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November 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

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Ploughing the sea: Latin America Observed

17 Oct - 15 Dec 2012, 09.30 - 17.00

FREE EXHIBITION at King's College London's Maughan Library on the 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.

Brazilian Author Waldomiro Freitas Autran Dourado Dies Aged 86

Brazilian novelist Waldomiro Freitas Autran Dourado died on Sunday, September 30th, in Rio de Janeiro at the age of 86. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Lucy Fields, four children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In his life he published 28 novels and stories, among which his best known titles are "*Opera of the Dead*" (1967), "*The Barca of Men*" (1961) and "*The Risk of Embroidery*" (1970). The book "*A Secret Life*" was adapted for film in 2001, directed by Suzana Amaral.

In 2000 he won the Camões Prize for Literature in English, the most important Portuguese literature prize. In 2008 he received the ABL (Brazilian Academy of Letters), Machado de Assis: a prize awarded by the entity for the scope and depth of his body of work. His works were strongly influenced by James Joyce, Stendhal and Goethe, as well as the philosophers Plato, Aristotle, and Nietzsche Schopenhauer.

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CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Mining in Colombia and Latin America: will the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights improve accountability?

One Day Conference

The Beveridge Hall (Senate House, Ground Floor)

Monday 12 November, 09:00 - 18:00

[Event Flyer](#) [PDF]

This conference is hosted by ABColombia and the Human Rights Consortium. It brings together a number of experts including scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers from a range of disciplines and key public bodies, and indigenous and community leaders from Latin America.

The UK will launch its initial strategy on implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in September 2012 and this conference will provide an opportunity to discuss and debate this strategy, to engage with the UK government on how it can best fulfil its commitment to 'Protect, Respect and Remedy', and with corporations on their ideas for the implementation of responsible mining practices and due diligence requirements.

The extractive sector increasingly represents an important part of the economies of Latin American countries. For example, one of the major engines of economic growth in Colombia's National Development Plan 2010-2014 is the mining and energy sector. This policy was a continuation of the previous Administration's policies (2002-2010) and has led to the rapid expansion of the extractive industry and increased FDI. However, this has not been accompanied by corresponding increases in social spending, leaving Colombia as one of the worst countries in the region in terms of wealth concentration.

Despite national and international mechanisms, there continue to be negative impacts of extractive industries on institutions, human rights and local communities. These include increased social protest, worsening of ongoing conflicts, violation of the rights of communities, increasing intimidation and repression of those who take a stand against large scale extractives on their land, even violence on the part of the state or those associated with the extractive companies.

At the same time, companies recognise the dangers of investing in regions and projects where they could encounter reputational damage or long legal battles and are looking for ways of avoiding these pitfalls. In this context, it is pertinent to examine what mechanisms of governance exist and how they are being implemented, how accountable these mechanisms are in terms of sustainable resource use, management of social and environmental impacts, and the upholding of the rights of communities. Some of the key questions that will be discussed at the conference include:

- What mechanisms will facilitate good governance of natural resources and effective oversight of multinational corporations?
- What is due diligence according to grassroots communities and how can it be implemented?
- How can the prior consultation processes be strengthened to ensure corporations comply fully with the requirements of free, prior and informed consent?
- How have the use of guidelines and voluntary mechanisms prevented, or not, human rights violations and environmental damage?
- What judicial and non-judicial mechanisms are available to address 'remedy'?
- How can the environmental and social performance of the mining industry worldwide be improved?

To register online and pay for this event, please [click here](#) [new window].

£20.00 (standard)

£10.00 (students/retired/unwaged)

PLEASE NOTE: the fee includes lunch and refreshments.

