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**December 2012, SLAS E-Newsletter**

The eNewsletter is compiled by Victoria Carpenter and sent out to you by Christy Palmer. If you have an up-coming event or items that you would like included in the next eNewsletter, then please send the details to: [v.carpenter@derby.ac.uk](mailto:v.carpenter@derby.ac.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE:** not all 'Call for Papers', are listed in the section 'Call for Papers'. Many are within the conference and seminar notices in the 'Conference and Seminars' section of the eNewsletter. All deadlines have been **highlighted** or **emboldened** in red.

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The LSE Public Policy Group is currently conducting a survey on the impact and value of academic research in the social sciences for our Impact of Social Sciences Project, and we would like to invite the members of your learned society to participate. It is vital for the social sciences to be able to show the range of ways that its academics and research create impact as well as being able to show the value of this work to government, business, civil society and public engagement at large.

There are two questionnaires, both are relatively short, we estimate either should only take **ten or so minutes** to complete:

- **Academic researchers:** <https://www.research.net/s/SSKDXDX> [new window].
- **Those who work with academics, or use social science research:** <https://www.research.net/s/socialscienceresearchusers> [new window].

Thank you for any help that you can give us with this.

## Presentación del Índice de Desarrollo Democrático de América Latina (Edición 2012)

(Para descargar al Informe completo debe entrar a: [www.idd-lat.org](http://www.idd-lat.org) [new window])

Presentamos la undécima edición del índice de desarrollo democrático de América Latina, **IDD-Lat**. El informe 2012 fue elaborado sobre la base de indicadores que reflejan las estadísticas de organismos públicos de los países y de organismos internacionales de reconocido prestigio, con datos de la situación al 31 de diciembre de 2011.

Desde hace varios años, la **Fundación Konrad Adenauer** y [Polilat.com](http://Polilat.com) [new window] estudian la evolución de las instituciones y de las sociedades latinoamericanas, a través de este trabajo. También investigan cómo —y en qué medida— las dirigencias avanzan o retroceden en el respeto a los principios de libertad, equidad y transparencia.

Así, el **índice de desarrollo democrático de América Latina** busca destacar los logros y virtudes del proceso de avance hacia una mayor evolución democrática de las instituciones y sociedades de la región. Además, expone sus vicios y falencias, para ayudar a eliminarlos.

*“América Latina sobresale en el contexto internacional, por primera vez, por el sostenimiento de la democracia, por su nivel de desendeudamiento y por sus avances contra la pobreza. Sin embargo, las crecientes dificultades presentes en los mercados internacionales, principalmente en la Unión Europea, generan nuevas turbulencias y riesgos para el desarrollo regional, que obligan a la dirigencia de los países a revalorizar políticas de consenso para enfrentar con éxito estas dificultades.*

*La apropiación por los líderes políticos de los resultados económicos positivos es inherente a la condición humana, y solo quienes logran vencer esa tentación podrán convertirse en estadistas y generar mejores realidades para sus sociedades. Por ello, uno de los retos para la dirigencia regional consiste en superar el riesgo mesiánico y encontrar formas inclusivas de gobierno”.*

### ¿Qué fortalezas de América Latina surgen del IDD-Lat 2012?

- Crece la participación política de la mujer y hay tres países con presidentas.
- En 2011 (año del estudio), no hubo quiebres institucionales que pusieran en riesgo la democracia.
- Hubo una baja importante de la pobreza y un fuerte crecimiento de la clase media.
- La mortalidad infantil continúa su curva descendente.
- Al superar el impacto de la crisis 2008-2009, la región volvió a crecer en 2011, aunque con una tasa menor.

### ¿Qué debilidades de América Latina surgen del IDD-Lat 2012?

- La onda positiva de la recuperación tras la crisis no se extendió a todos los países por igual.
- Crece la percepción de la inseguridad y la violencia, y hay ataques a la prensa y a las expresiones disidentes
- En algunos países se consolida la inequidad.
- Caen en la región los indicadores de gasto en salud, empleo y pobreza.
- El grupo de desarrollo democrático mínimo se duplicó y está integrado ahora por seis países (Guatemala, República Dominicana, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Bolivia y Venezuela).

