and five indigenous communities in the four municipalities that form the metropolitan area of Guadalajara.

These databases are complemented by additional information, which includes photographs of the housing at the periphery of the city and maps showing the growth of the city, by decade, for the last 30 years. Some information from the databases can be found on the Web page at <http://udg.mx/atlasdelsuelodeguadalajara>. The tables, maps, graphs and photos on the site will be useful for people interested in studying this metropolitan area, and serve as an example of what can be done for other cities as well. The site was uploaded on 1st December 2004 and comments are sought.

Some of the results of the research project have been presented at Annual conferences organised by the electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative, based at the University of Berkeley, and the Pacific Neighbourhood Consortium in Guadalajara 2001, Osaka 2002, Bangkok 2003, and Taipei in 2004.

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ECOAMERICAS

EcoAmericas is a monthly report on development and the environment in Latin America. Now into its seventh year, EcoAmericas is the leading English language journal dedicated exclusively to ongoing coverage of Latin American environmental issues. A network of correspondents provides clear and objective overview of the region's latest environmental developments and trends. Each Article includes contact details and research information.

EcoAmericas relies solely on subscription and has no paid advertising or grants. The annual subscription rate is US\$225: this includes 12 monthly issues of EcoAmericas, a free copy of the annual guide to Latin American Environmental Agencies, as well as electronic access to the guide and all current and back issues. EcoAmericas website has a searchable archive and Universities receive free IP recognition.

EcoAmericas 2005 Guide to environmental agencies and legislative commissions in Latin America, for example, contains 88 pages and is divided alphabetically by country. Each country then has entries for land agencies and their key divisions or authorities, a list of environmental offices in other agencies, and Legislative commissions. A valuable starting point for contacts and research in all Latin American countries.

EcoAmericas monthly report is some 12 pages long, and highlights contemporary issues. The September 2005 issue, for example, considered the IDB overhaul of environmental policy, Chile's salmon farm moratorium, the reported decline in Brazilian Amazonian deforestation, the way in which Peruvian communities can have a stake in protection of natural areas, and the creation of a porpoise reserve in Mexico. October 2005 had coverage of a Colombian bill to increase logging, the plan for a cross border gold project between Argentina and Chile, the Ecuadorian oil stand-off in Amazonia, the handing of environmental licensing to Brazilian municipalities, and the possibility for green re-form of the constitution in Bolivia. All good, topical, issues, discreetly illustrated and with clear maps. For subscriptions or further information, contact: Lucy Berbeo, Subscriptions Manager, EcoAméricas, Fourth Street Press, 1424 Fourth Street, Suite 605, Santa Monica, CA 90401, Tel: (310) 451-5630, Fax: (310) 451-8758
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BOLIVIAN STUDIES JOURNAL

It is with great pleasure that I announce the publication of Bolivian Studies Journal volume 12, 2005. This scholarly journal is the only one dedicated to the study of Bolivia, its social sciences and humanities. This issue is dedicated to Teresa Gisbert Carbonell. Bolivian Studies Journal is indexed in the Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI). We are accepting subscriptions to Bolivian

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LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES IN EDUCATION (LAPE)

The **Latin American Perspectives in Education (LAPE)** is a student society of the Institute of Education (University of London) made up by postgraduate students and researchers from different academic institutions in the UK. In our first meeting for this academic year, Alejandra Fallabella, a Chilean PhD student at the Institute of Education, gave a presentation about the main patterns in Latin American Educational policies on 3rd November. Her analysis questioned the nature of these educational policies, in particular, discussing if they were related neo-liberal or welfare policies and also if there were elements of the “Third Way” proposal. The final part of the presentation reflected upon the “mixed” policies in the region. After the presentation, an open discussion took place with the entire group, which displayed the wide diversity of knowledge and experience that the participants brought from their respective countries.

In the next session, the topic was *Political and Indigenous movements in education*. María Glauser presented the case of one indigenous community in the Paraguayan Chaco and Tristan McCowan analyzed the case of "The landless rural workers' movement" (Movimento dos trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra) in Brazil. The meeting was held on Friday 2nd December at 17.00, room 828 at University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL. We try to organise a monthly activity. Everybody is welcome! Please send us your inquiries at lape@ioe.ac.uk

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Graduate scholarships for Latin American lawyer/activists

The Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto offers a Graduate Scholarship in Reproductive Health Law, to be awarded to students pursuing the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) or, in exceptional cases, Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) within the Faculty's Graduate Programme. The Graduate Fellowship in Reproductive Health Law is designed to enable a law graduate to explore the legal and ethical issues in reproductive and sexual health, such as the multiple causes of maternal mortality; barriers to availability of and access to reproductive health services; the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS; and abusive sexual relationships.

