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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear SLAS Member,

At the time of putting this issue together, momentum is building for the elections in Brazil, and one of the society's members has sent in a comment on the process underway. I hope that, by the time that I am there on field work this autumn, I shall be able to enjoy analysing the run-in to a PT government.

Lula currently has a large lead in the opinion polls and some of the issues raised in this campaign emphasise the continuing attempts of the United States, and of individuals, such as George Soros, to exert control over the electorate with economic manipulation. President Cardoso and Pedro Malan, the Minister of Finance, have spoken out against attacks on the *real*, and what the President of the Senate has categorised as 'economic terrorism'. Such pressures may well continue into a second round of voting, and even beyond.

As we know from previous elections in Brazil, the way in which people vote in one round to another may be substantially different. In the second round, there is an opportunity for the forces of the right to rally, but there are also reassuring signs that President Cardoso is working to bring about a smooth transition to power. October the 27th is an important day for Brazil. One can only hope that Lula may celebrate his birthday with the best present of all!

Elizabeth Allen

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT!!
DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE, NUMBER 74,

The last date will be midday on 15 December 2002.

Material and contributions:

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

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

Recent attacks of viruses please help us:

The *SLAS Newsletter* received a number of viruses through email attachments, taking much time and patience to clear.

We worry that we may get our computers put completely out of action by attachments and discs.

Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your help and would prefer it if you could include your material into the body of your Email wherever possible.

We do hope you will understand and do your best to help us. Many thanks.

Deadline for material to be included in the April Issue of the *SLAS Newsletter*, Issue No. 75, will be midday on 15th March 2003.

**SLAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2003:
CALL FOR CONVENORS, PANELS, & PAPERS**

The 2003 Annual Conference of the Society for Latin American Studies will take place at the University of Manchester, UK, from Friday 11th April until Sunday 13th April 2003. Further details will be posted on latam-info and on the SLAS Website in due course (<http://www.slas.org.uk>). Dr Paul Cammack is the organiser, at the Department of Government, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. tel: 0161 2754899. E-mail: paul.cammack@man.ac.uk He would be pleased to receive proposals for whole symposia on any subject or theme related to Latin America, as well as any offer of papers. Please send your proposals to Paul Cammack or to the SLAS Secretary, Victoria Carpenter, EHSL, University of Derby, Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GB. Tel: 01332 591607. Fax: 01332 597736. E-mail: V.Carpenter@derby.ac.uk

**PILAS and PILAS SESSIONS
(Postgraduate Students in Latin American Studies)**

PILAS, the postgraduate section of SLAS, is a group constantly seeking to create links between postgraduates working on topics related to Latin America. Plans are currently underway for PILAS' annual conference, which will be held this December. For more details and updates as they become available, please check the PILAS website at <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/society/PILAS/top.htm> Alternately, have your students subscribe to the PILAS mail list by sending the following message, without any subject title, to: mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk 'join pilas firstname lastname' .

PILAS is currently trying to boost numbers to make this year's postgraduate conference a success and to increase the postgraduate presence at the March SLAS conference in Manchester. The SLAS Committee have agreed that the Thursday afternoon or Friday morning of the annual conference should be

reserved for the postgraduate students' meeting, and this will include training sessions.

PILAS members have been asked for input on the topics of interest, and there may be some ESRC funding available for the event, which SLAS may supplement if it is needed. Sean Burges (current PILAS president) will ask for ideas from PILAS members and has suggested that one of the two days be devoted to the papers by postgraduate students and the other to training sessions. This will be discussed further at the upcoming PILAS conference in December.

Please point any postgraduate students working on things Latin American to SLAS and to the PILAS. Membership in PILAS is automatic with a student membership to SLAS (£11.00, including all benefits of the Society) and is an ideal way of developing the network of contacts needed to ease the rigours of fieldwork and dissertation writing. For more information, offers of papers, or related topics of interest, contact Sean Burges (s.w.burgess@warwick.ac.uk) PILAS President, Dept of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, UK. Tel: 02476-5 23486.

SLAS GRANTS AVAILABLE

1. SLAS GRANTS FOR LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLARS

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

This grant may involve covering the travel expenses and conference fee. It may limit itself to simply covering the conference fee, depending on circumstances. It will be the Convenors' responsibility to decide whether there are any Latin American scholars who need a SLAS Grant in order to give a paper at their sessions. And it will be the Convenors' responsibility to prepare an application for a "SLAS Grant for Latin American Scholars" to be submitted to the Secretary who, together with the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer will decide whether each particular case merits the award of the grant or not.

To be eligible the Latin American scholar must be a member of SLAS; in the early stages of his/her career; giving an invited paper at the SLAS Conference; and in financial need. The Convenors must ensure that the applications for a SLAS Grant for Latin American Scholars reach the Secretary by *28 January 2003*.

2. SLAS GRANTS: POSTGRADUATES ATTENDING CONFERENCES 2003

The SLAS Committee is pleased to inform postgraduate members that £500 has been made available on an annual basis to assist them to attend conferences in those cases where all other possibilities of having their expenses paid have been exhausted. To be eligible, you must be: a member of SLAS; a current postgraduate student at a UK university; and giving a paper to the conference.

A grant will only be made towards the cost of travelling from the country of the university where you are registered (i.e. not to the conference from another country). Please note that funds are limited and that SLAS can only offer a contribution towards expenses. Send an original and one copy of each of the following: an abstract of the paper; a breakdown of estimated costs and a statement of any financial support already available; a letter of support from your supervisor.

These documents should be submitted to the Secretary of SLAS and will be considered at a meeting of the SLAS Committee or an appropriate sub-committee. There are two deadlines for applications every year: the 28th of February and the 30th of September. A maximum of £250 will be allocated to applications after each deadline. The SLAS Committee is pleased to inform

postgraduate members that around £500 has been made available to assist them to attend conferences in those cases where all other possibilities of having their expenses paid have been exhausted.

To be eligible you must be: a member of SLAS; a current graduate student at a UK university; and giving a paper at the conference. Please note that funds are limited and SLAS can offer only a *contribution* to expenses. Send an original and one copy of each of the following: an abstract of the paper; a breakdown on the estimated costs; a letter of reference from your supervisor; a statement of any financial support already available.

The deadline for applications to be submitted to the Secretary, for due consideration by a sub-committee that will include the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer, for conferences taking place between April 2002 and March 2003, will be *Friday 28 February 2002*.

4. SLAS GRANTS:POSTGRADS TRAVELLING TO LATIN AMERICA IN 2003

SLAS is to make between five and eight annual awards to postgraduate students in Latin American Studies to encourage and assist in overseas fieldwork. It is aimed at those preparing for a Ph.D in topics related to Latin American Studies. Applicants should be based at a UK institution of higher education, but may be of any nationality. The criteria for the award are: quality of project design; potential significance of the research; support from referees; and financial need.

There is no application form, but an outline of the proposed research (max. 500 words); a contact address and telephone numbers; details of qualifications and affiliations; and full details of existing or expected financial support, must be included, with three copies of each submission. Applicants must also ensure that two academic referees (one would normally be from the supervisor) arrive by the Friday 15 March 2002 deadline. Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Completed applications will be judged by a panel composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the society and the result notified

during the Annual SLAS Conference. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The Award must be spent on travel costs. The successful candidate is required to provide a short report for the SLAS Newsletter. The awards for the year 2003 are expected to be £600 each. Applications and references must be received by 28 February 2003 by the SLAS Secretary.

HAROLD BLAKEMORE PRIZEWINNER 2002 : £400

The winner is: **NICOLA FOOTE (UCL)** for her essay ***Rethinking Race, Gender And Citizenship: Black West Indian Women In Costa Rica, C. 1920 - 1940***

The merit of the winner is all the more significant since this year there were 15 entries - which accounts, in part, for much discussion and the delay in reaching a verdict.

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HAROLD BLAKEMORE ESSAY PRIZE 2003 AWARD

The Society for Latin American Studies invites current or recent postgraduates of British Universities to submit an essay for consideration for the HaroldBlakemore Prize. The generosity of the many donors to the memorial fund administered by the Society means that the prize is £200. The subject of the essay should fall within the field of Latin American Studies and the work should not have been published elsewhere. Essays submitted in previous years should not be resubmitted, and former winners of the prize may not apply. The winning essay may be considered by the Editors for publication in the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.

Two copies of the essay, which should be double spaced and no more than 8,000 words in length, should be submitted to the President of the Society by 31st January 2003. A panel of judges for the prize will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society at the University of Manchester, at the SLAS Annual

conference 11-13 April 2003. Contact Dr. Will Fowler, President, Society for Latin American Studies, Dept. of Spanish, St. Salvator's College, University of St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AL, Tel: 01334 476161, Fax: 01334 463 677, e-mail: wmf1@st-and.ac.uk

SLAS MEMBERS NEWS 2002

PAUL GARNER has moved from the Department of European Languages to the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies at Goldsmiths. During the academic year 2002-03 he will be a Guest Scholar at the Center for US- Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego, and a Visiting Professor at the Centro de Estudios Históricos at the Colegio de México.

ARMEN KOUYOUMDJIAN has recently published a book on Chile's country risk: *Perspectives Chili* (in French), Le Monde, Paris, June 2002.

PATRICIO SILVA has been appointed as Professor of Modern Latin American History at the Department of Latin American Studies, Faculty of Arts, Leiden University, The Netherlands from 1 May 2002. He is carrying out particular research on state-civil society relations.

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VANESSA KNIGHTS (University of Newcastle) has been invited by the Smithsonian Institution to be a panelist at a conference entitled 'Bolero: The Romantic Song in the Americas' to be held in Washington, D.C. on November 7-9, 2002 at the institution's Dillon Ripley Center. The conference will continue the institution's efforts to educate and expand Latin music audiences and to diffuse information on scholarship in the field. The conference will bring to the institution national and international scholars, writers and performers of boleros to offer lectures, concerts and performances, and special presentations highlighting the history and impact of the bolero in the different countries of the Americas. She has also been awarded a British Academy small grant to finance a research trip to San Juan to study Puerto Rican identity formation in the bolero. Her visit will be hosted by the Institute of Caribbean Studies of the University of Puerto Rico.