### Ranking del IDD-Lat 2012

Costa Rica, Chile y Uruguay se destacan del resto de los países por su alto desarrollo democrático.

Perú, que había venido mejorando medición tras medición en los últimos siete años, quiebra esa tendencia y este año desciende en más de 6%. Junto a Panamá, Argentina, México y Brasil. Perú integra el bloque que denominamos de desarrollo medio.

Nicaragua y R. Dominicana abandonan el grupo de bajo desarrollo para integrar este año, junto con Bolivia, Guatemala, Venezuela y Ecuador el grupo de desarrollo democrático mínimo. Este grupo pasó de tres países en 2011 a seis en este año.

### ¿Qué cambió respecto al informe anterior?

En relación con el comportamiento de los países, la evolución del IDD-Lat 2012 respecto del año anterior indica que los que **mejoraron o se mantuvieron** fueron:

Costa Rica, que alcanza el primer lugar; Argentina; Brasil, que continúa en suave ascenso; Colombia; Ecuador, El Salvador; Guatemala, el país que más ha mejorado pero que no logra escapar de la zona de desarrollo mínimo; Honduras; México; Panamá; Paraguay y Uruguay.

Entre los países que tuvieron un **comportamiento negativo**, el máximo nivel de caída se observa en Bolivia.

Le siguen en orden Perú, República Dominicana, Venezuela, Nicaragua y Chile.

### Inequidad y narcotráfico, dos problemas que crecen

Sin embargo, tanto el desarrollo económico de esta etapa como los avances en la superación de la pobreza y la exclusión económica no han tenido la misma repercusión en la reducción de la desigualdad. Peor aún, este proceso en algunos países parece haber consolidado la estructura preexistente de inequidad.

La inequidad junto con la notoria presencia del crimen organizado y el narcotráfico en países de la región son las dos situaciones que afectan más negativamente al desarrollo democrático regional. El narcotráfico, presente en América Latina desde hace décadas, penetra fronteras y aparece en países donde no existía.

### ¿Hay menos libertad de prensa?

América Latina lleva, al menos, cinco años con un declive continuo en libertad de prensa debido al mayor acoso del crimen organizado y a las presiones de algunos gobiernos sobre los medios de comunicación críticos, según el informe 2012 de Freedom House.

Este informe, basado en datos de 2011, indica que solo dos de los países medidos en el IDD-Lat logran obtener la categoría libres y ellos son Costa Rica (19) y Uruguay (26). Tres países se ubican en la categoría de no libres: Venezuela, México y Honduras. Todos los demás países son rotulados como parcialmente libres.

Este informe no surge de datos cuantitativos ni de una aproximación empírica acerca de la realidad de los medios, sino que refleja la percepción que se tiene, en cada uno de estos países, acerca de la libertad de prensa.

Pese a la situación de deterioro, no podemos sostener que en América Latina, en términos generales, no haya libertad de prensa. Sí es un factor a considerar, y que tiene cada vez mayor visibilidad, la creciente presión ejercida sobre los periodistas por actores no estatales, principalmente por la delincuencia organizada, sobre todo en México y Honduras.

### Bonanza y baja de la pobreza

La región vive un momento signado por la democracia y por una relativa bonanza económica que han permitido avanzar significativamente en la reducción de la pobreza, uno de los mayores obstáculos para el desarrollo latinoamericano.

Se sostienen buenos precios para los productos básicos de la agricultura, la minería y el petróleo y se han generado excedentes que los gobiernos han aplicado, también, para combatir el flagelo de la pobreza y la exclusión.

Los programas de ayuda a los sectores menos favorecidos de la sociedad se extendieron a todos los países. En algunos casos con graves ineficiencias y en función de políticas clientelares, pero aun así es innegable su valor en la tarea de erradicar la pobreza y la indigencia.

Son 73 millones de latinoamericanos los que salieron de la pobreza en los últimos 10 años. A su vez, hubo un fuerte crecimiento de la clase media, que ahora se sitúa en torno al 30 % del total de la población.