The Scholarship is designed to permit a law graduate from Latin America who has a demonstrated record in the protection of reproductive and sexual rights to undertake advanced research and study in this emerging field of law.

Applications from **Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Peru, and Mexico** are particularly encouraged. Scholarships pay for academic tuition, student fees, and the cost of one return trip to their home country plus a living stipend of up to CDN\$15,000. In addition, there is the possibility of a stipend to support a ten week internship with an organization working in the field. More information is available. We hope to find more applicants from Latin America for the 2006-07 academic year.

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URGENT NOTICE: CAN YOU HELP? LATIN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS IN UK LIBRARIES

Nearly three years ago, ACLAIIR (Advisory Council on Latin American and Iberian Information Resources) decided to compile 'A Provisional Census of Current Latin American Newspaper Holdings in UK Libraries'. The census has now been completed and can be accessed via the ACLAIIR website at <http://www.aclaiir.org.uk> .

At present the Census includes the hard copy and microform holdings of the British Library and other ACLAIIR libraries. It covers unbroken runs of five or more years since 1970. Isolated issues have been omitted. Holdings earlier than 1970 are noted when they extend beyond 1970. Links to on-line versions are also given.

ACLAIR has been concerned for some time about the availability of current newspapers from Latin America in UK research libraries. In spite of the existence of electronic editions, researchers tell us that they consider access to runs of contemporary newspapers important, partly because of differences between printed and on-line editions, partly because access to back runs on-line may not be guaranteed.

ACLAIR welcomes additions and corrections to the list from non-ACLAIR libraries in the UK. We would also welcome comments about the provision of Latin American newspapers, the different formats, the needs of researchers, any titles totally absent, etc. Updates, additions, corrections and any comments should be sent to: Geoff West at the British Library: by e-mail: geoff.west@bl.uk or by post or fax to: Hispanic Collections The British Library 96 Euston Rd London NW1 2DB Fax: (00-44) (0)20 7412 7784 Tel: (00-44) (0)20 7412 7569

JORNAIS DO MUNDO

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Colocando a flecha em cima de uma bolinha amarela, aparece no canto direito da tela o nome do jornal e o país. Se vc clicar, vai aparecer a primeira página do jornal de hoje. Mas na faixa que vai aparecer em cima, na tela, tem o endereço do "site" desse jornal. Clicando lá, vc pode ler o jornal de hoje. Há jornais de várias partes do Brasil. Boa sorte

TAMESIS BOOKS: DISCOUNT OFFER FOR SLAS MEMBERS

In the last issue of the SLAS Newsletter, we noted that Tamesis Books were publicizing some recent titles which may be of interest to SLAS members. Tamesis were offering members a 25% discount until the end of December 2005 if they quoted a special order number, it is possible that they may still offer the discount on these books if you are interested, contact them directly, and explain that you have seen this in the SLAS Newsletter.

"Contemporary Peruvian Narrative and popular culture" is the first title, by Robert Ruz. The sections in the book consider: Homosexuality and Gay identity in Bayly's 'No se lo digas a nadie, fue ayer y no me acuerdo' and 'La noche es virgen'; Jaime Bayly: Postmodern narrative style and mass cultural marketing; Ivain Thays: postmodern Peruvian narrative of 'high' culture; and Jorge Eduardo Benavides: 'the Peruvian political novel revisited'. The special offer code that readers need to quote for that title is 05226/500. The book is in hardback and 130 pages long. The next "Juan Carlos Onetti, Manuel Puig and Luisa Valenzuela: Marginality and Gender" by Linda Craig is a hardback edition of 184 pages. The book is divided into three sections, each dealing with one of these River Plate writers.