Venue addresses:

- Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU
- Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DN
- IALS, 17 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5DR
- Map and directions

For further information, please contact chloe.pieters@sas.ac.uk

From London to Rio: Social Change and the Sporting Mega-event
A One-day Conference at the British Library
5th November 2012

Join scholars, policy makers and the private sector to analyse and debate the role of sporting mega events in re-shaping and re-defining the societies that host them. Focusing on the upcoming Rio de Janeiro 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic and Paralympic games, and the legacy of the London 2012 games the conference will raise critical questions about how sporting mega-events articulate with existing forms of social injustice and inequality – more likely to exacerbate than alleviate? At the same time, we will debate the ways such events may improve the quality of life for people living in the societies that host them.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Prof. Kenneth Maxwell** (Harvard University)
- **Prof. Renato Emerson dos Santos** (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)
- **Prof. João Costa Vargas** (University of Texas, Austin)
- **Prof. Andy Miah** (University of the West of Scotland)
- **Dr. Timothy Power** (Oxford University)
- **Paul Docherty** (Director UK 2012, British Council)
- **Dr. Russell Seymour** (Sustainability Manager for Marylebone Cricket Club)

To register and view the full conference programme please go to:
<http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event134622.html> [new window]

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EVENTS

The 2012 Canning Lecture with President of the Republic of Chile His Excellency Sebastián Piñera
Banqueting House, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ER
Thursday, 15th November

This year the Lecture will be delivered by His Excellency Señor Sebastián Piñera President of the Republic of Chile. Canning House greatly looks forward to the occasion. Registration on the evening of the event will take place from 5.30pm. All Guests must be seated by 6.25pm. The Lecture will commence at 6.30pm sharp.

The Lecture will be followed by a Reception. There are a limited number of spaces, and booking is essential for this event. To book please use this link:
<http://www.canninghouse.org/events/301> [new window].

The 2012 Canning Lecture is kindly supported by the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office and ProChile.

Panel Series at UCL
UCL, Institute of the Americas
All events at 51 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PQ, unless otherwise indicated.

- **'The Caribbean in the Age of Preferences (1900-1960)'** (Panel)
 Nov 14, 2012 | 17:30 - 20:00

Second in the series of talks on the Caribbean, by **Prof. Victor Bulmer-Thomas** (Honorary Professor, UCL-IA). He is giving three lectures to coincide with the publication of his book '*The Economic History of the Caribbean since the Napoleonic Wars*'. This talk explores the economic development of the Caribbean in the period from the end of the Spanish-American War in 1898 to the Cuban Revolution, when imperial preference by the metropolitan powers, including the United States, was of great importance. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. You are more than welcome to continue the discussion during the wine reception.

Attendance is free of charge, but please register your intention to attend:
<http://caribbean-age-preferences.eventbrite.co.uk/>

- **'Race and the Pink Tide'** (Talk)
 Nov 21, 2012 | 17:30 - 19:30

UCL-IA proudly hosts this discussion panel, with the attendance of **Prof. Sarah Radcliffe** (Cambridge), **Prof. Denise Ferreira da Silva** (Queen Mary, University of London) and **Mr Ignacio Aguilo** (University of Manchester).

How have Pink Tide countries in Latin America addressed race relations? Have Left or Left-leaning governments in Argentina, Brazil and Ecuador been effective in addressing the racialised exclusion of large sectors of their populations from full citizenship? Have Pink Tide politics made a difference for racialised 'Others', such as Peruvian or Bolivian immigrants, in Argentina? These are some of the questions that this distinguished panel of speakers will discuss.

Entrance is free of charge, but we anticipate significant demand for this event, so you are strongly advised to register your attendance:
<http://race-and-pink-tide.eventbrite.co.uk/>

- **'Women resist Exploitation in Central America and South Africa: what lessons can we learn?'** (Panel)
Nov 27, 2012 | 12:00 - 14:00

UCL-IA is pleased to host this thought-provoking seminar, in collaboration with Central America Women's Network (CAWN), and with the attendance of **Reyna Quintanilla**, campaigner at Colectiva de Mujeres Hondurenas (CODEMUH) and **Patricia Dyata**, Secretary General of Sikhula Sonke.

Entrance is free of charge, but we anticipate significant demand for this event, so you are strongly advised to register your attendance:
<http://women-resist-exploitation.eventbrite.co.uk/>

- **'The Caribbean in the Age of Globalisation (1960-)'** (Talk)
Dec 5, 2012 | 17:30 - 20:00

Prof. Victor Bulmer-Thomas, Honorary Professor UCL - Institute of the Americas, will deliver this talk, third in the series on the Caribbean. He giving three lectures to coincide with the publication of his book *The Economic History of the Caribbean since the Napoleonic Wars*. The third talk explores the economic development of the Caribbean from 1960 to the present. This period was marked by the rise of service exports in all countries and it brought with it a rapid rise in GDP per head in most countries. However, the model entered a period of crisis after 2000 and the lecture will also consider which alternatives are most viable.