### ¿Quiénes somos?

La Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) es una fundación política alemana, de inspiración demócrata cristiana, que basa su trabajo en los principios de libertad, justicia y

solidaridad. Como primer canciller federal alemán, Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967) vinculó las tradiciones socialcristiana, conservadora y liberal. Su legado intelectual sigue siendo para la KAS tarea y obligación al mismo tiempo.

Con más de 80 oficinas y proyectos en más de 120 países, la KAS trabaja en cooperación con instituciones estatales, partidos políticos y organizaciones de la sociedad civil para que las personas puedan vivir en libertad y con dignidad.

El programa regional Partidos Políticos y Democracia en América Latina, con sede en Montevideo, Uruguay, fomenta el intercambio de ideas y el desarrollo de actividades conjuntas entre partidos políticos afines y se dedica al diálogo sobre los desafíos del desarrollo democrático en la región.

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CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

***The Future of Academic Impact***  
**Beveridge Hall, Senate House, London**  
**Tuesday 4 December**

Some of the topics to be covered at the conference are:

- The economic impact of research
- How discussion on models of impact of social sciences is moving forward
- How open access may increase the impact of research
- What digital tools are being developed and used by the researcher community that influence impact.

Speakers include:

- **Jason Priem** (founder of ImpactStory)
- **Julia Lane** (American Institutes of Research)
- **Ziyad Marar** (Global Director, Sage Publishing)
- **Sir Adrian Smith** (University of London)
- **Cameron Neylon** (PLoS)
- **Stephen Curry** (Imperial College)

The LSE's Director Craig Calhoun will close the conference followed by a drinks reception.

**The event is free to attend but registration is required.** To register please use this link: <http://lseimpactconference2012.eventbrite.co.uk/> [new window].

The full conference schedule, and all other relevant information is available here: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2012/11/05/free-event-4th-december-the-future-of-academic-impacts/> [new window].

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**Medicinal plants of the Yanomami Indians - a new perspective and approach by Dr William Milliken**  
**Canning House**  
**5th December, 2012. 18.30 - 20.30**  
**£5 / FREE FOR MEMBERS**

Fifteen years after the first in-depth research into the use of knowledge of medicinal plants among the Yanomami of northern Brazil, the traditional owners of that knowledge are taking control of their own heritage.

Fresh from the Amazon, William Milliken reports on a new project whereby young indigenous researchers are being trained and empowered to evaluate and enhance

results of past research with their elders, and to publish them in their own language for their own ends.

William Milliken is Head of the Tropical America Regional Team at Kew Royal Botanical Gardens. His work and multi-disciplinary research over the past 20 years has focused primarily on the interface between biodiversity, livelihoods and the environment with a strong focus on Latin America.

To book [click here](#) [new window].

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**Latin American History Seminars, Spring Term 2013**  
**Institute of Historical Research**  
**Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU**

- **8 January** : **Ben Smith** (Warwick)  
*The Crisis of Mexican Conservatism: What was it? What is it? And where does it go from here?*  
 Room G21a, Senate House, ground floor
- **22 January** : **Fiona Wilson** (Sussex)  
*Municipal Government and the Radical Challenge, Peru, 1870s to 1910s*  
 Bloomsbury Room (G35), Senate House, ground floor
- **5 February** : **Eduardo Posada** (Oxford)  
*Imagining Democracy in Spanish America, 1800s-1850s*  
 Gordon Room (G34), Senate House, ground floor
- **19 February** : **Leslie Bethell** (KCL)  
*Joaquim Nabuco, Abolitionism and the End of Slavery in Brazil*  
 Bloomsbury Room (G35), Senate House, ground floor
- **5 March** : **Jose Moya** (Columbia)  
*The Anarchist Movement in Argentina in International Perspective*  
 Room G21a, Senate House, ground floor
- **19 March** : **Rossana Barragan** (ISSH, Amsterdam)  
*Mitayos or Kajchas: Revisiting Labour and Government in Eighteenth-Century Potosi*  
 Room 349, Senate House, third floor
- **26 March** : **Alejandra Osorio** (Wellesley)  
*Of Imperial Centers and Edges: The Problem of the Atlantic (World) for Understandings of the Spanish Habsburg Empire*  
 Venue to be confirmed

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**EVENTS**

**Ploughing the sea: Latin America Observed**  
**17 Oct - 15 Dec 2012. 09.30 - 17.00**  
**FREE EXHIBITION**  
**King's College London, Maughan Library (Strand Campus).**

Following the integration of the Canning House Library into King's College London's Maughan Library there are many of our old and rare books on display at this free exhibition.

