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Simón Bolívar Professorship of Latin American Studies

The endowment of the Simón Bolívar Chair by generous gift of the Venezuelan Government has made it possible for the University of Cambridge to invite distinguished scholars from the Latin-American countries to spend part of an academical year in the University of Cambridge. The Advisory Committee of the General Board, which makes the election, now seeks nominations for this prestigious appointment for potential appointments in the academical years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

There is no restriction on the academic speciality of the Simón Bolívar Professors, among whom have figured economists, poets, lawyers, historians and natural scientists. A full list of previous Simón Bolívar Professors is attached for information, along with details of the terms of the endowment.

Although the Simón Bolívar Chair is integral to the University's Centre for Latin American Studies, the postholder naturally has an association by discipline with an appropriate Faculty or Department during the term of appointment. Following the original endowment by the Venezuelan Government, the Venezuelan Ambassador to the United Kingdom takes a keen interest in the Professorship and is a member of the Advisory Committee. Simon Bolivar Professors are expected to have a high profile in issues relevant to Latin America, beyond academic discipline.

Professors are appointed for a tenure of nine months, usually taken between September and June in the relevant academical year but flexible by negotiation. The Centre of Latin American Studies provides office accommodation and dedicated secretarial support; travel expenses associated with taking up the appointment are met by the Advisory Committee. The Simón Bolívar Professor, along with other Professors, is normally eligible for election to a College Fellowship, depending on individual preference.

Simon Bolivar Professors are invited to engage with the seminar programme and other activities of the Centre of Latin American Studies, and to contribute to the Centre's development and to the promotion of Latin American Studies within the University. This will normally involve the delivery of three or four lectures each term. Simon Bolivar Professors are also able to contribute to the life of their associated Faculty or Department and to pursue collaborative research or other projects.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary of the Advisory Committee with the following information:

- **A curriculum vitae – no more than 6 sides of A4;**
- **A brief description of the candidate's field of interest and his/her contribution to that field;**

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- **A personal statement by the candidate of their interest in the Professorship, including an outline of their proposed programme of activity. Candidates should also indicate a preferred year of tenure in which they would be willing and able to take up appointment, if offered;**
- **An indication of the synergy of the proposed appointment with the Centre of Latin American Studies, and an indication of the likely association by Faculty or Department.**

Further information about the Professorship is available from Dr Charles Jones, Director of the Centre of Latin American Studies.

Nominations should be sent to cshssoffice@admin.cam.ac.uk, with the supporting documentation outlined above, no later than **close of business on 28 March 2013**.

THE SIMON BOLIVAR PROFESSOR

In 1968 the University of Cambridge established the Simon Bolivar Chair of Latin American Studies with the endowment provided by the Government of Venezuela. Under the terms of its foundation, each year a distinguished scholar and citizen of the Latin American countries is elected as Professor. The chair is identical in status to the Pitt Professor of American Studies. There is, however, no restriction on the academic speciality of the Simon Bolivar Professors, among whom have figured economists, poets, lawyers, historians and natural scientists. Each professor is assigned to the Faculty most appropriate to his academic interests and he is expected to deliver a set of lectures or classes in that Faculty. The Professor is also elected Fellow of a College. The Professor serves as an ex officio member of the Management Committee of the Centre of Latin American Studies and from time to time is expected to participate in the open seminars organised by the Centre. He has an office situated close to the Centre and his bilingual secretary occupies a desk in the main office of the Centre. It should be observed that the Simon Bolivar Professor is a full officer of the University during the period of his appointment, with the rights, stipend and responsibilities of a professor of Cambridge University.

The purpose of the Simon Bolivar Chair is both to strengthen and develop the study of Latin America in Cambridge and also to promote the knowledge of Latin America in Great Britain. Professors have often travelled widely in the U.K., delivering lectures in several universities; many have offered lectures in Canning House or other institutions in London. At the same time, several professors have written books or furthered their research during their year at Cambridge. The existence of the Chair has allowed the University to bring to this country a significant number of distinguished scholars and intellectuals "and has thus served to promote cultural relations between Latin America and Great Britain. The following list testifies to the prestige which the Chair commands.