Both volumes are detailed works, with referencing and bibliography for those wanting to follow up references and sources. Soon to be released is another volume, this time on "Angeles Mastretta". For discount availability on these titles,

please contact and discuss with customerservices@boydell.co.uk or on the website www.boydell.co.uk Readers can order by Post: Boydell & Brewer Ltd, PO Box 9, Woodbridge IP12 3BZ; Telephone: 01394 610600; Fax: 01394 610316; email: customerservices@boydell.co.uk or on our website www.boydell.co.uk (add the code in the special instructions box)

NEW BOOKS

1. ON COLONIAL BRAZIL AND MEXICO

Metcalf, Alida C., Family and frontier in Colonial Brazil: Santana de Parnaiba, 1580-1822, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd, October 2005, 280pp, pbk, £14.95, maps, tables, figures, and b&w illustrations, appendix, notes, bibliography, and index.

This is the first paperback edition of this book, first published in 1992. The book sets out to re-create the lives of the people of Sanatana de Parnaiba in Sao Paulo state, through a consideration of Indian, Portuguese and Mamelucos in the sixteenth century; town, kingdom and wilderness; Origins of social class; families of planters; families of peasants, families of slaves; and family and frontier at independence. This is a detailed analysis of family structure by social class and will be of importance to those studying the colonial period and to those seeking to understand the process of frontier settlement

Jaffary, Nora E, False Mystics: deviant orthodoxy in Colonial Mexico, University of Nebraska Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd., April 2005, hbk £34.95, pp257, figures and tables, two appendices, notes, glossary, bibliography, index.

Through a study of Inquisition trial documents concerning false mystics of the eighteenth century, the author discovered intimate details of the spiritual, economic, and gendered lives of many humble people of New Spain's urban centres. The book considers: The production of orthodoxy and deviance; mystical spirituality and social context; evaluation of true and false mysticism; visions of ilusos and alumbrados; classification of female disorders; and the spirit and the flesh. This is a serious and detailed book which has appeal for those

who want to understand the relationships between spirituality and social anxiety, particularly with regard to class and race mixing, and the crossing of boundaries between Catholicism and Indian and African influences.

Gunnarsdottir, Ellen, Mexican Karismata: the Baroque vocation of Francisca de los Angeles, 1674-1744, University of Nebraska Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd., April 2005, pbk £19.95, b&w illustrations, notes, glossary, bibliography, and index.

This book aims to provide a coherent and chronological narrative of the life of Francisca de los Angeles within the context of an expanding colonial society, which, itself, was part of the broader Hispanic world. This is a study of a girl from a poor Creole –mestizo family, especially favoured by God, who became one of those concerned with the counter-reformation and laying the foundations for the Baroque Catholic culture, still evident in Mexico today. The book is divided into four sections: Baroque Queretaro; The Holy Woman; The foundress; and Old Age. This book will appeal to those studying the Colonial period in Mexico, as well as those concerned with the historical aspects of the relationship between Catholicism, class and spirituality.

2. THREE NEW BOOKS ON THE MAYA

Kovic, Christine, Mayan voices for human rights: displaced Catholics in Highland Chiapas, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd., October 2005, pp238, pbk £12.95, maps, b&w illustrations, notes, chronology, glossary, bibliography, index.

This ethnographic volume sets out to examine the ways in which Mayan Catholics of highland Chiapas define and defend their human rights. It focuses on Tzotzil-speaking Mayas living on the edge of the city of San Cristobal de las Casas, expelled from their native lands. Chapters assess the exodus and genesis of leaving Chamula; Opting for the poor – the Catholic Diocese of San Cristobal; The sin of Westernization; Defining human rights in context; practical rights in Guadalupe; Conversion and self-determination; and Building a Community of Faith. This work will hold interest for all those concerned with the current and recent events in SE Mexico as well as those concerned with indigenous issues and the protection of human rights.

Montejo, Victor D, Maya Intellectual Renaissance: identity, representation, and leadership, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd., October 2005, 236pp, pbk £12.95, some b&w illustrations, notes, bibliography, index.

This book contains a collection of essays written 'over the last ten years', and discusses the history, problems, and future of the country from a distinctly Mayan point of view. These essays consider: Pan-Mayanism; representation via ethnography; the multiplicity of Maya voices; Truth, human rights and representation; The ethnohistory of Maya leadership; Theoretical basis and strategy for Maya leadership; Maya ways of knowing; Leadership and Maya Intellectuality; Indigenous rights, security, and democracy in the Americas; and The twenty-first century and the future. It would be useful to know when each essay was written, but the collection is a valuable insight and analysis of an indigenous nation struggling to assert its future and will be of interest to scholars of Central America, indigenous movements, and social development.