If you are coming from outside King's you are advised to contact the Special Collections staff on 020 7848 1843 or visit their [webpages](#) [new window] for more information before you travel.

*He who serves a revolution ploughs the sea.*

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**Portuguese Film Festival**  
**25th Nov - 8th Dec, 2012**

The 3rd UK Portuguese Film Festival began on last Sunday and is running from 25th November to the 8th of December. One of the highlights is a documentary about Paula Rego. For more information please [click here](#) [new window].

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CALL FOR PAPERS

***Narratives of Migration and Exile in Hispanic and Lusophone Cultures: A Postgraduate Conference***  
**King's College London**  
**21st - 22nd February 2013**

**DEADLINE** January 4th, 2013

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:  
 Prof. Sylvia Molloy (New York University)  
 Dr Daniel Muñoz-Sempere (King's College London)

The current economic downturn is affecting migration flows globally. Countries like Spain, which had seen high volumes of immigration during the 1990s and 2000s, are now experiencing an exodus of migrants and Spanish nationals who seek brighter prospects abroad. Emerging economies such as Argentina or Brazil, on the other hand, are increasingly attracting foreign workers. The present conference seeks to explore the ways in which this transformation of migration flows is expressed visually and discursively within Hispanic and Lusophone cultures.

We invite individual and joint proposals for 20 minute presentations (to be delivered in either English, Spanish or Portuguese) from postgraduate students.

Possible themes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Media representations of contemporary migrants, both those arriving to and those migrating from Hispanic and Lusophone countries.
- Migrants in literature and film, both as objects and subjects of representation (as literary/film characters, and as authors/directors).
- (Economic) migrants versus (political) exiles: Is this distinction still valid and useful today? Or is the dividing line between these categories becoming blurred, given the close interdependency of politics and economics? In other words: should the economic exclusion driving migrants be seen as a form of political violence and repression
- Survival and/or re-packaging of old migration myths and clichés for contemporary consumption: are these recycled narratives useful in any way, or do they obscure the reality and diversity of contemporary migrants' experiences
- The relationship between formation of migrant identities and the emergence of nationalist discourses/consecration of the nation-state in our political imaginarium.
- (Re-)emergence of xenophobic and racist discourses, particularly during periods of economic uncertainty.
- Emergence of new transnational and/or diasporic identities.
- The role of the internet (expat forums, journals/blogs, access to home media such as newspapers and TV programmes) in the maintenance of migrants's national identities abroad, or alternatively, its role in the construction of more porous transnational identities.

Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words to [splas-postgrad@googlegroups.com](mailto:splas-postgrad@googlegroups.com). The deadline for submissions is Friday 4th January 2013. Applicants will be contacted by Tuesday 12th January 2013.

For more information on the conference and out keynote speakers see our website: <http://migrationconference.wordpress.com/> [new window].

A limited fund of travel bursaries may be available for speakers. Those interested in applying should explain in maximum 350 words how their participation in the conference would advance scholarly research, as well as their own research and future academic career together with an estimated break down of costs.

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***"Difference and Equality in the Americas: Contemporary and Historical Processes of Inclusion/ Exclusion"***

**Americas Research Group, Newcastle University, UK**  
**Room 2.22, Research Beehive, Old Library Building, Newcastle University, UK**  
**Tuesday, 12th March 2013**

**DEADLINE** 20th January 2013

**Call for Papers**

In the recent history of the Americas, and through to the present, multiple discourses of identity have been employed to construct an idea of the region as inclusive, integrated and multicultural, with varying levels of success. Despite these attempts, historical and contemporary exclusions persist based on race, ethnicity, gender, class, generation and religion, as well as intersections of these. This multidisciplinary postgraduate conference will explore manifestations and processes of inclusion and exclusion, and the ways in which these are expressed, addressed and resisted. It will consider the social, political and cultural contexts and implications of these dynamics of difference and equality, in North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean, throughout history and to the present-day.