MARTA ZABALETA: Concluida la gira de verano con la que celebre mis 65 cumpleaños y el retiro de mi tarea de profesora con un exito muy halagador en las actividades que habia planeado con muchos de ustedes, y sin cuyo apoyo aquello no hubiero sido posible; habiendo saboreado el triunfo de mi amiga y asesora Consuelo Rivera; luego de ver mi nuevo 'libro' aceptado con regocijo por mis co-autoras y editor. Me apresto a aceptar vuestros trabajos para mis numerosos seminarios futuros. La primera prioridad es mandarme su propuesta para los dos del ICA 51, en Santiago. La segunda, inscirbirse para abril del 2002 en la SLAS., aqui en Inglaterra. Se aceptan sugerencias tematicas. Aunque el centro sera Argentina Potencia hasta la extenuacion.

CONFERENCE NEWS AND REPORTS

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Universidade de Chile, official website: <http://www.uchile.cl/vaa/americanista>

1. Symposium: "Indigenous Rights, Dialogy & Relations to National States"

The aim of this symposium is the development of approaches to indigenous rights that take into consideration the dialogical stance in which relations between

Indigenous peoples and national states are embedded today. Traditional, conflict-based approaches do not address a significant portion of the social practice of Indigenous peoples in relation to national states.

The main aim here is to compare different practices of many Indigenous peoples' organizations in several Latin-American countries, as well as Anglo-Saxon American ones, in their dealings with the national states they find themselves encompassed by.

The main theoretical aim is to describe concrete dialogical spaces created by such Indigenous organizations in their everyday practice, as well as the difficulties created by national states' views on the following (but not limited to) themes, such as 'culture', 'nationality', 'society'. This symposium intends to bring together anthropologists, jurists, educators, Indigenous activists/scholars, sociologists to take up the theme of indigenous rights.

In the Andean region of Latin America, "water cultures" and "local hydraulic identifies" play a key role in the challenge to work towards rational management and sustainability of equitable distribution of water resources. The aim of this symposium is to present a comparative research activity, with the final aim to contribute to a better comprehension of indigenous water rights and to contribute to a better recognition of indigenous rights and water management rules in national legislation.

Latin American countries still have not completed a full analysis about indigenous water rights. There is no kind of positive legal discrimination in Latin America, maintaining situations of legal disfunction, and in case of conflict, huge operational problems. Coordinator/Convenor: Adolfo de Oliveira, CIASE - Centre for Indigenous American Studies and Exchange, Department of Social Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Fife KY16 9AL, Scotland-UK, Tel: 00 44 1334 462986 Fax: 00 44 1334 462985

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(ponencias) proposals: 31 December 2002

2. Symposium: "Absurdities Of The Human Condition"

Convenor: Joanna Overing, U. of St. Andrews, Scotland, (jo1@st-and-ac.uk) The recent debate on the topic of 'human nature' and its multiple Conceptualisations among Amazonian peoples is ongoing, but is certainly not resolved. For instance, the recent debates on 'animism' in Amazonia have opened a rich field for discussion, particularly with regard to the on-going critique of representational theories of meaning.

This workshop, in focusing upon the 'ontological' ambiguities of Amazonian ideas about what it means to be a human being, can further such a critique. We wish participants to concentrate on our own and the indigenous understandings of what we might categorise as 'human beings', 'human nature', 'human self', and 'human sociality'.

Some possible points upon which to focus :

- 1) Cosmic folly (in creation time and/or present-day): and its link to a formulation of a 'social philosophy of the comic'. What is the link of amazonian socialities to indigenous social psychologies?
- 2) The comic as a mode of knowledge: what is the relation between the ludic and verity?
- 3) moral imagination

3. Simposio ICA: Cultos religiosos populares en América Latina

Resumen de ponencia hasta 200 palabras y uno currículo resumido deben ser encaminados a las dos coordinadoras hasta 31 de Octubre. Respuesta hasta 30 de Noviembre de 2002. Coordinadora: Profesora Eliane Tânia Martins de Freitas, UFRN/UFRJ (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte/ Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro), Brasil. E-mail: etmart@terra.com.br

Proponemos un simposio sobre cultos populares, en particular aquellos no formalmente ligados a una institución eclesial: santificaciones locales/ regionales no siempre reconocidas por las jerarquías eclesiásticas; tumbas sagradas de personas anónimas o famosas; lugares asociados a eventos míticos y convertidos en sagrados por una fé popular que hace de ellos objetos de cultos y peregrinaciones. Fenómenos, en fin, de una religiosidad "menor", discreta, cotidiana y, sobre todo, local.

Existe una amplia literatura, especialmente en el campo de las Ciencias Sociales y la Historia, sobre fenómenos religiosos populares. Sin embargo, poco se ha escrito sobre aquellas manifestaciones menores, sobre su lugar y sobre el alcance de sus significados posibles en el ámbito de la vida comunitaria o regional.

Por ser menos formalizados y menos elaboradas por códigos académicos o eclesiásticos, estas pueden convertirse en un espacio de mayor libertad de acción y pensamiento, de invención y reelaboración de signos religiosos oficiales. Pueden ser un rico canal para que se produzcan metamorfosis de los discursos y prácticas religiosos oficiales.

Este fórum pretende ser un espacio de encuentro y discusión con colegas de diversas nacionalidades y perspectivas teórico-metodológicas. Nos interesa, especialmente, pensar en la repercusión y controversia que estos cultos populares generan entre los agentes del campo religioso, así como las diversas representaciones que, en torno de ellos, se tejen en la opinión popular y en los medios de comunicación y cómo van siendo transmitidos de generación en generación, aún cuando, muchos de ellos, no sean parte de un calendario religioso oficial. Además de preguntas de cuño etnográfico, proponemos que este simposio se un espacio privilegiado para una revisión teórica y un balance de la bibliografía sobre religiosidad popular.

4. Simposio: Ficcionalización de fronteras e identidades. La tensión de los discursos de civilización y barbarie versus sertão y litoral

Este simposio propone una reflexión sobre la formación, evolución y actualidad de los conceptos dicotómicos “civilización y barbarie” versus “sertão y litoral”, muy productivos especialmente en el ámbito cultural del Cono Sur latinoamericano y en Brasil, respectivamente (de todas formas, comunicaciones sobre otros espacios culturales serán muy apreciadas). Cada uno de estos cuatro conceptos posee una fuerza semántica generadora de una amplia red de tensiones que exige una profunda discusión: tensión interna, tensión aparente o real dentro de cada pareja dicotómica y tensión al comparar los espacios hispanoamericano y brasileño.

La tradición crítica ha prestado atención a estas dicotomías haciendo especial hincapié en textos literarios o históricos. Este simposio busca, además, colaboraciones que aporten ideas sobre la productividad o no de estas dicotomías en todo tipo de expresión artística o intelectual, incluyendo por supuesto los nuevos medios de comunicación. Se esperan contribuciones que aborden, entre otros, los siguientes temas: ficcionalización del discurso histórico; historicidad del discurso ficcional; aspectos diacrónicos y sincrónicos; los discursos legitimadores nacionales como proyectos civilizadores; el juego de la intertextualidad; mecanismos de auto y heterodescripción sobre la función del “otro” en el “nosotros” y del “nosotros” en el “otro”; discursos de espacios fronterizos: Rio Grande do Sul y norte de Uruguay, por ejemplo; etc. Lenguas de trabajo: español y portugués (por motivos prácticos) pero se aceptan también comunicaciones en inglés o francés. Coordinadores: Klaus-Dieter Ertler (U. de Graz) klaus.ertler@uni-graz.at; Enrique Rodrigues-Moura (U. de Graz y U. Complutense de Madrid) rodriguez_moura@hotmail.com Tel: 00. 43. 0316. 380 25 00 Fax: 00. 43. 0316. 380 97 70

5. SIMPOSIO ICA : El Universo Indígena y Retos de Modernidad

"Repensando las Américas en los umbrales del siglo XXI"

El Simposio estará dedicado a la discusión de los actuales problemas de las diferentes culturas indígenas americanas en torno a las pérdidas de los referentes tradicionales y la incorporación de elementos provenientes desde el proyecto ideológico occidental moderno, industrial, globalizado, estatista y economicista, en la doble vertiente de cómo influye en la mirada de la

antropología, cuanto más en los marcos culturales de las propias comunidades indígenas.

Se trata de un marco de discusión sobre un tema tan tradicional como actual sobre las ganancias, pérdidas, hibridaciones y simulacros de las culturas indígenas americanas en función de los procesos de cambio, las dinámicas e influencias de la llamada modernidad. Desde la economía a escala macro y su posible influencia y determinación sobre lo micro, hasta las reestructuraciones actuales de la historia indígena, pasando por la emigración, el liderazgo, las nuevas organizaciones, el turismo, las marginalidades y pobrezas o el papel de las ONG.

Sin duda, un simposio muy ambicioso en su amplitud y temática que partiendo de la base de que se trata de un cajón de sastre trata, en última instancia, de poner sobre el tapete la necesaria discusión entre tradición y modernidad en las comunidades indígenas americanas.

Para recibir más información y/o poner una PONENCIA debes mandar el título con un resumen (500 palabras) y tus datos personales a la dirección electrónica del Coordinador (jlanta@ujaen.es) en un formato compatible con Word. No olvides rellenar el formulario de inscripción en el Congreso que encontrarás, junto con el resto de la información, en:
<http://www.uchile.cl/vaa/americanista/espanol/segundacircularespanolica.doc>

WORKSHOP: 'POLITICAL PARTIES AND DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION IN LATIN AMERICA' Joint Sessions of Workshops of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) in Edinburgh, 28 March-2 April 2003.

For the first time in Latin America's history practically all its constituent countries are ruled by democratically elected governments, most of them showing by now established electoral processes. This development raises new research questions, of importance both for the study of the region in itself and for comparative work. Whilst studies of transitions to democracy are well established,

the need remains to promote and bring together empirical work relating to the role - actual or potential - played by the new actors of the consolidation of democratic governance within the region. This workshop will explore the extent to which political parties are essential anchors of that consolidation process in the Latin American polities.

The workshop will focus on the roles played by political parties in the democratisation of Latin American societies. In some cases parties seem to act as anchors of democratic consolidation, showing high levels of electoral participation, whilst in others either they are replaced by ephemeral electoral organisations or have become frail spectators of governments they neither control nor can effectively oppose. Hence, several secondary questions relate to the extent to which parties provide channels for participation, their role as a source of political culture, their relationship with the state and with civil society, their effect on regime stability, etc.

We seek papers looking at case studies, which could include empirical studies of political parties' activities and members' participation, studies of parties' influence on policy-making processes or studies of links between campaigns and party organisation. Equally, we are interested in comparative papers that adopt a broader sub-regional, or even regional, perspective.