Greenfield, Patricia Marks, Weaving generations together: evolving creativity in the Maya of Chiapas, School of America Research, Santa Fe New Mexico, 2004, pbk 11"x9", \$29.95, 200pp, multiplicity of colour and b&w illustrations, maps, notes, references, index.

This glorious book is new in the resident scholar series of this press; it provides careful and detailed study of the processes involved in transmitting weaving knowledge across two generations of Zinacantec Maya women in Chiapas. The field research on which it is based, started in 1968, covers the lives of two generations of weaving families over more than twenty years. The book considers: Changes in the fabric of life; Foundations of cultural continuity; Apprenticeships transformed; Relaxing the textile rules; Inside the mind; the creative process; and Cross-cultural perspectives. The combination of writing and photography makes a brilliant, fascinating, and enjoyable book for both the specialist and those generally interested in the Maya and in weaving techniques.

3. ON NINETEENTH CENTURY ARGENTINA

Schumway, Jeffrey M., The case of the ugly suitor: and other histories of love, gender, and nation-building in Buenos Aires, 1776-1870, University of Nebraska Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd, September 2005, pbk £19.95, 201pp, b&w illustrations, notes, bibliography, index.

This book is an examination of family conflicts and their political and legal ramifications in nineteenth century Argentina. It shows the impact that the revolution against Spain had upon nation-building and the recognition that the family was the building block of a strong state. It also develops the way in which old laws and attitudes were challenged by youth against authority, within the context of important government transition. The volume will interest, and perhaps surprise, those studying the period in Argentina and will also have significant comparative points in legal and social mores for other countries at the same time.

4. ON PARAGUAY

Kraay, Hendrick, I die with my country: perspectives on the Paraguayan war, 1864-1870, University of Nebraska Press and combined Academic Publishers Ltd., April 2005, hbk £55.00, pp257, maps, b&w illustrations, notes, contributors, index.

The Paraguayan War was a tragic conflict, killing hundreds of thousands and involving Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. This is a rare book in English that analyses the conflict from many different perspectives. Ten historical essays assess subjects as diverse as: War, politics and society in South America; Economy and manpower – Paraguay; Paraguayan women during the ‘great War’; Mobilisation in Brazil – the Zuavos and other black companies; Benjamin Constant and the ‘truth’ behind the Paraguayan War; Paraguayan War and Political culture – Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Uruguay and the Paraguayan war – military dimensions; Federalism and opportunities in the Argentinian interior; Images of War; and The war as a catalyst for nationalism in South America. Anyone with interest in Paraguay will want to read this collection.

5. ON US RELATIONS AND LATIN AMERICA

Solaun, Mauricio, US Intervention and regime change in Nicaragua, University of Nebraska Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd.,

Lincoln and London, July 2005, hbk £38.95, pp391, abbreviations, notes, bibliography, index.

This book is a 'detailed inside story of the role played by US policy in impeding the institutionalisation of democracy in Nicaragua and of its 1979 revolution'. It is a detailed case study of the role of the state and its international relations, it interprets why a revolution took place, and has a clear comparative focus. Chapters discuss: Background; The Somoza Garcia legacy; the golden years; The Anastasio Somoza Debayle period; Neutrality; mediation; partial withdrawal; The failure of US policy; and lessons learned. As a specialist in political sociology of Latin America and President Carter's ambassador to Nicaragua from 1977-79, the author took part in a critical period of Central American events. The book is detailed, and will appeal to all those concerned with international relations in Latin America, and especially the evolution, development and failure of revolutionary processes.

Menjivar, Cecilia, and Rodriguez, Nestor, eds, When states Kill: Latin America, the US, and the technologies of terror, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers Ltd., Austin and London, October 2005, pbk £14.95, 374 pp, tables and figures, references, notes, index.

One of the determining features of most of the contributions in this topical book reflect the concept that state directed physical violence developed in the region as a product of a regional political structure 'in which US interests have weighed heavily'. This view also proposes that terror, torture and physical punishment has been practised by Latin American states in a politically rational, calculated, modern fashion, in contrast to the more usually accepted atavistic process. Chapters are divided into an introduction, Central America and Mexico, South America and Conclusion, and contributions refer to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, and Argentina. Of contemporary importance, this book will have much for those concerned with the issues of terror and human rights in the whole Latin American region.