Following an extremely successful and thought-provoking conference in 2012, the Americas Research Group invites abstracts from Masters and PhD students of all disciplines on any topics related to this year's broad theme. This is an ideal opportunity to present work in a friendly and stimulating environment, as well as to engage with the ideas of others working on similar themes. Topics for presentation could include, but are not limited to, issues of inclusion/exclusion within:

#### State and Society:

- Policy and public services – health, education, housing
- Land distribution and resource management
- Non-state organisation – grassroots organisations, NGOs, collectives, religious groups, minority groups

#### Media and Cultural Representation:

- Art, music, literature
- Expressions of hybridity and syncretism
- Lack of representation – the issue of voice

#### Ideologies:

- Paradigms of modernity/modernization and globalization
- Colonial/post-colonial/de-colonial experience
- The idea of the "nation" – multicultural, plurinational, racial democracy etc.

Please submit abstracts of up to 250 words to: Natalie Hoskin,  
[n.l.hoskin@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:n.l.hoskin@newcastle.ac.uk)

For further information about the Americas Research Group at Newcastle University, please visit our website at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/hss/frdg/americas/> [new window].

**Metarreal y sobrenatural en la literatura hispánica**  
**X Congreso Internacional ALEPH Asociación de Jóvenes Investigadores de la**  
**Literatura Hispánica**  
**Universidad de Torino**  
**14-18 de Mayo de 2013**

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- Sobrenatural religioso e hiperbólico caballeresco en la Edad Media
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- La eterna lucha maniquea entre el bien y el mal
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- Ideales y manías en el Siglo de Oro
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- La super-realidad del yo fragmentado: lo onírico y lo distorsionado
- Censura, silencio y meta lenguaje

## PROPUESTAS DE COMUNICACIÓN

Las propuestas de comunicación deben ser originales e inéditas y no haber sido presentadas en otros congresos, simposios o jornadas.

El idioma de presentación será el castellano.

Las propuestas recibidas serán analizadas por el Comité Científico y el Comité Organizador, quienes seleccionarán aquellos trabajos que respondan a criterios de calidad y adecuación temática.

Para formalizar las propuestas de comunicación se completará el documento en formato Word (adjunto en esta información y también colgado en la página web de la asociación) y será enviado a la dirección [aleph2013torino@gmail.com](mailto:aleph2013torino@gmail.com).

## PARTICIPACIÓN

Se invita a participar a todos aquellos investigadores de la literatura hispánica no doctores que continúen sus estudios en un programa de doctorado o realicen su tesis doctoral.

Aceptación de propuestas: febrero de 2013. Inscripción a la Asociación ALEPH: cuota de 50 euros anuales. Incluye:

- X Congreso Internacional ALEPH.
- Publicación como capítulo del libro que se dedicará al congreso, previa asistencia al X Congreso Internacional ALEPH.
- Posibilidad de participar en la revista de la Asociación Cuadernos ALEPH.

Para una información más detallada sobre los trámites de inscripción se puede consultar la página [www.asociacionaleph.com](http://www.asociacionaleph.com) [nueva página web].

## CONTACTO

Todas las consultas sobre el congreso deben dirigirse a la dirección oficial de los organizadores: [aleph2013torino@gmail.com](mailto:aleph2013torino@gmail.com)

La información completa de la Asociación ALEPH pueden encontrarla en su página web: [www.asociacionaleph.com](http://www.asociacionaleph.com) [nueva página web].

## Fechas límites

**Presentación de propuestas:** hasta el 15 de diciembre de 2012.

**Comunicación de aceptación:** a lo largo del mes de febrero de 2013.

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BOOKS

***Economic Life of Mexican Beach Vendors: Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco, and Cabo San Lucas.***

**by Tamar Diana Wilson (Lanham, Maryland)**

**Lexington Books**

**November 8th, 2012**



Economic Life of Mexican Beach Vendors: Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas is based on interviews with 82 men and 84 women who vend their wares on beaches in three Mexican tourist centers. Assuming that some people may actively choose self-employment in the informal or semi-informal economy, the employment and educational aspirations of the vendors and their levels of satisfaction with their work are explored. Most of the vendors had other family members who were also vendors, and 75 (45.2 percent) had 5 or more family members who vended, most usually on Mexican beaches. The vendors are aware of the forces of globalization (though they do not express these forces in those words), as revealed by their responses to questions as to how the current world economic recession has affected them. The beach vendors live in essentially segregated neighborhoods that can be considered apartheid-like, far from the tourist zones.