At each ECPR workshop some 15-24 participants discuss the papers that each one has presented and pre-circulated a month in advance. Potential participants are invited to submit a summary of their proposed paper as soon as possible, but no later than 1 December 2002. The selection of papers will take place during the first week of December. Proposals, as well as any queries, should be sent to Roberto Espíndola at R.Espindola@Bradford.ac.uk Further information about the ECPR itself, and its Joint Sessions of Workshops, as well as a full outline for this workshop, can be found at <http://www.essex.ac.uk/ECPR>

PRIMER CONGRESO SUDAMERICANO DE HISTORIA

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia: IPGH-BOLIVIA

Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia), 20, 21, 22 de Agosto 2003

Los organizadores y patrocinadores hacen llegar su más cordial invitación a historiadores, académicos y estudiosos a participar en este encuentro continental. El Primer Congreso Sudamericano De Historia, nace como una iniciativa y resolución de la XV Reunión de Consulta de Historia del IPGH (Bogotá, octubre 2001), estimulando la conveniencia de celebrar congresos regionales en nuestro continente. Simultáneamente se realizarán en la misma ciudad la reunion tecnica de la comision de historia y el simposio panamericano de historia.

Este Congreso desea ser un foro donde intelectuales y académicos presenten visiones actuales y renovadas de los procesos históricos de nuestras regiones, con el fin de fortalecer lazos entre personas, instituciones y países, e invitarlos a desarrollar colaboraciones de carácter nacional y continental a fin de enriquecer y matizar la historiografía sudamericana en su conjunto.

90 ENCUENTRO DE GEÓGRAFOS DE AMÉRICA LATINA

Mérida, Yucatán, en abril de 2003

Les envío la convocatoria para el 90 Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina que se celebrará en Mérida, Yucatán, en abril de 2003. Les agradeceré su difusión, en espera de contar con su asistencia. Mayor información puede encontrarse en la página www.igeograf.unam.mx. Dr. José Luis Palacio-Prieto, Vicepresidente de la Unión Geográfica Internacional, Director del Instituto de Geografía, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, UNAM, Ciudad Universitaria, Coyoacán, 04510, D.F. México fax (52-555) 616 2145 voz (52-555) 6224339 6224340 6224341 <http://www.igeograf.unam.mx>

REPORT: CONGRESS CEISAL, AMSTERDAM, 3 - 6 JULY 2002

Cruzando Fronteras en América Latina

From 3 to 6 July Amsterdam hosted the Third European Congress of Latin Americanists (Tercer Congreso Europeo de Latinoamericanistas. The Congress was organized by the counterpart of SLAS in the Netherlands, NALACS. The

practical organisation was in the hands of a committee of representatives of the major Dutch centres of Latin American Studies. The Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA) was the administrative centre of the organisation.

The Congress was clearly interdisciplinary, attracting representatives from different disciplines within the Social Sciences and Humanities, ranging from literature to economics, from empirical studies to theoretical exercises, from micro-perspectives to global analyses.

The final programme counted some 550 participants who presented a paper in one of the 110 sessions. Some 150 more participated in the Congress without presenting a paper. The participants came from all over the world. Almost half of the participants came from Latin America. The rest came from the different European countries. It is a salient characteristic of the CEISAL Congresses that they attract many participants from Southern and Eastern Europe and the dialogue between them and academics working in the Anglo-Saxon tradition is certainly one of the merits of these CEISAL-Congresses. A minority came from the USA or Asia.

Apart from the regular sessions there were three key-note lectures, by Guillermo O'Donnell, Cynthia Hewitt de Alcántara and Arturo Escobar. These lectures discussed central themes in Latin American studies. In the light of the theme of the Congress it was certainly no coincidence that all of these lecturers were Latin American academics who actually work outside of the continent

The atmosphere of the Congress was very good and relaxed. Most of the sessions were well attended and the participants engaged in lively and animated discussions. The general quality of the papers was quite good and their insights generating a lot of debate.

The European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies published a special, 230 pages issue for the Congress under the title "Major Trends and Topics in Latin American Studies in Europe". This issue was distributed to the

participants and generated a lot of discussion already during the Congress. The Special Issue of the European Review can be still be bought for the price of 15 euro + shipping costs.

The social part of the programme was well attended and many personal and academic discussions were continued with the help of Dutch beer or Chilean wine. The participants of the Congress received a CD-Rom with the full text of about 200 papers which were received before the Congress. A limited number of these CD Roms is still available at CEDLA (Secretariat@cedla.uva.nl) for 5 euro + shipping costs.

Michiel Baud, Presidente del Comité Organizador CEISAL 2002

THE BRAZILIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2002

In October this year, around 120 of 170 million Brazilians are going to cast their (obligatory) vote for a new president, after 8 years of Fernando Henrique Cardoso, who was elected twice on the strength of his 'Plano Real', which controlled inflation, but under whose government Brazil's debt also increased from 30 to 55% of GDP, or 685 billion reais (despite privatisation of most public enterprise), partly due to efforts to keep the exchange rate stable, at one real for one dollar.

Having already changed the constitution to serve a second term, FHC's chosen successor of the centre-right coalition, José Serra, reputedly lacks a sense of humour, and hasn't really taken off in the polls. However, Serra, until a month ago second in the polls, is also the chosen candidate of 'the market', i.e. of foreign investors. George Soros put it more bluntly in an interview with the Folha de São Paulo, one of the main national newspapers, beginning of June, offering Brazilians the choice between Serra, or a crash and debt default like happened in Argentina. With a currency that is losing against the dollar steadily (more than 30% of its value from the beginning of this year alone) and rising inflation on transport and fuels, such as kitchen gas, FHC and Serra have been telling the

electorate that the only way to avoid 'argentinização' is to vote for the government backed candidate, and thus, for continuation of neoliberal economic policies.

Luiz Inacio da Silva, or 'Lula' as he is usually called, leader of the PT, the Workers' Party, is running as the opposition candidate for the fourth time. As in earlier elections, he has been leading clearly in the polls for several months. As in earlier elections, TV and press coverage has been biased against him, if less so than in the 1989 campaign.

To give only some examples, the fact that Lula, a former metalworker, doesn't have a university education like other candidates, is stressed as a negative factor. To this, Lula has laconically replied that, if a president needed only superior education to solve the country's problems (like the president-intellectual FHC), Brazil wouldn't have any.

Another example is the Jornal Nacional, the main private TV channel's (Globo) evening news, reminding its viewers that 'Lula did not specify how to achieve this', when covering any of his campaign promises, but happily quoting any equivalent promise made by Serra, without the same footnote (an interesting site for those who read Portuguese is the Press Observatory at www.observatoriodaimprensa.com.br).

Yet in this election campaign, since its start in July (official or not, the World Cup was much a much more important item on the news and on everyone's mind before that), has shown some peculiarities. The candidacy of the soft-left, ex-governor of Rio de Janeiro, Anthony Garotinho, a converted evangelist, has been surrounded by rumours that he would drop out of the race.

And the performance of Ciro Gomes has been possibly the most surprising of all. Ciro, former mayor of Fortaleza, governor of Ceará state, and ex-minister in the FHC government, has surged in the polls from 9 to 27%, overtaking Serra. The latest poll published (August 13th) has Lula in the lead, with 34% of the intentions of votes, Ciro second with 27%, Serra third with 12%, and Garotinho last with

11%, thus technically head to head with Serra, with 10-12% of voters still undecided (margin of error, 2.2%, source, IBOPE). In the simulations of a second turn, Ciro is the only candidate who could win against Lula, with 47% to Lula's 42%.

It seems that now that Ciro has a realistic chance of winning, the market is more scared of him than of Lula, and the magazine ISTOÉ's title this week shows this perfectly: 'Lula nao assusta mais' – Lula doesn't scare anymore, with a photo of a smiling Lula. This is a big change in the mainstream media's treatment of Lula.

Beginning of June, another magazine, Veja, showed a picture of Lula with a graph of the rising dollar in the background, and christened this phenomenon, 'O efeito Lula', the Lula effect, clearly attributing it to Lula's lead in the polls. Around the same time, foreign publications, such as the Economist and the Financial Times, also started commenting about the need for Lula to clearly state his economic policy intentions, reminding its readers that it was Lula who wanted to renegotiate Brazil's debt, until his discourse started to become the one of 'Lula light' of honouring all accords.

This change has not been convincing to those that fear the radical part of the PT, and it has left PT supporters disappointed for a lack of coherence. (After all, why vote for the opposition if everything will remain the same?) This in turn, has enhanced Ciro's performance, and created renewed turmoil in the financial markets. Ciro presents himself as anti-establishment, yet at the same has the backing of one of Brazil's most notorious right-wing oligarchs, Antonio Carlos Magalhães. Ciro also vehemently criticises the government, but in his brief spell as financial minister followed the same style of neoliberal policies.

All this time, the dollar has been steadily rising, reaching a high of R\$ 3,47 per dollar (July 31st), and currently at 3.17 (August 13th), worrying Brazilian enterprise with credits taken abroad, and many of the middle class, who have deposits in the bank and fear another Collor-style freeze of their assets (or a 'corralito' as in Argentina and Uruguay), or the loss of its value.

The exchange rate with the dollar is one of the two main indicator of confidence in Brazil, the other being the country risk (at the moment Brazil is the third most risky country after Argentina and Nigeria). Both have been going up, with few moments of relief, mainly due to the bad performance of Serra, the government candidate who stands for continuity of the economic policies, in the polls.

Just last week, an IMF package of 30 Billion US\$ was signed by the Brazilian government (to be approved definitely by september)– leading the *Correio Braziliense* to a big lettered 'UFA!' (Phew) on its first page. The main conditions of the loan, one of the biggest yet to be given by the IMF, are the following: 6 billion US\$ to be freed in 2002, the remaining 24 billion only in 2003, with the surplus to be maintained at 3.75% (only 8 other countries, all of them developed, have a surplus that high). This is equivalent to a rope around the neck of the new president, who will have to limit public expenditure even more to keep the surplus at the actual level.

All candidates stated to be in favour of the accord, while trying to retain a critical position. Lula, for instance, refuses 'to share the blame' for the actual situation, which according to him, is due to the policies pursued by FHC over the years, and nothing else. The government, on the other hand, tries to make out that the plunging real is merely a political problem, due to the negative effect the popularity of both Lula and Ciro has on the market, which the election of Serra would solve.

One cynical commentator of the *Diário de Pernambuco* finds a new interpretation of this crisis: the role of the first lady will be much more important. Why? Because the economic policies are already established in the accord with the IMF, and because this will affect all other policy, the only difference among the candidates will be what their wives do with the interior decoration of the Planalto Palace, the seat of the president. All else about the future of Brazil has been decided in a Washington conference room.