6. ON MILITARIZATION

Peguero, Valentina, The militarization of culture in the Dominican Republic: from the Captains General to General Trujillo, University of Nebraska Press and combined Academic Publishers Ltd., Lincoln and London, April 2005, hbk £42, pp263, b&w photographs, epilogue, appendix, chronology, notes, sources, index.

The focus of this book is the military, but goes beyond traditional analysis to consider the different facets of Dominican society and the history of Dominican civil-military relations. It also considers whether, by changing the military, General Trujillo also changed society. Sections look at; Origins and development of the Dominican Military; the US occupation of the Dominican Republic; Trujillo's military career; society, state and soldiers; Changing the military, altering society; the new Fatherland; Promotions, nepotism, and racialism; Expansion of the armed forces; citizens and soldiers; The end of Trujillo's dictatorship. One of a series of studies in War, Society and Military, this book provides a case study on the unintended consequences of militarization.

7. ON AIR POLLUTION

Simioni, Daniela, compiler, Air pollution and citizen awareness, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago de Chile, August 2004, pp250, pbk, tables, boxes, figures, notes and bibliography, no index.

This is a new edition, in English, based on the results of a project called 'enhancement of citizen awareness for the formulation of policies to control air pollution in three metropolitan areas of Latin America', carried out from 2000-2002. The three areas studied are Mexico City, Santiago de Chile, and Sao Paulo, and the basis premise is that citizen awareness determines the nature of policies to reduce air pollution. The sections in the book look at the theoretical framework, citizens' involvement in air pollution control, research methodology, and citizen awareness and air pollution in the three cities and comparative analysis. This presentation will be of interest to those concerned with environmental issues, policy making, and social involvement and development.

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06/03/2006 Lisa Shaw, School of Modern Languages, University of Liverpool Representations of ethnic identity in Brazilian film comedies of the 1950s. This is a joint seminar with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and to be

held in Seminar Room E, second floor, 17 Mill Lane.

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Visual Synergies: Fiction and Documentary Film in Latin America
23-26 June 2006 / London and Cambridge, UK

Reminder of an interdisciplinary conference on cross-currents between fiction film and documentary in Latin America. More information, including details of keynote speakers, venues and conference fees, will shortly be available at www.latin-american.cam.ac.uk/events/visualsynergies.html.

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LAB – LATIN AMERICAN BUREAU,
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Summary of main points of a report on a web portal project submitted to the SLAS committee in October 2005 by Jean McNeil.

Background information: LAB is a non-profit making Limited Company with no share capital. Christian Aid, CAFOD and Oxfam set up Latin America Bureau in 1977. The organisation was originally founded to publish and inform the general public about the political realities of Latin America at a time when those founding charities were prohibited by UK Charity Law from publishing overtly political books and reports. LAB publishes books on political and economic development and social and cultural aspects of the region, aimed at a non-specialist readership. It undertakes some in-house research and commissions outside authors, as well as co-publishing with a range of North American and other publishers.

LAB is the only organisation in the UK that works regionally across Latin America and the Caribbean. Besides publishing books, LAB regularly organises public seminars to launch LAB publications and participates in human rights and other

issue-specific campaigns, with LAB disseminating information and providing public interface with interested individuals and organisations, and the media in the UK and elsewhere.

Rationale for Funding: LAB is a not-for-profit NGO, (not a charity) partly funded by grants from development agencies and occasional project grants from the European Commission for development education projects. Income from individual membership and sales of our publications contribute to the research and compilation of books on important topics which would not otherwise have an assured commercial market.

LAB has close ties with the academic community in the UK and beyond. Many of our most important authors, such as Jenny Pearce, Alan Gilbert, Sylvia Chant and Lynn Stephen are academics; most of our books are used in the context of teaching. Moreover, LAB links the academic and education world of Latin American studies with all other sectors working on the region: development agencies, solidarity groups, the media, policy makers and individuals both in Europe and in the region itself. Our publications provide accessible analysis of the most important concerns facing the region.

At a time when Latin America is less featured in the media and many people in the UK know it only as a travel destination, LAB's work of bringing new people into contact with the social and political reality of the region is ever more important. LAB holds a database of 12,000 contacts worldwide (8,800 of which are in the UK) who are actively interested in the region.. Our outreach is part of our mission as an organisation dedicated to the community of those furthering the interests of Latin America in the UK and Europe.