Most of the vendors or their parents are rural-to-urban migrants and cross ethnic, linguistic, and economic borders as they migrate to and work in what have been called transnational social spaces. Of the vendors interviewed, 82 (49.4 percent) speak an indigenous language, and of these, 60 (73.2 percent) speak Nahuatl. The majority are from the state of Guerrero, but there were also Zapotec-speakers from Oaxaca. Both indigenous and non-indigenous women take part in beach vending. They are often wives, daughters, or sisters of male beach vendors, and they may be single, married, living in free union, or widowed. Their income is often of central importance to the household economy. This monograph aims to bring their stories to tourists and to scholars and students of tourism development and /or the informal or semi-informal economy in Mexican tourist centers.

*"In this meticulously documented investigation, anthropologist Tamar Diana Wilson helps us understand the backgrounds, ambitions, fortunes, and trials faced by Mexican beach vendors in three pivotal touristic zones. Combining comparative, qualitative, and quantitative research, this book offers rich and detailed findings with significant implications for policy makers and scholars alike. Examining neoliberal globalization and the history of tourism development, Wilson astutely locates the personal narratives of informants as part of global and local processes that include internal migration, land displacement, and the ebbs and flows of social networks. By also highlighting their aspirations, the study accomplishes two objectives. One, informants are not depicted as victims of macro-politics but as complex agents who craft lives of contentment and dreams, even while confronting various forms of socio-economic exclusions, inequalities, and ostracism. Secondly, the analysis of ambitions is a unique theoretical contribution to the study of the informal economy—a field of research that is crucial for understanding the forces of globalization. Economic Life of Mexican Beach Vendors is also essential reading for those interested in migration, women's and indigenous issues, and the experiences of street vendors and the self-employed."*

-- **Amalia L. Cabezas**, University of California, Riverside

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**British Academy  
International Partnership and Mobility  
Scheme (Africa/ Latin America and the  
Caribbean/ Middle East/ South Asia/East and  
South-East Asia**

**DEADLINE** Feburary 6th, 2013

The British Academy is now inviting applications to its International Partnership and Mobility (IPM) Scheme 2012-13. The application form is now available on the Academy's online e-GAP application system: <https://egap.britac.ac.uk> [new window].

**Applications must be submitted via the e-GAP system.** Intending applicants need to register themselves in the system, if not already registered, and should access full details by following the links to 'funding schemes' from the personal welcome page, and then the

link to this scheme.

### **Purpose of the Scheme**

One-year awards of £10,000 and three-year awards of up to £30,000 are available to support the development of research partnerships between UK scholars and scholars in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, South Asia, East and South-East Asia. Awards cover any branch of the humanities and social sciences, and are intended to focus on collaborative research on a specific theme of mutual interest, rather than purely on establishing networks.



The scheme is intended to initiate the development of long-term, vigorous links between the UK and overseas scholars whilst also encouraging an intra-regional exchange of expertise and knowledge sharing. There is an emphasis on innovative, new initiatives that broaden the UK research base as well as on sustainability, with a good prospect of the work attracting further future funds from other sources and the partnership becoming self-sustaining in the longer term. Partnerships can include a range of related activities, and mobility (in the form of visits in both directions, exchanges, etc.) should form an integral part of proposals.

This year the British Academy expects to make approximately 20 three-year awards and up to 20 one-year awards.

In this round, a number of partnerships will be co-funded by the National Science Council of Taiwan and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be of postdoctoral or equivalent status (i.e. academic staff with at least one or two years of teaching/ research experience) and should be based within a research active institution for the duration of the award.

The principal applicant must be 'ordinarily resident' in the United Kingdom. The co-applicant must be an academic based in an institution in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East, South Asia, East or South-East Asia.

### **Level of Award**

Grants are offered up to a maximum of £10,000 per year for a period of one year or three years.