Sabine Pallas, University of Glasgow

MEXICAN AND ECUADORIAN STREET CHILDREN

I have not reported on the street children for some time, but JUCONI (Junto con los Niños) issued a press report in February in preparation for Prince Charles's visit to Puebla in March, and to launch JUCONI's sponsorship programme for Mexico, but the International Children's Trust would also like to increase the number of sponsors in Britain in order that more children can be helped. It costs £20 a month to help each child. This British-Mexican programme is a founder member of the Mexican National Programme 2001-2006 "De la calle a la vida."

JUCONI has helped over 1,000 boys and girls aged 2 to 18 to leave the streets since its inception in 1991, by working closely with each for 3 to 5 years. It helps over 350 of the children who live and work in the markets in Puebla each year

The Prince visited JUCONI House which helps 20 boys a year to make the final transition from street living to full participation in society. He met children who have re-established contact with their families, and are in school. Over 90% of them are known to achieve success through the programme, for JUCONI measures the success of its services on each child as regards improving school work, emotional stability and re-integration into the family. The management is British/Mexican and the educational team Mexican.

Initial contact is usually made at the bus station, where children may arrive from other states, and in the market. Borstals are also visited. The children are told about JUCONI and motivated to take part; market-workers visit a community-based day centre where they can have a meal, and a shower, and take part in various educational and recreational activities.

Street-living children may eventually become resident in JUCONI House, whilst street-working children are helped in their family homes. All this may take a considerable time and there can be strong family opposition. Further to this there is a Training and Consultancy Centre which equips other programme leaders and

staff in Latin America and elsewhere with JUCONI's practical tools and experience.

JUCONI-Ecuador is part of the European Network for Street Children's "Satellite Project" which support's 12 educational programmes world-wide. JUCONI contributes by teaching street-working children to make puppets, and write plays which they present in the poorest communities. "Satellite" will end with a conference in Brussels in November which hopes to increase knowledge of the conditions of street children.

Ecuador's economic problems are increasing the number of such children who often work in terrible conditions to help their families, but JUCONI's bank reserves have been frozen, as have those of many organisations, so any contributions which can help them to continue their work would be gratefully received.

This report is based upon JUCONI's Press Releases and the International Children's Trust's April "Newsletter" which has contributions from Alison Lane and Sarah Benitez of JUCONI and Alex Pearce of JUCONI-Ecuador. Contributions may be sent to International Children's Trust, 1020, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE4 6AL.

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MADEIRA MAMORE RAILWAY: a report on progress, or lack of it.

The Estrada de Ferro Madeira-Mamoré (EFM-M) is in a terrible state. Since a landslip, in December 2000 at km 3, the regular Sunday steam tourist ride has not operated. No attempt has been made to repair the line The engine shed is rusting away and is used by drug dealers. The station area in Porto Velho is used by prostitutes and carriages are being vandalised. No money has been spent on vital spare parts for locos or carriages. The museum has no proper security, and

the document archive was moved several times in the last ten years and has had no money spent on preservation against harsh tropical conditions. Train and museum staff have previously had their salaries paid late, and sometimes not at all. The rail line has been declared a heritage site and the day to day management and operation of the railway is in the hands of the State Governor of Rondônia.

Marco Antônio Domingues Teixeira and Odete Alice Marão de Carvalho, are two history lecturers at the Federal University of Rondônia (UNIR). In a joint academic essay published in 2001 (*Vales do Madeira e Mamoré, uma Proposta de Sustentabilidade a Partir das Atividades do Turismo Ambiental, Histórico e Cultural, Editora UNIR*) they make a dire warning for Rondônia: "It is important to observe that...heritage, nature, folklore, and local culture is frankly unprotected, endangered and ignored by local authorities, business leaders and sectors connected with the tourism industry".

The Madiera Mamore Society, in conjunction with the Amigos do Trem Madeira-Mamoré, its sister NGO in Brazil, organised an international seminar in Porto Velho, Rondônia, Brazil, 28-30th of November 2001. National representatives of the Brazilian Rail Preservation Association (ABPF), the Federal Government's Preservation Agency (IPHAN), and museum experts from Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, joined academics from the USA and England. Also present were representatives of local preservation groups and over 300 members of the public from Porto Velho.

What became clear was that there exists a strong emotional attachment between the population of Rondônia and the history of the railway line. Residents expressed horror and regret at the abandonment of their heritage by the local authorities. Speakers explained how the railway line formed part of their own memories, how it was the one thing which helped to open up this part of the Amazon region for settlement, how it must be preserved as a living memorial to the creation of the state of Rondônia.

As well as the main debates there were video and film shows:

- *Mam Amazônia*, a documentary film by Celso Lucas charting the colonisation of Rondônia in the 1980s and 1990s
- *Oswaldo Cruz na Amazônia*, a video by Eduardo Tile and Stella Oswaldo Cruz Penido, about the medical researcher's work against malaria during the construction of the EFM-M

Photographic displays included:

- *Na Trilha dos Trilhos*, an exhibition of 30 photos taken by Luiz Brito documenting the current state of the EFM-M
- *Estrada de Ferro Madeira-Mamoré*, photos taken in 1981 by Kin-Ir-Sen Pires Leal
- *Estrada de Ferro Madeira-Mamoré*, copies of photos taken by Dana Merrill between 1909 and 1910 during the construction of the line

A display was also mounted by the MMRS showing leaflets from British, European, Australian, and Japanese rail heritage lines and museums. This information was placed next to a display of leaflets from Brazilian railway museums.

Delegates were able to contrast how different countries approached the business of promoting and organising the public display of their railway heritages.

Research by the Madeira-Mamoré Railway Society shows the EFM-M museum to have one of the highest visitor figures of any rail museum in Brazil. This is despite the poor state of the displays and lack of interpretation and indicates that there is a large audience waiting to enjoy a professionally run heritage site. The challenge is to persuade the politicians and those in positions of power to listen and to understand the importance of the EFM-M to the region; not only in terms of heritage but also in terms of its potential for tourism, education and local job creation.

In 2002, key members of the Amigos do Trem Madeira-Mamoré (a sister campaigning organisation in Porto Velho) will be drawing up a plan of action to rescue, preserve, repair, restore and operate the EFM-M. This is no simple task and requires time and money. Key partners are being sought from both the public

and private sector, and the Madeira-Mamoré Railway Society's aim is to provide as much international support as possible to achieve this full objective. The vision is to create a living museum dedicated to the lives of those who built the line, the people who worked on it, and the passengers who used it.”

The problem for the EFM-M is that the politicians and bureaucrats of the State of Rondônia appear not to share this vision of developing a public museum and preserving the cultural heritage. Since the line was last restored, no money appears to have been invested in the museum, rolling stock or locomotives. This is why the MMRS, in conjunction with the Amigos do Trem Madeira-Mamoré, believes that continued public pressure is so essential if the heritage of this Amazon steam railway line is to be preserved for future generations.

The seminar was hailed as a success for galvanising public opinion. The challenge now is for the Amigos do Trem, with the international help and support of the MMRS, to draw up: a restoration plan; a business plan to operate the railway line and museum; find a group of international financial supporters interested in developing this tourism aspect of the Amazon; and to set up a publicity campaign which can draw world attention to the current problems and the vision for the future. For more information, and an application form to join the Society, please go to www.efmm.net Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Martin Cooper, President, Madeira-Mamoré Railway Society

MAJOR ARCHIVE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazilian newspapers report that the collections of Humberto Franceschi and Jose Ramos Tinhorao are now available to the public at the Instituto Moreira Salles in Rio de Janeiro. The collection will be called the Centro Petrobras de Referencia da Musica Brasileira. The collection includes over 12000 sound recordings dating from between 1902 and 1950 and 200 scores of early choros. A selection from the sound recordings will be published on a set of 15 CDs. There

will be a second set of 15 Cds that will include new performances of early choros from the collection. See details in the *Estado de Sao Paulo* at <http://www.estadodo.com.br/divirtase/noticias/2002/mai/28/216.htm> and from Globo <http://globo.com/globoNews/article/0,6993,A303531-27,00.htm>

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The World Cup 2002 has been and gone, with Brazilian success still echoing on the autumn wind. While national pride has been restored, this CD reminds those who adore Brazilian football, not only in international games, but also in the regular hurly burly of the regular season of the highs (and maybe the lows) of a *torcedor de futebol* in Brazil. Flu - Fla. The greats of the game and the kiddies in the club training grounds - the *craques do futuro*.

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These are classic Brazilian music and futebol recordings, electrifying in themselves. Evocative to the depths. Produced to accompany the book *Futebol, the Brazilian way of life*, written by Journalist and futebol torcedor Alex Bellos,

published by Bloomsbury Press, May 2002, price £9.99, this is a 'must have recording'.

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1. *The Rough Guide to salsa RGNET 1017 CD*

This rough guide CD lets you sashay your way into the rhythms and the ambience of salsa, using selections from fourteen different Latin collections of music to set your feet wriggling and your hips swaying. Colombia, Cuba and Venezuela are the sources for this 'turn you on' collection. Artists such as La Sonora Carruseles, the Latin Brothers, Joe Arroyo y La Verdad, La Sonora Dinamita, and Fruko y sus Tesos, all give a taste of salsa from Colombia, while names such as Mario Bauza, Ritma y Candela II with Patato, Conjunto Campesino Cuyagueteje, Familia Valera Miranda, Cubanismo and Jesus Alemany, and Grupo el Organito Pinareno and Alfredo Rodriguez develop the Cuban influences. Finally, comes Oscar d'Leon from Venezuela and Charlie Palmieri to represent the Afro-Cuban music scene. So you want to salsa? Put on this CD for 68 minutes and get moving!!

Serra Maestra - Rumbero soy, TUG CD 1027

This is a new recording, featuring special guests in 2002, to celebrate 25 years of success and performance of *son*, a musical style redolent of Cuba from 1900 - 1925, but performed here with skill and expertise to incorporate the group's development and interpretation. Songs such as La Caminadora, Sabin Gomez, Junto a un canaveral, Rumbero soy, Convergencia, Semilla de cana brava, Camina como Chenchá, Lloro como Llore, Macuterendey, Como me gusta María, Carnaval en Camaguey, and El cumpleaños de Emilio give you every chance to absorb this evocative and creative music genre.

NEW BOOKS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PRESS

Brandes, Stanley, *Staying sober in Mexico city*, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Austin, July 2002, pbk £15.50, pp239, notes, references, index, some tables.