THE SIMÓN BOLÍVAR PROFESSORSHIP OF LATIN-AMERICAN STUDIES

The Simón Bolívar Chair in Latin American Studies was established in 1968 with a grant from the Venezuelan government for the purpose of bringing a distinguished Latin American scholar or intellectual each year to Cambridge. Like all other Professors in the University, each holder of the Chair is assigned to the Faculty most appropriate to his or her academic interests and is elected a Fellow of a College. The Professor is also usually closely associated with the work of the Centre. The following have been appointed to the Simón Bolívar Chair:

1968-69	Arnaldo Gabaldon Venezuelan Doctor of Tropical Medicine
1969-70	Octavio Paz Mexican poet and critic
1970-71	Marcel Roche Venezuelan physician
1971-72	Sergio Villalobos Chilean historian
1972-73	Alvaro Jara Chilean historian
1973-74	Celso Furtado Brazilian economist
1974-75	Pedro Grases Venezuelan historian and bibliographer
1975-76	Ignacio Bernal Mexican archaeologist
1976-77	Fernando Henrique Cardoso Brazilian sociologist (and subsequent President of Brazil)
1977-78	Mario Vargas Llosa Peruvian novelist and critic
1978-79	German Carrera Damas Venezuelan historian
1979-80	Tulio Arends Venezuelan haematologist
1980-81	Chair vacant
1981-82	Pablo Gonzalez Casanova Mexican sociologist
1982-83	Ramon Escovar Salom Venezuelan constitutional lawyer
1983-84	Chair vacant
1984-85	Chair vacant
1985-86	Allan Brewer Carias Venezuelan constitutional lawyer

1986-87	Carlos Fuentes Mexican novelist and critic
1987-88	Chair vacant
1988-89	Blas Bruni Celli (MT) Venezuelan Pathologist and President National Committee for the Dr Jose Vargas Bicentennial
1989-90	Gustavo Gutierrez (LT + ET) Peruvian Theologist
1990-91	Chair vacant
1991-92	Beatriz Sarlo (LT and ET) Professor of Philosophy and Literature, University Buenos Aires
1992-93	Luis H. Castro Levia Director Instituto Internacional de Estudios Avanzados, Caracas, Venezuela.
1993-94	Jose de Souza Martins Professor of Sociology University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.
1994-95	Jaime Requena Professor, International Institute of Advanced Studies Caracas, Venezuela.
1995-96	Julio Ortega Professor of Hispanic Studies Brown University Providence, USA.
1996-97	Professor E Florescano National Institute of Anthropology and History Mexico
1997-98	Dr E Viveiros de Castro Associate Professor Department of Anthropology Graduate Program of Social Anthropology National Museum Rio de Janeiro
1998-99	Dr R Cerdas Professor at the CIAPA San Jose Costa Rica
1999-2000	Professor E Tandeter Professor of History
2000-2001	Dr F Perez (MT 2000) Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Fine Arts Catholic University of Chile, Santiago
2001-2002	A Baptista Professor Professor of Economics and Political Economy Venezuela

2002-2003	Professor G O'Donnell Argentine sociologist [Helen Kellogg Professor of Government, University of Notre Dame]
2003-2004	Professor G de la Peña Research Professor at the CIESAS-Occidente, Mexico
2004-2005	Professor Gonzalez de la Rocha
2005-2007	Chair vacant
2007-2008	Professor Jose Luis Lanata Argentine archaeologist and anthropologist
2008-2009	Professor Scarlett O'Phelan Godoy Peruvian historian
2009-2010	Professor Carlos Iván Degregori Peruvian anthropologist
2010-2011	Professor Fabián Michelangeli Venezuelan biologist
2011-2012	Professor A Gorelik Argentinian architect and historian
2012-2013	Professor Manuel Garreton Chilean Sociologist
2013-2014	Professor Rosalva Aida Hernandez Castillo Mexican Anthropologist