For further information regarding the award, including a full list of eligibility criteria, please consult the award's Scheme Notes, available on e-GAP.

**Deadline for submission of applications:** 6 February 2013

**Results expected:** July 2013

**Earliest Start Date for Research:** 1 September 2013

## **PhD Scholarships in Literatures, Languages and Cultures at the University of Edinburgh**

**DEADLINE** February 1st, 2013

The School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures is delighted to announce a new initiative that will see over £500,000 invested across the next three years in scholarships for outstanding PhD students joining the School's vibrant postgraduate research community.

Ten new scholarships will be awarded to PhD candidates commencing their research studies in the academic year 2013-2014 in any of the disciplines within the School.

The School provides a stimulating and supportive research environment across a wide range of subject areas: Asian Studies, Celtic & Scottish Studies, English Literature, European Languages & Cultures [includes Hispanic and Latin American], and Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies. We also offer an exciting range of cross-disciplinary PhD programmes including Film Studies, Trans-disciplinary Documentary Film, and Translation Studies.

The scholarships will cover tuition fees at the Home/EU rate (currently £3,828 p.a.), plus an annual maintenance stipend of c. £13,590 for three years. The stipend will increase in

line with the Arts and Humanities Council maintenance grant. Overseas students are welcome to apply for the scholarships but should note that, if successful, they will need to pay the difference between the Home/EU tuition fee and the overseas tuition fee. Currently the difference is £7,622.

The application deadline is 1 February 2013, and by this date applicants should already have applied for a PhD place at Edinburgh. **We expect to notify successful applicants in early March.**

For further details, see: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/literatures-languages-cultures/phd-scholarships> [new window]

Applicants who wish to be considered for a Principal's Career Development PhD scholarship should also complete the online application form [here](#) [new window].

### **CAF-Oxford Visiting Fellowship in Latin American Economics**

**DEADLINE** 12 noon (GMT), March 8th, 2013

Applications are invited for the CAF-Oxford Visiting Fellowship in Latin American Economics for the Michaelmas Academic Term (October-December 2013).

This is an exciting opportunity for a senior or mid-career researcher to pursue and present his or her own research in the context of the academic life of St Antony's College and the Latin American Centre.

The fellowship is intended to support scholarship related to the Economies of Latin America, and in particular research related to welfare, inequality and development issues.

#### **Benefits**

- Travel expenses to cover return flight to the UK of up to £1,000 GBP
- Living allowances of c.£3,000 GBP for three months (total £9,000)
- Affiliation to St Antony's College for one term
- A workspace with a computer at the Latin American Centre
- A university card and access to the Bodleian Libraries, the main research libraries of the University of Oxford
- The opportunity to present a research paper as part of the Latin American Centre's general seminars series, and a CAF-Oxford working paper for publication online.

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Nationality: you must be a national and normally resident in one of the following CAF shareholder countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.
- A strong research proposal relating to welfare, inequality and development issues in Latin America
- A good working knowledge of English; previous publications in English/experience of working in English-language institution are an advantage
- A completed doctorate or substantial professional experience relevant to the subject of the fellowship
- Evidence of outstanding prior academic or professional accomplishment and of the benefit that the fellowship would bring to the applicant's future work

#### **How to apply**

Applicants are required to submit the following to the address/email below **by 12.00 noon UK time on 8th March 2013:**

- A current CV
- A one-page covering letter
- A personal statement describing your previous experience and how pursuing this fellowship will contribute to their future career or research plans
- A description of your proposed research project (not more than 2,500 words)
- Names of two referees

Applications will be considered by a committee consisting of members from the University of Oxford, and CAF-Latin American Development Bank.

The recruitment process will be completed by April 2013. The candidate appointed is expected to arrive in Oxford in October 2013.

For further information and how to apply, please contact the LAC administrator:  
[administrator@lac.ox.ac.uk](mailto:administrator@lac.ox.ac.uk)

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**Lecturer in Modern Extra-European History  
 Historical Studies  
 University of Leicester**

**DEADLINE** December 20th, 2012

This 4½ year lectureship post arises out of the award of an ERC Starting Grant to Professor Clare Anderson, for the project: "The Carceral Archipelago: penal transformations in global perspective, 1415-1960."