The central aim of the book is to explain the rapid proliferation of groups of Alcoholics Anonymous in Mexico, and by extension, in Latin America as a whole. It is one of very few studies based on anthropological style field-work, and chapters cover: moral support in Mexico City; religious adaptations; meetings and movings; storytelling; gender and manhood; exercise of social control; illness and recovery; sobriety and survival; and appendices on the 12 steps of AA and the 12 traditions of AA. This book will interest those studying Mexico, and especially the cultural and social milieu of the urban working class.

Gonzalez, Anibal, *Killer books: writing, violence and ethics in Modern Spanish American narrative*, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers, June 2002, Austin, Hbk £30.50, pp 176, notes, bibliography, index.

In this book, the issues of writing and violence have been represented in Latin America, and how the authors relate to violence. After a general introduction to the theme, the study falls into two sections, on abuses and on admonitions. Writers such as Guttierrez Najera, Zeno Gandia, Luis Borges, Alejo Carpentier and Julio Cortazar are represented and analysed. This book looks at the ethical issues in writing and will have interest to all those concerned with literature and cultural studies.

Knapp, Gregory, ed., *Latin America in the 21st Century: challenges and solutions*, Yearbook of the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers Vol 27., University of Texas Press/ Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers/ and Combined Academic Publishers, Austin and London, July 2002, pbk £18.95, pp 271, index, individual notes and references, some maps and tables in B &w.

The aim of the volume is to outline major challenges in the region over this century through a discussion of ongoing research, giving a contemporary view of the state of Latin Americanist geography. Sections cover: the North American perspective on Latin America; feeding a growing population; transportation challenges; geographies of development; mapping the landscape of gender; Land change science; conservation and sustainability; mapping the landscape of identity and an appreciation of Barney Nietschmann.

McCook, Stuart, *States of Nature: science, agriculture, and environment in the Spanish Caribbean 1760-1940*, University of Texas Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Austin, July 2002, pbk, £17.50, pp 201, notes, bibliography, b &w illustrations, index.

The intersection of history and botanical sciences forms the foundation on which this book is based. Chapters consider: Science nature and development during the export boom of 1760-1940; commodity and country in the Spanish Caribbean up to 1890; Scientific representation of nature and nation in Venezuela and Costa Rica from 1885 - 1935, agricultural development in Cuba and Puerto Rico from 1898 - 1930; agricultural science and the rationalisation of the Caribbean sugar industry from 1780- 1930; technocratic ideologies of science and progress 1924 - 1930; and the Great depression, plant sciences, and agricultural development 1928-1940. The study is easily read and will appeal to all those concerned with the development of the environment for production, the use of natural resources, and of the necessity for conservation of natural species.

FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Hopenhayn, Martin (trans. Cynthia Margarita Tompkins and Elizabeth Rosa Horan), *No apocalypse, no integration: modernism and post modernism in Latin America*, Duke University press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, August 2002, pbk £14.50, pp 160, prefaces, notes, index.

This book sets out to examine the social and philosophical implications of the triumph of neoliberalism and the collapse of state sponsored social planning. chapters analyse: the day after the death of a revolution; cultural moods in south America; eight debatable paradoxes; from Paris 1968 to Santiago de Chile in 1988; a Latin American perspective of negative thought; postmodernism and neo liberalism in Latin America; crisis of legitimacy of the planning state; social thinking; and utopia against crisis. Not an easy book to read - but raises some fundamental points for discussion on the essence of the post modern state.

Joseph, Gilbert M, *Reclaiming the political in Latin American history: essays from the North*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Durham and London, June 2002, pbk £15.50, pp 379, individual notes and references, note on contributors, index.

Part of a series on American encounters and global interactions, this book is a hominem to Brazilian historian Emilia Viotti da Costa. Four subdivisions assess the politics of writing Latin American History; the contestation of historical narratives and memory; articulation of the political; and historians and the making of history. Papers discuss themes in Brazil, Jamaica, Guatemala, Chile, and El Salvador. This will appeal to those concerned with the way in which history is interpreted and represented.

Santiago, Silviano (Ana Lucia Gazzola ed.), *The space in between: essays on Latin American culture*, Duke University Press and Combined Academic

Publishers, Durham and London, July 2002, pbk £14.50, pp 187, notes and index.

This book is concerned with the issues of cultural theory, especially of postcolonial societies - and of Brazil in particular. This collection of essays cover: for what purpose does the European travel? Latin American discourse - the space in between; Eca author of *Madame Bovary*; universality in spite of dependency; the rhetoric of verisimilitude; Brazilian modernist fiction; the discourse of tradition in modernism; repression and censorship in the arts during the 1970's; literature and mass culture; the post-modern narrator; and local and global politics in Brazilian culture. It will interest all those concerned with cultural studies and of change in Brazil.

FROM UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PRESS

Kirkendall, Andrew J., *Class mates: male student culture and the making of a political class in nineteenth century Brazil*, University of Nebraska Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Lincoln and London, August 2002, pbk £22.95, pp 269, notes, bibliography, index.

The intertwining of education, particularly in law, and power are the themes used to explore the development and structure of nineteenth century Brazil. chapters look at Portuguese legacies and liberal aspirations; language and power; peers, patrons, family and community; teachers and students, status quo liberalism and its discontents; reform redefinition and decline. This book will certainly be relevant to all those concerned with the development of Brazil in this period.

RADICAL HISTORY REVIEW

The *Radical History Review* is soliciting scholarship and critical essays for the thematic issue entitled "Our Americas: Political and Cultural Imaginings," to

appear in Spring, 2004. This issue utilizes the organizing theme (and problematic) of the "Americas," Jose Martí's utopian vision of a transnational, multicultural, and anti-imperialist political world.

In moving beyond the bifurcating paradigms of Latin American area studies and American (US-based) studies, this issue of RHR will examine relationships among North American, Latin American, Caribbean and other island societies and cultures, including histories of colonization, slavery, migration, capitalist development, and nation-state formation.

Papers on the histories and cultures of Cuba seem particularly pertinent, as would those on the Philippines and Puerto Rico. We likewise seek works on the multiple constructions of race, gender, sexuality and radical politics across the Americas, on US-Latin America relationships, on transnational intellectual currents, and on film and art. Lastly, we are looking for scholars interested in commenting on the significance of Jose Martí's essay "Our America" for a range of political and intellectual projects. Deadline for Submissions is January 15, 2003, to Radical History Review, Tamiment Library, 70 Washington Square South, 10th Floor, New York, New York 10012. Contact: Dan Opler <rho@igc.org>

MÁS ALLÁ DE LA FRONTERA

I am a Mexican-American filmmaker living and working in Lexington, KY and Oaxaca, México. I recently completed a documentary for PBS and believe this program will be useful to you in the classroom. It is an hour-long program, titled, *Beyond the Border/Más Allá de la Frontera* and is a very personal story of one families' journey from Mexico to Kentucky. This documentary will provide ample opportunities for heated classroom discussion and learning about Mexican immigration. This program is also entirely bilingual (Spanish and English) and is helpful for language learning.

I am distributing this show myself and can sell it to your department for \$200.00. I have included a synopsis of the program and you can also visit our website at www.dosvatos.com or [www.pbs.org/beyond the border](http://www.pbs.org/beyond%20the%20border) if you would like to see a trailer of the documentary. By purchasing this program from me, you are helping independent filmmaking in a very direct manner and enabling me to continue my documentary work in México. Many thanks in advance for your consideration of this program. Eren Isabel McGinnis, 231 E. Bell Ct. Lexington, KY 40508. 859-254-3928

LATIN AMERICAN BUREAU:

Book launch and film presentation - What is happening in Argentina?

LAB brings you an evening of film and discussion about what people in Argentina think and say is going on at Waterstones Piccadilly, Simpson Room, 6th Floor 203-206 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9LE. Wednesday 16 October 2002 From 6.30pm. The news shows a country going from affluence to terrifying poverty in a matter of months. Protest is constant, and moreover, Argentinians now realise they are part of a bigger global picture of resistance to neoliberal dogma. We will be launching a new book that gives a historical background to this critical moment in Argentina.

In 1977 Rodolfo Walsh was gunned down on the streets of Buenos Aires by the military. The same day he had published his *Open Letter from a Writer to the Military Junta*, accusing them not only of 'torture without end', but also of the further 'atrocities which punish millions through planned misery.' Rodolfo Walsh was an investigative journalist who uncovered state terror and who was part of the generation of activists who were disappeared and killed by the military dictatorship in the 1970s. Speakers will include journalist Michael McCaughan, author of *True Crimes*, Rodolfo Walsh, the life and times of a radical intellectual.

The FILM is *Voces Argentinas*. Interwoven voices from the streets of Buenos

Aires tell how it feels to be Argentinian as the country plunges fast from the first world to the third. Resisting the dire personal and social consequences with poetry, song, laughter and practical solidarity, this film records a people and a city staying very much alive through the very worst of times. The film covers events of December 19-20 2001, the Asambleas Populares, bartering, workers' occupation of a factory, and the *piquetero* movement. The 15-minute film was made by Conscious Cinema, a collective specialising in educational and documentary videos on environmental, cultural and social issues. For more information, see www.consciouscinema.co.uk Sound design by Al McGregor. For more information please contact Marcela López Levy, mlopezlevy@lab.org.uk

LATIN AMERICAN NEWSLETTERS

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Latin American Special Reports

The *Latin American Special Reports* are in addition to daily reports, weekly analysis, and monthly regional analyses and of the current situation in the region. This series presents monographic studies of major issues affecting the whole or most of Latin America. Three of the six reports are regular annual features: the political calendar of the year, a survey of political risk throughout the region and a review of the banking sector. The other three feature issues of current interest. While presenting the most up-to-date information available, this series focuses particularly on the longer-term view. They are invaluable as tools for current analysis, as well as for background reference. The summaries below give an idea of the issues for 2001 and for this current year.

February 2001: Who is competing for power in Latin America?

Peru, Nicaragua and Honduras all had Presidential Elections this year. This report examines political alignments, the leading candidates, main electoral issues, past electoral performance and the balances of power which stand to be

changed. Analysis is made of the electoral calendar with assessments of the situation in Guyana, Peru, Argentina, Nicaragua, Chile and a review of the results of the 2000 elections in Latin America.