LAB has a wide-ranging work programme and an output which belies our actual (small) staff capacity. Because of our extensive work programme, LAB is dependent upon funding to make new initiatives happen. SLAS agreed to fund LAB's web portal project in particular, because it is a powerful tool to increase our outreach and improve our ability to 'pass people on' to other organisations such as departments teaching Latin American studies. Agreed funding: £1,500 per

year for three years beginning in January 2004; with a report and review after year 2.

Activities carried out: Web portal: LAB has established an online portal site, run by a powerful content management system, to create the essential point of reference for anyone seeking more information relating to Latin America in Europe. We aim to bring together the wide range of existing dispersed information to one accessible starting point. www.latinamericabureau.org

Since September 2004 the SLAS logo has been on LAB's homepage as a supporter of LAB, along with its other institutional supporters and funders – CAFOD, Christian Aid, the European Union, etc., and a direct link to the SLAS website appears prominently on LAB's homepage. We also offer a complete listing of Latin American studies courses in the UK, in association with ISA, on this page. The LAB portal is an effective 'shop window' for higher education related to Latin America in the UK.

Academic workshops and promotion of Latin American Studies: C-SAP funded workshops, 2004-5. While the SLAS grant was not used for this programme, we would like to highlight the synergies that our quasi-academic workshops have with the Latin Americanist community and scholars here in the UK. Institutional support of the kind provided by SLAS indirectly contributes to such initiatives and the dissemination of higher education opportunities to the general population.

Other benefits to SLAS members from LAB-SLAS collaboration: LAB values its collaboration with SLAS. Where possible we attend committee meetings and contribute to them, although we only have observer status. In 2002 and 2005 we hosted wine receptions/book launches at the annual conferences, where we also take a book stall.

This year (2005-6) we are hoping to offer a discount to all SLAS members on the updated and revised edition of our textbook, *Faces of Latin America*, authored by Duncan Green (who is also delivering the 2nd annual SLAS lecture in 2005).

Jean McNeil, Publisher, jmcneil@lab.org.uk

Other LAB News

FairTrade & International Womens Day: On Tuesday 7th March we will host a joint event with the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign celebrating International Women's Day and FairTrade as part of fair trade fortnight and to celebrate International Women's Day. The film 'Coffee - take it fairly: stories of Nicaraguan women fair trade producers' will be shown followed by speakers and music from Dj Arias. Food and drinks will be also available.

This promises to be a fantastic event and an opportunity to learn more about the impact of fair trade in Nicaragua. Venue: Latin America Bureau, 1 Amwell Street, London, EC1R 1UL Time: 6.15pm-10pm Price: £5/£3 (LAB supporters) To pre-register for this event contact the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign on 020 7272 9619 or email nsc@nicaraguasc.org.uk For Information see <http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=3408>

Workshops: Our series of workshops will begin in February focusing on topics such as democracy in Peru and the impact of the neo-liberal model in Latin America. Visit our website in early February or check the February e-newsletter for more details. To learn more about previous workshops see <http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=25>

LAB Enews page: The aim of this page is to provide people who are interested in Latin America and the Caribbean with access to news about events in the region because of the relatively small coverage in the British media. Visit the page here <http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=3365>

New Book and events: LAB launches "Culture is Our Weapon: AfroReggae in the Favelas of Rio" on 9th March at the Institute of Contemporary Arts (ICA). The launch follows the premiere of 'Favela Rising', a documentary about AfroReggae. There are limited spaces for this event. To pre-register for this free event email events@lab.org.uk See <http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=3422> for further details ICA Projects will be showing 'Favela Rising' at the ICA from 10th March. Details: Emma Pettit, ICA Press Office: 020 7766 1406 / emmap@ica.org.uk Check the website nearer the time for further details

<http://www.ica.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=21>

AfroReggae bring their explosive tour "From the Favela to the World" to the UK in March. For further details and tickets go to <http://www.favelatotheworld.org/> "Favela to the World" is presented in association with People's Palace Productions with support from Queen Mary College, University of London and The Arts Council. To find out about events organised around the visit of AfroReggae see <http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=3410>

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2 February Peter Lambert, University of Bath: 'Political Hegemony and the Construction of Nationalism in Paraguay'.