You will work with colleagues of modern extra-European history across the School to develop further our research portfolio, our undergraduate and postgraduate teaching provision, and enhance the reputation of and network the School through engagement across the University and in appropriate external roles. You will work in any area of extra-European history, but not including North America, from the eighteenth century onwards. You may take any historiographical approach to your research, including quantitative methods. This role will involve working particularly closely with our existing research cluster in "Colonial, Postcolonial and Global History," comprising Dr Bernard Attard (international economy), Dr Prashant Kidambi (India); Dr Toby Lincoln (China); Dr Eliza Riedi (South Africa); and Dr Deborah Toner (Latin America); and their postgraduate students. This is an excellent opportunity for you to take a central role in the development of a key area of research and teaching in the School of Historical Studies, at the University of Leicester.

We anticipate that interviews will take place **Monday 11 February 2012**

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**2 x Lecturer in Hispanic Studies (Education & Research)  
 College of Humanities, University of Exeter  
 Job reference: P44372**

**DEADLINE** December 18th, 2012

Appointments will be made within the Education and Research job family, salary range £31,948 to £35,938 Grade F, depending on skills and experience. These jobs also come with generous holiday allowances, flexible working, pension scheme, car lease scheme and relocation package (if applicable)

The result of the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise confirms Exeter's position as one of the UK's leading research-intensive universities. Almost 90% of our research is at internationally recognised levels and every single subject submitted included world-leading (4\*) research. When adjusted for the 95% of staff submitted, Exeter ranks among the top 15 in the UK for research out of 159 higher education institutions. The Times Higher Education described Exeter as 'a rising star among research-intensive institutions'.

These two lectureships in Hispanic Studies will contribute to extending the research profile of Hispanic Studies and Modern Languages at Exeter.

**Job Discription**

The successful applicants will hold a PhD in Hispanic Studies and have an independent, internationally-recognised research programme in an active field of Hispanic Studies research related or complementary to existing Exeter strengths. They will be able to demonstrate the following qualities and characteristics: a strong record in attracting research funding, or demonstrable potential to attract such funding, teamwork skills to work in collaboration with existing group members, an active and supportive approach to

inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research that will help to foster interactions and links both within the University and externally, the attitude and ability to engage in continuous professional development, the aptitude to develop familiarity with a variety of strategies to promote and assess learning and enthusiasm for delivering undergraduate programmes.

The Department of Modern Languages at Exeter is one of the UK's leading and most respected centres for research and teaching in French, German, Hispanic Studies (including Catalan and Portuguese), Italian, and Russian. We also offer Mandarin Chinese within the department. Our research ranges across a wide variety of disciplines including Art History, European Literature and Culture, Film, Linguistics, Medieval Studies, Sexuality and Gender, Translation, and Visual Culture, and across time from the medieval to the contemporary. As well as covering the cultures of major European nations, we have substantial expertise in Latin America and Francophone Africa. Our academic staff, supported by a team of language teachers which includes native-speaker teachers, are highly successful in winning prestigious research awards from funding bodies including the AHRC, Leverhulme and British Academy. We are a large yet very friendly department with over thirty internationally excellent research staff. Our total current research and teaching staff numbers sixty-four. We are recruiting 5 further leading researchers to join our team this year.

Our staff are affiliated to a wide range of University research centres including the Centres for Medieval Studies, Early Modern Studies, Intermedia, Interdisciplinary Research in Film Studies, and Medical History. We have around 70 research students registered in the department. Our MA in Translation is a successful and growing programme.

For up-to-date details of all our UG and PG programmes and modules, and further details of the Department of Modern Languages, please see <http://humanities.exeter.ac.uk/modernlanguages/> [new window].

Applicants may make informal enquiries about the post to Dr Emma Cayley, Head of Modern Languages (tel: +44 (0) 1392 724387, email: [e.j.cayley@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:e.j.cayley@exeter.ac.uk)). You may also wish to consult our web site (<http://humanities.exeter.ac.uk> [new window]) for further details of the College

To view the Job Description and Person Specification document please [click here](#) [new window].

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