April 2001: Trade and integration blocs in Latin America

Chile's decision to seek a free-trade agreement with the US, Mexico's overture to Brazil, and plans to revive the Group of Three, introduced new twists to what had seemed to be two clear strategies for achieving hemispheric integration. This report analyses how far the different blocs and approaches have come, and outlines the possible future scenarios. Assessments are made of the integration outlook, of the main trends, and of the latest agreements. There are then analyses of the regional blocs and associations, a guide to bilateral agreements, and an assessment of pattern of affiliation to trade and economic co-operation blocs.

June 2001 The war in Colombia: peace or escalation?

President Pastrana's Plan Colombia is meant to help bring an end to the country's internal conflict and rid of the drugs trade. Many, and particularly Colombia's closest neighbours, fear that the military aspects of the plan could have a dangerous 'spillover' effect, not only turning them into the hosts of refugees (and of displaced drugs traffickers) but perhaps even dragging them into the conflict. This report analyses the many developing strands of this complex situation, looking in particular at who the main actors are, showing where are their main areas of activity, where the conflict has crossed borders, how Plan Colombia is being implemented, the human rights angle, and the role of the US in the war on drugs. This is a key report on a critical issue in the region

August 2001: Patterns of investment in Latin America

Foreign direct investment has taken over from portfolio flows as the dominant source of investment in the region, and has done so in remarkably large quantities over recent years. Investment patterns, though, vary considerably from one subregion to another. This report examines the trends and identifies the winners and losers in the competition for foreign capital. Numerous tables and graphs demonstrate these patterns and the role of trans national corporations.

Special analysis is made of the situation in Brazil and Mexico, as well as analysing the role of Spanish and US investment in the area.

October 2001: Political and economic risk in Latin America.

Assessing risk entails more than analysing a handful of macro-economic indicators. This report examines the broader political context, concentrating on the factors which may affect governability and judicial security, particularly involving the changes made after the events of 11 September. In view of the increasingly rapid cross-border diffusion of events, it also pays special attention to regional and subregional trends. Attention is focused on the economic slowdown which was already underway before September, influenced particularly by the Argentine debt and the Colombian conflict. Further assessment is made of the US attitude towards Venezuela, the search for terrorist links, and the attempts to cushion the impact of the Argentine situation. There are country summaries, which give essential information as well as comment on the Labour scene and the necessity to look at the risks associated with the US war, the US economy, Oil, commodity prices, and natural disasters.

December 2001: Banking in Latin America

A review of the main developments in the region's banking sector, highlighting the effects of the global financial upsets and the policy responses of the latest available result, country by country. The bulk of the report is a statistical review of each country, but there are also comments on the foreign ownership of Mexican banking, on the impact of the Argentine crisis on bank deposits, the trends - especially money flows to the area, and the importance of tax havens.

February 2002: Who is competing for power in Latin America?

This year promises to be a year of political upheaval in Latin America. In addition to elections throughout the region, Argentina and Venezuela both appear to be moving towards change outside their existing democratic channels. This report looks at all aspects of the struggle for power in Latin America, from political alignments and the leading candidates through to questioning the balances of power and the relationship between government and civil society. In particular,

articles cover the war in Colombia, cracking the Costa Rican polarisation, no alliances in the Dominican Republic, Bolivian winner likely to be picked by Congress, no renewal of ruling alliance in Brazil, Ecuador fails to captivate voters, and Haiti cannot get elections under way. This is a highly useful and comprehensive analysis.

April 2002 : Debt & external vulnerability in Latin America

Only recently experts were dismissing the possibility of major new debt crises in Latin America. Events in Argentina showed that just looking at a set of ratios does not suffice to foresee developments in this area. This report reviews the situation beyond Argentina, looking at the region as a whole, taking into consideration all sides of this complex subject. Sections analyse the Ecuadorian and Argentine defaults, the new debt scenario, assessing the risk in the region, the dim prospect of capital flows, the practice of exchange regimes, and the IMF handling of the crisis.

June 2002: Coping with Latin America's energy needs

Electricity rationing in Brazil, and the threat of something similar in Venezuela and Ecuador, have brought home just how precarious the energy balance is in parts of the region. This report examines the current situation throughout the region, and discusses the options for meeting the continent's future energy requirements. It also analyses the problem of insufficient investment in Mexico, doubts over Argentinian growth, the possible eight year limit to Colombian oil reserves, Bolivia as a major gas exporter, and gas production in Peru and in Trinidad and Tobago.

August 2002: Economic reform in Latin America: new phase or retreat?

The Argentine crisis prompted much speculation about the risk of 'contagion' as experienced during the Tequila crisis of 1994-95. However, 'contagion' might not take place in the financial markets, but in the field of economic thinking and policymaking. This report looks at the signs of change in this crucial area and the impact this may have on the region as a whole. Other sections consider important aspects of constitutional reform in the Andean countries, the outcomes of 'economic reform', exchange rate regimes, and central bank autonomy.

Still to come:

October 2002: Political and Economic Risk in Latin America

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1. EN LA WEB DE IBERGLOBAL

At <http://www.iberglobal.com/index/lberglobal>. Inicio podran leer excelentes informes economicos y politicos sobre Brasil, Bolivia , Argentina, Uruguay y America Latina en general. Latinwatch analiza las economías de Latinoamérica: el boletín Latinwatch, del prestigioso servicio de estudios del banco BBVA, analiza en su último número la situación y perspectivas de las economías latinoamericanas. Documentado y útil análisis sobre Argentina ("la recuperación argentina requiere recuperar el financiamiento para lo que se necesita restablecer la confianza de los inversores", Brasil ("las reacciones anticipadas de los mercados por el miedo electoral esconden una mejora en los fundamentos macroeconómicos"), Chile ("recuperación todavía frágil"), México ("fin de la recesión económica en el segundo trimestre"), Perú, Venezuela, etc.

2. BOLETIN TRIMESTRAL ESCENARIOS LABORALES

Publicacion del CEIL/PIETTE, Argentina. Contacto : boletin@ceil.edu.ar

El web de Escenarios Laborales, una publicación trimestral que aborda los temas y problemas laborales en la Argentina desde 4 ángulos: mercado de trabajo, dinámica sindical, legislación laboral y condiciones de trabajo.

Tiene el objetivo de informar a la mayor cantidad de personas e instituciones posibles sobre estos temas tan urgentes en nuestro país y el de comenzar un

intercambio enriquecedor con todo aquel al que le interesen estas temáticas.

Te agradecería que, si te parece pertinente, lo reenvíes a tu lista.

www.ceil-piette.setcip.gov.ar/docpub/escenarioslaborales/index.html

El Boletín está organizado a través de cinco secciones que apuntan al seguimiento del de la problemática laboral en Argentina, en base al análisis del comportamiento de las principales variables e indicadores de la situación ocupacional del país; al estudio de la Legislación Laboral, puntualizando la actualidad en materia legislativa y el tratamiento de los proyectos laborales presentados en el Congreso de la Nación; al Diagnóstico Sindical, aportando un examen de los principales núcleos de preocupación en el espectro sindical; y a la comprensión de las relaciones existentes entre el empleo y la salud de los trabajadores, brindando información estadística de la evolución de las variables sobre riesgos del trabajo, como así también, estudios concretos donde se reflejen aportes y propuestas específicas para la implementación de soluciones. Finalmente, presentaremos algunas de las principales líneas de trabajo desarrolladas por nuestro instituto, en la sección Anticipos.

3. VISITE RIADEL www.riadel.cl

RIADEL: Red de Investigación y Acción para el Desarrollo Local de personas e instituciones que intercambia información acerca de experiencias, documentos y eventos relacionados con el desarrollo local en América Latina. La red está al servicio de investigadores, capacitadores, políticos, autoridades locales, agentes sociales y ejecutores de políticas públicas y programas de desarrollo. Riadel abre un espacio de difusión, sistematización, intercambio, discusión de información, a fin de potenciar la generación de conocimientos, experiencias y metodologías en el área. Es impulsada por tres ONG: Centro Boliviano de Estudios Multidisciplinarios (Cebem), www.cebem.com en La Paz, Bolivia; Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Flacso), www.flacso.org.ec en Quito, Ecuador; y SUR Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación, www.sitiosur.cl en Santiago de Chile.

4. FOREIGN POLICY IN FOCUS:

FPIF News: Indigenous Self-Determination in Latin America <http://www.fpif.org/>

5. BIBLIOTECA VIRTUAL DO AMAZONAS

Amazonas virtual: *A Biblioteca Virtual do Amazonas*, iniciativa que reúne o Instituto Geográfico e Histórico do Amazonas e a Biblioteca Pública do Estado, facilita o acesso, via Internet, a informações sobre o Amazonas, sua gente, sua cultura, sua literatura e histórica. Em sua biblioteca podem ser encontrados:

O Acervo Digital, constituído de temas amazônicos de autores amazonenses, de autores brasileiros e estrangeiros;

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Estudos literários, clássicos da literatura amazonense, com biografia do autor, resumos, etc.

Recortes de jornais locais com assuntos sobre Amazonas e Amazônia, como ecologia, meio ambiente, questões indígenas, biodiversidade, polémicas públicas, folclore, história, etc.

Avisem aos pesquisadores de suas instituições sobre mais essa fonte de consulta.

Colaboração da colega brasileira Sonia Silva <sonia@soniasilva.com.br >

6. TWO WEBSITES ON COLOMBIAN POLITICS

Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC):<http://farc-ep.org/>

Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC):

<http://colombia-libre.org/colombialibre/pp.asp>

Both offer English versions.

7. ENCICLOPEDIA DISCOGRAFICA DE LA MUSICA CUBANA 1925-1960

"Cristobal Diaz Ayala -- the renowned collector of and authority on Cuban music who last year donated one of the world's most comprehensive collections of such

recordings to Florida International University has augmented his donation with a recently completed discography. "The discography is a text-and-image catalogue of Cuban music produced between 1925 and 1960 in Cuba, by Cuban musicians abroad and by foreign musicians. In total, the discography contains 2,800 artists and 60,000 songs; approximately 1,000 images will be added soon. The first volume of the discography (1898 to 1925) was published in 1994." To view the discography, go to <http://gislab.fiu.edu/SMC/discography.htm/>

8. LINKS A PUBLICACIONES PERIÓDICAS ELECTRÓNICAS SOBRE TEMAS DE INTEGRACIÓN Y COMERCIO

Boletín de Prensa ACS-AEC.<http://www.acs-aec.org>

Boletín Antena del SELA en EEUU.

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/~sela/AA2K/ES/antena/antena1.htm>

Boletín Bimestral. Comisión Nacional de Comercio Exterior.