16 February Victoria Carpenter, University of Derby: 'Re-member Them: Destruction and Re-creation of Memory in the Works of Mexican La Onda'.

2 March Claire Taylor, University of Liverpool: 'The Reworking of History and Literature in Carmen Boullosa's La otra mano de Lepanto'.

17 March Patience Schell, University of Manchester: 'Philippi's Friends: Masculine Friendship and the Natural Sciences in nineteenth-century Chile'.

26 April (Wed.) Sally Evans, Janine Golder-Gonzalez and Katinka Weber: Presentations by ILAS PhD students (titles tbc).

4 May Felipe Hernández, University of Liverpool: 'Transculturation: Re-Writing Latin Architectural History'.

Reminder for the Conference: Rethinking The Iberian Atlantic, 20-22 April 2006. Organisers: Dr Harald Braun, School of History, University of Liverpool,

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Institute for the Study of the Americas

New MA in Area Studies (Comparative American Studies)

This new degree offered by the Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London, provides the opportunity to study Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada and the US in a comparative framework. Full details are available at http://americas.sas.ac.uk/postgraduate_study/ For more information, contact Karen Perkins, Administrative Manager, Institute for the Study of the Americas, School of Advanced Study, University of London, 31 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HA, tel 020 7862 8875, fax 020 7862 8886, email: karen.perkins@sas.ac.uk web www.americas.sas.ac.uk

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CEDAR, Geography Department, Royal Holloway College.

CEDAR Seminar Series 2005-2006

6th February, 1-2pm Room G2, Judith Pender, Natural Resources Group, UK, 'Development of migrant pest information systems for Africa and Central Asia'

20th February 5-6pm Queen's Lecture Theatre, CEDAR Annual Lecture, Melissa Leach, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, 'Making science and technology work for the poor? Citizen engagement in a globalised world'

27th February, 1-2pm Room G2 Peter Shelley, Department for International Development (DFID) 'Development in China: the approach of the UK DFID'

13th March, 1-2pm Room 136, Emma Foxall, Survival International, UK, 'Tribal people in the 21st Century'

For more details, please contact Jay Mistry, Department of Geography, Royal Holloway (j.mistry@rhul.ac.uk)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**LSE Colombia society****IV International conference****Great Transformations - Colombia: Where are we headed?****Wednesday 1 March 2006, Time: 8.30am - 6.00pm**

Venue: New Theatre, first floor East Building, (8.30am - 1.00pm) and G108, first floor, 20 Kingsway (1.00pm - 6.00pm). Wondering what is going on in Colombia? Do you want to eventually work with Colombia? Then we recommend you come and discuss some of the latest political, economic and social topics in a one day conference with former ministers, academics, ambassadors and government advisors.

The Colombian Society at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) extends a warmest invitation to our IV Annual International Conference that will take place on the 1st of March 2006. The aim of these conferences is to bring together experts from academia, the public and private sectors and civil society to engage in constructive debates on topics of significant interest and relevance for Colombian society.

The theme for this year's conference will concentrate on the changes that Colombia has experienced in the last decade -or is still experiencing- in its economic, social and political institutions. The conference, titled: "Great Transformations - Colombia: Where are we heading?", seeks to analyze and engage in constructive thinking and debate about the prospects of these changes and what they imply.

We believe that Colombia is currently facing critical issues such as elections under a new and reformed electoral system, structural changes to its public administration, a continuing but changed armed conflict, the demobilization of illegal armed groups, the prospect of future peace negotiations, the possibility of signing a free trade agreement and the construction -or reconstruction- of national identity. These great transformations, and their outcome, will determine the country's path for the future. Colombia finds itself in one of the most intense periods of change involving various spheres of our national reality. We seek to

understand where these changes might lead us, if we can plan outcomes, or concede to changes with hopes of prosperity. We believe that these changes, if well taken, are essential for Colombia and are taking us on a new path, one that we wish to explore and understand. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at colombia@lse.ac.uk <<mailto:colombia@lse.ac.uk>> or a.m.rodado_grijalbla@lse.ac.uk <mailto:a.m.rodado_grijalbla@lse.ac.uk>

The Colombian Society would be grateful if you could share our annual conference information with your network. We are very interested in having all those who wish to work in Colombia in Socio-Cultural, Economic Development or Political matters attend this conference so they can learn about current challenges being faced in our country.