[http://www.mecon.gov.ar/cnce/boletin/mayo\).htm](http://www.mecon.gov.ar/cnce/boletin/mayo).htm)

Boletín CRIES. <http://www.cries.org/boletin.htm>

Boletín. Agroalimentario del Cono Sur. IICA.

<http://www.iica.org.br/novo/espanhol/op11.htm>

Boletín HPC.<http://cries.org/actividades.htm>

Boletín de Indicadores macroeconómicos del MERCOSUR.

<http://www.mercosur.org.uy/espanol/sinf/varios INDICEMAC.HTM>

Boletín Informativo SIECA.

http://www.sieca.org.gt/publico/Doctos_y_Publicaciones/Presentacion_boletin_informativo.htm

Boletín Latinoamericano de Competencia/Boletim Latinoamericano de

Concorrenca.<http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/international/others> Boletín

de Noticias IBCEM@IL. <http://www.scbbs-bo.com/ibce>

Boletín sobre Integración de América Latina y Caribe.<http://sela2.sela.org>

Boletín TLC <http://www.cries.org/boletintlc.htm>

Bridges between trade and sustainable development.<http://www.ictsd.org> Bridges

Monthly Review.<http://www.ictsd.org/monthly/index.htm> Bridges Weekly Trade

News Digest. <http://www.ictsd.org/weekly/index.htm>

Capítulos.<http://lanic.utexas.edu/~sela/AA2K/ES/cap/revcaps.htm> CARICOM

News.<http://caricom.org/news.htm>
Comercio Exterior. Instituto Boliviano de Comercio Exterior
<http://scbbs-bo.com/ibce>
Comercio Exterior México.<http://www.bancomext.com/rce>
Comunica Mercosur.<http://www.comunica.es/mercosur/default.htm>
Comunicado de Prensa ALADI.
<http://www.aladi.org/nsfaladi/prensa.nsf/comunicadosweb>
Correio Sindical Mercosul. Consultoria Econômica e Social Integrada(CESI).
<http://www.sindicatomercosul.com.br/>
Cuadernos CRIES.<http://www.cries.org/cuadernos.htm>
E-Commerce Brief (SDS/ICT).<http://www.iadb.org/ict4dev/internet.htm>

Estadísticas del Comercio Internacional. OMC.
http://www.wto.org/spanish/res_s/statis_s/its2001_s/its01_toc_s.htm
Eurosur.: enlace documental Mercosur-Unión Europea.
<http://www.eurosur.org/eurOsur>
Forum de Comercio Internacional. Centro de Comercio Internacional.
<http://www.forumdecomercio.org>
InfoPYME. Institute of Latin American Studies. University of Austin, Texas.
<http://lanic.utexas.edu/pyme>
Informações da SECEX.<http://www.mdic.gov.br>
INTAL Serie Informes Subregionales de Integración (Incluye el Informe Centroamericano y el Informe Mercosur).
http://www.iadb.org/intal/publicaciones/informes_subregionales.htm
INTAL Carta Mensual.<http://www.iadb.org/intal/publicaciones/icm.htm>
Integración y Comercio en América - Nota Periódica (INT/ITD).
http://www.iadb.org/int/itd/spanish/htm_paginas/publicaciones_inttrade.htm
Latimer, boletín de comercio exterior.<http://www.latimer.com.ar/>
Mercosul nas Universidades.<http://www.pucminas.br/Mercosul>
Noticias de la Semana. Mercosur.com.<http://www.mercosur.com/>
Novedades de la Comunidad Andina.
<http://www.comunidadandina.org/novedades.htm>
Seguimiento : Boletín informativo de seguimiento a las actividades comerciales.
Centro de Investigación Económica para el Caribe (CIECA).<http://www.cieca.org>

Sicanoticias de hoy.<http://www.sgsica.org/noticias/index.html>
Sinergías Eurolatinas: Puentes entre el comercio entre Europa y América Latina. <http://www.novedadesenrred.com/News.asp?seccionid=56>
Síntesis de la Economía Real. Centro de Estudios para la Producción.
<http://www.mecon.goc.ar/cep/basehome/sintesis.htm>
http://www.mecon.goc.ar/cep/_anteriores/sintesis.htm
Tradewatch Newsletter. Caribbean Export Development Agency.
http://www.carib-export.com/index.php3?page_id=28

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STAFF NEWS:

Consultancy. In May 2002 Andrew Nickson carried out field work into aid donor co-ordination of reporting and monitoring systems in Bolivia as part of a 10 country IDD study commissioned by the Development Advisory Committee, OECD.

Conference Papers: Andrew Nickson gave the following two papers: La Administración Pública como carrera: la experiencia del Reino Unido (2002) presented at seminar on 'Governance and Transparency', Socius 2002: Citizens and State in the 21st Century, A British Council seminar series for Latin America and the Caribbean, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 22-24 July; Overall evaluation of the experience of the Cartagena urban water partnership (2002) presented at seminar of the Sustainable Cities taskforce of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), Santiago, Chile, 10-11 July.

Recent Publications

1. Andrew Nickson, 'Education Reform in Latin America: Decentralization or re-

structuring?' in Christopher Abel and Colin M. Lewis (ed.), *Exclusion and Engagement: Social Policy in Latin America*. London: Institute of Latin American Studies, 2002, pp. 266-284.

2. Andrew Nickson, State reform and the "privatised state" in Paraguay. *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (May 2002), pp. 163-174 (co-author).

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NEW PUBLICATION: The eighth edition of *Latinamericanistas en Europa: registro bio-bibliografico* is now available for Euros 30 + Euros 10 postage and packing. It contains the Who's Who of those studying Latin America, resident in Europe and is an invaluable guide and reference for institutions and individuals. It contains bio and bibliographic information on 360 researchers in the field of social sciences and the humanities. The indexes enable specialists to be identified by name, country, and specialization and where each concentrates their investigations.

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Caribbean Research Seminar in the North: Society for Caribbean Studies

Adelphi Committee Room, Adelphi Building, Adelphi Street: 11 October 2002. For the first time, we can offer lunch as well as the seminar--sponsored by the AMATAS project based at UCLancs. The programme is below, and will be on the website (<http://www.scsonline.freemove.co.uk/carib.htm>) For further information

contact: Diana Paton diana.paton@ncl.ac.uk The seminar will be sponsored by the AMATAS (Americanisation and the Teaching of American Studies): Project www.amatas.org Papers on:

1. Gender, Migration and Identity: Caribbean Women's Narratives and Post War British History. Wendy Webster, University of Central Lancashire
2. She Tries Her Tongue: Speech and Silence in the Poetics of M.Nourbese Philip. Lee Jenkins, University College, Cork
3. Authorship and Intent: Esteban Montejo and Miguel Barnett's Autobiographic Project. Fionnghuala Sweeney, University of Liverpool
4. History Paintings. Lubaina Himid, University of Central Lancashire

A reservation will be made for dinner at a nearby restaurant for those who wish to join us after the seminar. For maps of Preston and the University, see

<http://www.uclan.ac.uk/guide2/maps/preston.htm> and
<http://www.uclan.ac.uk/guide2/maps/navigator/index.htm>

There is no charge, but please do make contact in advance so that we have an idea of the numbers who will be attending and for dinner reservations. Please send your name, address, email address, and whether you will be staying for dinner to Dr. Alan J. Rice, Principal Lecturer in American Studies and Cultural Theory, Project Manager for the Americanisation Project (AMATAS), Dept. of Cultural Studies, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE, or email arice@uclan.ac.uk, or phone 01772 893020

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX: Latin American Art Collection on-line

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/arts/ueclaa/ueclaa.htm>

#300,238 has been awarded to put Latin American Art onto the internet and make it accessible to people across the globe. The grant has been awarded by the government's Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) to Professor Valerie Fraser of the Department of Art History and Theory, the money will enable the University to create a fully searchable database, on the internet, of the entire University of Essex Collection of Latin American Art (UECLAA). The grant demonstrates that UECLAA is now regarded in the UK as a major collection of

international importance. With over 500 works in a wide variety of media, and encompassing work from 1900 to the present day, it is Europe's foremost collection dedicated exclusively to twentieth century Latin American Art. But with no facilities for display the collection it is only rarely viewed by the public. This three-year project means the entire collection will soon be on display world-wide.

Professor Valerie Fraser will be Project Director and Gabriela Salgado, who is currently curator of UECLAA, will be Project Manager and will oversee the day-to-day running of the project. Two new positions will also be created at the University.

The database will be fully illustrated and each item will be accompanied by some interpretative text. Users will be able to search for information about Latin American art by categories such as artist's name, nationality or gender, by date, medium or subject. There will be links to and from other websites of related interest, including links to the personal websites of artists represented in the collection and to organisations with interests in the field of Latin American art. The possibilities for extending the appreciation and understanding of Latin American art are tremendous.

It is anticipated that the user-group for the site will include university students, school children, academics, journalists, artists, gallery staff and anyone with an interest in Latin America. Students on Art History or Gallery and Museums Studies courses will be able to use the database to create virtual exhibitions. There is also potential for collaboration with the University's recently announced plan for a Centre for the Study of Surrealism and its Legacies which is also being funded, at a cost of #800,000, by the AHRB.

Professor Fraser said: 'The benefits for the University will be immense. Viewed by people all around the world we hope that the UECLAA will help attract new students and researchers, raise the world-wide profile of the University and enhance the Department of Art History and Theory's already outstanding reputation.'

'The Collection itself is bound to expand in exciting new directions once it is displayed on the internet and our planned collaboration with the Surrealism Centre opens up of possibilities for tremendously innovative research into Latin American Surrealism - all available world-wide!' UECLAA ON-LINE will be a unique research resource for Latin American art, and aims to promote scholarship in the field.

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STAFF NEWS

- **Nicole Bourque** is undertaking research in Bolivia from June 10 until August 21 2002.
- **Des Gilmore** is undertaking research in Brasil from 12 August until 5 September 2002 inclusive, at the Departamento de Fisiologia e Farmacologia at the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco in Recife. From 28-31 August he will be at a conference in Salvador (Bahia).

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- 3 Oct Jelke Boesten, University of Amsterdam
 Grassroots Women's Organizations in the Peruvian Andes:
 Discussions on Women's Emancipation and Poverty Alleviation
- 10 Oct Charles Jones, University of Cambridge
 Romanticism, Violence, and the Argentine "Generation of 1837"

- 17 Oct Holmfridur Gardarsdottir, University of Iceland
Contemporary Argentine Literature: Sociopolitical Turbulence and changing Identities
- 24 Oct James Dunkerley, Institute of Latin American Studies, London
Americana: Some Reflections on History and Development in the Americas
- 31 Oct Lugo Jairo, Liverpool John Moores University
The Maquilas of Power: How Media are Re-shaping Politics in Latin America
- 7 Nov Seminar of Latin American Centre for Health Studies:
details to be confirmed
- 21 Nov Fionnghuala Sweeney, Inst. of Latin American Studies, Liverpool
Political Constituency in the Nineteenth Century Atlantic Text:
Some Examples
- 5 Dec Liz Dore, University of Southampton
Assimilation or Identity Politics: Indianness in Nicaragua Revisited

ALL WELCOME. Meetings are held in the Institute (Lecture Room 3) on Thursdays at 4.00 p.m. (unless otherwise stated) and normally continue until c. 5.30 p.m.

NEWS: The Institute made three successful applications for the new ESRC 1+3 postgraduate awards; one of the students has deferred until 2003.

CONFERENCE: The Institute will be hosting its annual conference in February 2002 (21st and 22nd) entitled `Gaining Ground: Social, Cultural Environmental

and Political Processes of Latin America's Indigenous Peoples'. For further information, contact Rosaleen Howard (rosy1@liv.ac.uk).

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**New Publication: Latin American and Caribbean Library Resources
in the British Isles: A Directory, ed. by Alan Biggins and Valerie Cooper**

ISBN 1900039389 £18.95

This is the third edition of the national directory of Latin American and Caribbean library resources first published by the Institute in 1975. The present edition, a joint publication with the Advisory Council on Latin American and Iberian Information Resources (ACLAIIR), provides details of more than 200 collections in national, university, public and special libraries in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. These collections range from the extensive and historical holdings of the British Library to the very specialised libraries of scientific institutions and NGOs.

The scope of each collection is described and details are given of opening hours, admission requirements, addresses and other contact information. Where available, the URLs of internet home pages and addresses of online catalogues via telnet or the Web are listed. The volume is indexed by subject, country/region and organisation/institution. Details are also given of collections which appeared in earlier editions and which have since been renamed or incorporated in other libraries.

(further details and ordering information can be found on the ILAS website at http://www.sas.ac.uk/ilas/pub_bibliog.htm)

Other publications

Christopher Abel and Colin M. Lewis (ed.), *Exclusion and Engagement: Social Policy in Latin America* (ISBN 1900039508) pp. 520, Price GBP 14.95, pb.

This collection offers a reappraisal of social policy in response to the scale of the challenges confronting Latin America. Divided into four sections ('Concepts, Models and Practice'; 'Health and Social Security'; 'Education'; 'Household and Community'), the book explores the functions of social policy, and the prospects of it performing a new and more dynamic role. The contributors place contemporary social policy in historical perspective, study the connection between growth and welfare, and consider the efficacy of the state in the social sphere from both macro and micro perspectives. Underpinning the collection are issues relating to the question of the social contract between state, and citizen and how the exercise of citizenship connects society and state.

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2 October: Dr Claire Williams (University of Liverpool),
'Entre-Vistas: Clarice Lispector - Interviewer and Interviewed'

27 November: Nina Simões (London Institute),
'Culture and Politics: Interventions by the Theatre of the Oppressed
in Brazil's Landless Movement' [NB: Room 10C, Strand Building]

4 December Robert Howes (King's College London),

'Portuguese migrants to 19th century Brazil: gender and literary representations'

11 December Lisa Shaw & Stephanie Dennison (Univ of Leeds),
'The origins and evolution of popular Brazilian cinema'
[NB: Room 10C, Strand Building]

29 January Karl Posso (University of Cambridge) [title to be confirmed]

12 March David Treece (King's College London),
"O detetive do olhar": an introduction to the poetry of Armando
Freitas Filho'

26 March Sean Stroud (King's College London),
Brazilian Popular Music post-1968 [title to be confirmed]

Seminars all take place at 5-6.30, in Room 1D, Chesham Building, (Dept of Portuguese & Brazilian Studies), unless indicated otherwise. All welcome.

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8 October: Jan Fairley (Institute of Popular Music, Univ. of Liverpool),
"Que Viva Chango! Change and Cuban music during the 'Special
Period'"

22 October: Geoffrey Kantaris (University of Cambridge),

"Violent Visions: Representations of Violence in Contemporary Latin American Urban Cinema
(Pizza, birra, faso; La virgen de los sicarios; Amores perros)"

5 November: Rebecca Earle (University of Warwick),
"Consumption and Excess in Spanish America (1700-1830)"

19 November: David Musselwhite (University of Essex),
"Phantasmatism"

3 December: Valentina Napolitano (University of Cambridge),
"Urban Styles and Urban Imagery: Provisional Notes on Research Agendas"

All seminars are Tuesdays, 5pm, Arts Building W319.

For more details, see http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events

"The New Latin Americanism" conference 21-22 June 2002

The Centre's major international conference, with the theme "the New Latin Americanism: Cultural Studies Beyond Borders" was held over the summer with themes as varied as History, Anthropology, Politics, Visual Studies, Literature, Marxism, Deconstruction, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies

"PhotoHispanic Identities" conference 12-13 September

"PhotoHispanic Identities: Photographic Representation And the Search for Identity In the Hispanic World," was also held over the summer, organized by John Perivolaris, with participants addressing topics such as "Photography, Identity, and the Hispanic," "The Hermeneutics of the Veil," and "Photographing Argentina."

News from the MA

The first six students are expected to graduate from the MA programme in Latin American Cultural Studies in 2002. Their dissertation topics range from Brazilian music to Argentine film, from Revolutionary Photography to Theatre and Post-dictatorship. These students have been active throughout the year, giving papers

at the Postgraduates in Latin American Studies (PiLAS) conference in Oxford, and at the Society for Latin American Studies congress in Norwich.

For more information, see <http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/ma/students>

Ten students have now been accepted onto the MA for next year, and we will be welcoming them to Manchester in September.-

MA bursaries and PhD studentship

The MA will again be offering two fee bursaries awarded on a competitive basis to UK or EU students. Closing date for bursaries competition: 16 August 2002. For more information, see

<http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/ma/funding>

A full research studentship attached to the AHRB large grant on 'Gendering Latin American Independence' has been advertised, to start in 2002-3. The student will work on early nineteenth-century Argentina. Closing date: 16 August 2002. For more information, contact catherine.davies@man.ac.uk or hilary.owen@man.ac.uk

Recent publication

Jean Franco, *Fear and Loathing in the Polis: The Dark Side of Modernization*. Manchester Spanish and Portuguese Working Papers, 2002. This publication, the text of the 2001 Ramsden / Gybbon-Monypenny lecture, celebrates the award of an honorary doctorate to Professor Franco in March 2002. See <http://www.art.man.ac.uk/SPANISH/publications.htm>

On the web

Jon Beasley-Murray, "Introduction to the Conference" (extract)

http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events/newlatam/papers/intro.htm

Jens Andermann, "Estilo sorpresa" (full text)

http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events/newlatam/papers/andermann.htm

Sergio Chejfec, "Breves opiniones sobre relatos con imagenes" (full text)

http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events/newlatam/papers/chejfec.htm

Alberto Moreiras, "Regional Intellectuals: The Stain in Their Eye" (full text)

http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events/newlatam/papers/moreiras.htm

Andrea Noble, "Notes on the 'New' Visual Culture from the Perspective of the 'New' Latin Americanism" (full text)

http://www.art.man.ac.uk/Lacs/seminars_events/newlatam/papers/noble.htm

Mailing list: If you would like to be on the Centre's mailing list, please contact lacs@man.ac.uk

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MA in The Americas: Histories, Societies, Cultures,

This programme offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the political, historical, and cultural formations of the modern Americas, including North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Recognizing that the societies and cultures of the Americas share extensive common experiences (for instance colonialism, slavery and emancipation, consolidation of 'post-colonial' states, exploitation of and resistance by indigenous peoples), as well as interaction (through migration, US hegemony over the hemisphere), the MA provides students the space to explore similarities and differences across the hemisphere, within several disciplines.

We encourage comparative and interdisciplinary work, but there is also plenty of space to develop specialist interests within particular geographic areas and disciplines. Optional modules vary from year to year, but have included: Caribbean Creolization, The Renaissance in the Atlantic World, Cultures of the US/Mexico Borderlands, Gender in the History of the Americas, and Questions of Identity in Latin American Popular Musics. The programme is available for both full-time (12 months) and part-time (24 months) study. For further information, please contact Dr John Beck, School of English, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Newcastle NE1 7RU.

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NEWS: The Centre is five years old this summer. A series of receptions were held in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Brasilia to mark the occasion. Invited to the receptions were Brazilians (academics, politicians and from the world of business) who visited the centre or supported its activities over the past five years.

The academic programme for next term (Michaelmas) will be posted on the Centre's new web site in September. (www.brazil.ox.ac.uk/acaprog.html) Seminars/round tables will be held on: The Brazilian elections, Economic prospects and policies of the new administration, Brazil-US relations, Brazil-Mexican relations, Brazil-Colombian relations, Brazilian literature, Labour.

Visitors next term include:

- Dr Elide Oliver, Univ of California Santa Barbara (literature)
- Professor Luiz Carlos Cagliari (UNICAMP) (Linguistics)
- Dr Gladis Massini-Cagliari (UNESP-Araraquara) (Linguistics)
- Dr Andre Lara Resende (Economics/Politics)
- Dr Marieke Riethof (University of Amsterdam) Politics
- Ms Maria Christina Martins dos Anjos (Brazilian Embassy London)
International Relations

Vacancy for Research Fellow in Economics or Sociology

Research Support Staff scale 1A: £17,626-£26,491. Applications are invited for a postdoctoral Research Fellowship within the Centre for Brazilian Studies. Candidates should have completed a doctorate in economics, politics or

sociology preferably within the past five years and have either an existing interest in some aspect of Brazil, or an interest in working on Brazil.

The Research Fellowship will be tenable for one year from January 2003 or as soon as possible thereafter. There is a possibility of an extension for a further year subject to satisfactory performance and continued financial support. An affiliation to St Antony's College may be available.

Further particulars can be obtained from Mrs M. Hancox, Centre for Brazilian Studies, 92 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 7ND. E-mail: margaret.hancox@brazil.ox.ac.uk Applications, including a CV, information on work in progress/publications and an outline (up to five pages) of the research the applicant intends to carry out, should be sent to Mrs Hancox for receipt not later than 14 October 2002. Applicants are asked to arrange for two references to be sent to the above address by the closing date. There is no application form.