This event is free of charge and anyone who is interested in Colombia is welcome to attend. For more information please e-mail the Colombian society at colombia@lse.ac.uk or D.J.Arango@lse.ac.uk confirmed speakers include:

- * Howard Davies. Director, London School of Economics and Political Science
- * Alfonso López Caballero. Colombian Ambassador to the U.K.
- * Roxana Buitrago, President of the LSE Colombian Society
- * Dr. Miguel Gomez Martinez (Colombian Ambassador to France)
- * Dr. Martin Gustavo Ibarra (President of Araujo Ibarra & Asociados)
- * Fernando Cepeda Ulloa (Universidad de los Andes)
- * Fernando Carrillo-Florez (IADB)
- * Dr. Calos Holmes Trujillo (Colombian Ambassador to Belgium)
- * Dr. Mathew Brown (University of Bristol)

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Newcastle upon Tyne, England, UK

Reminder of a conference on Statistics, Mapping, and Organograms:

The Cognitive Capacity of the Public Administration in Latin America.

8-10 September 2006 in Newcastle

Professor Lawrence Whitehead has agreed to deliver the keynote address. For more details, please consult the conference webpage which contains a detailed call for papers explaining the concept of the conference The deadline for

registration is 28 February 2006 <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/cognitive-capacity/cfp.htm>. Please, send your emails to cognitive-capacity.conference@ncl.ac.uk We are looking forward to meeting you in Newcastle. Jens R Hentschke, j.r.hentschke@ncl.ac.uk

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Monday 20 February 5 p.m. Film Series: 'Backlands in Brazilian cinema: from Cinema Novo to the present day' 'Deus e o diabo na terra do sol', Glauber Rocha (1964). English subtitles

Tuesday 21 February 5 p.m. Seminar: Dr Jairo Nicolau , Associate Professor of Political Science, Inst. Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro, (IUPERJ) and Visiting Research Associate, Centre for Brazilian Studies
'How Brazilians vote: an analysis of presidential elections since 1989'

Monday 27 February 5 p.m. Film Series: 'Backlands in Brazilian cinema: from Cinema Novo to the present day' 'Baile perfumado', Paulo Caldas e Lício Ferreira (1997). English subtitles

Tuesday 28 February 5 p.m Seminar: Professor Leo Heller, Professor of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) and Visiting Research Associate, Centre for Brazilian Studies
'The challenges of water supply and sanitation in Brazil'

Monday 6 March 5 p.m. Film Series: 'Backlands in Brazilian cinema: from Cinema Novo to the present day' 'Abril Despedaçado' (Behind the Sun), Walter Salles (2001). English subtitles

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology/Linacre College:

Amazonian seminars. Details from Coordinators: Laura Rival, University Lecturer in Anthropology and Development and Elizabeth Ewart, University Lecturer in Social Anthropology

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UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

University of Stirling

'Latin American Studies in Scotland: The State of the Question'

Friday, 10 March 2006

This one-day symposium at the University of Stirling in March 2006 is open to all academics working in the field of Latin American Studies in Scottish universities. The symposium will allow keynote speakers to present major themes of significance from a range of disciplines to colleagues in other universities in Scotland, in this way creating a forum that facilitates the exchange of ideas among Latin Americanists. The purpose of the symposium is to identify and discuss the fundamental issues concerning Latin Americanists in Scottish

universities in the twenty-first century, in this way defining and interrogating the field of Latin American Studies in Scotland. This event has been generously sponsored by SLAS. Keynote speakers

Dr Will Fowler, Reader in Latin American Studies, University of St. Andrews

Dr Par Kumaraswami, Lecturer in Spanish, Heriot-Watt University

Dr Charlotte Lange, Lecturer in Spanish, University of Strathclyde

Dr Fiona Mackintosh, Lecturer in Hispanic Studies, University of Edinburgh

Dr Brígida Pastor, Senior Lecturer in Hispanic Studies, University of Glasgow

Dr Trevor Stack, Lecturer in Hispanic Studies, University of Aberdeen

There will be a small charge for participants. For further information and to register for the event, please contact Dr. Mary Green (School of Languages, Cultures and Religions – Stirling) mary.green@stir.ac.uk; or Professor Andrew Ginger (School of Languages, Cultures and Religions – Stirling) andrew.ginger@stir.ac.uk