The talk and discussion will be followed by a drinks reception, to which you are most cordially invited.

Entrance is free of charge, but we anticipate significant demand for this event, so you are strongly advised to register your attendance:
<http://caribbean-globalisation.eventbrite.co.uk/>

- **'Violence against Women in Post-conflict Societies: Comparative Perspectives'** (Roundtable discussion)
Dec 12, 2012 | 17:30 - 20:00

UCL - Institute of the Americas would like to invite members of the public to join experts to discuss post-conflict justice and accountability in relation to violence against women in Peru, Colombia, Afghanistan and the Pacific. Such a comparison raises questions around, for example, international intervention, the nature and practice of transitional justice, institutional reform, judicial capacity and political will, and gender ideology.

Violence against women is often high during as well as after periods of political conflict. Such violence manifests itself as strategic use of rape in war, intimidation and curtailment of women's rights, opportunism to sexual assault, and heightened domestic violence. Post-conflict societies struggle to deal with wartime impunity and transitional gender justice. However, post-conflict justice is clearly important in order to re establish peacetime accountability and curb violence against women.

Participants will include **Linda Cabrera** (SismaMujer/ABColumbia), **Dr Jelke Boesten** (University of Leeds), **Prof Deniz Kandiyoti** (SOAS) and **Dr Paer Engstrom** (UCL-IA)

Entrance is free of charge, but we anticipate significant demand for this event, so you are strongly advised to register your attendance:
<http://violence-against-women.eventbrite.co.uk/>

- **'The Developmental Challenges of Mining and Oil'** (Book Launch)
Jan 16, 2013 | 17:30 - 20:00

UCL-IA is pleased to host this book launch, with the attendance of one of its authors, **Dr Rosemary Thorp** (Oxford).

- **Panel on Michel-Rolph Trouillot**
Jan 23, 2013 | 17:30 - 20:00

UCL-IA is pleased to host this panel session, with the attendance of **Prof Richard Drayton** (King's College London), **Prof Andrew Leak** (French, UCL) and **Dr Diana Paton** (Newcastle).

- **'Americas Imagined: Explaining the United States in Nineteenth-century Europe and Latin America'** (Book Launch)
Jan 30, 2013 | 17:30 - 20:00

UCL-IA, in conjunction with the UCL Centre for Transnational History, is pleased to host the launch of this book, edited by three eminent UCL History scholars: **Dr Axel Koerner**, **Prof Nicola Miller** and **Dr Adam I.P. Smith**.

Venezuela and Global Oil, open workshop
Wolfson College, Cambridge
11-12 January, 2013

Organisers: Charles Jones (Cambridge) and Asdrubal Baptista (IESA)

The recent election of Hugo Chávez for a third presidential term, forthcoming congressional elections in Venezuela, the imminent US presidential election and recent developments in global energy markets suggest that this is an appropriate moment to review the position of Venezuela as an oil producer and exporter from the perspectives of economics, history, technology and political science. Can Venezuela make the most of the new Orinoco belt? Was the August 2012 Amuay refinery explosion symptomatic of deeper malaise? What will be the outcome of ongoing disputes with oil majors? Distinguished speakers from Britain, Spain and Venezuela offer a timely overview of the underlying structural issues affecting Venezuelan oil prospects in this open workshop held in the Chamberlain Suite of Wolfson College, Cambridge.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Asdrubal Baptista** (IESA and Cambridge) – 'Beyond Resource Curse Theories'
- **Juan Carlos Boué** (Oxford) – 'The Place of Arbitration in the Governance Structures of Global Oil'
- **Julia Buxton** (Kingston) – 'The Political Context of Venezuelan Energy Production'
- **Ann Hapka** (Cambridge) – 'International Strategy of PDVSA under Chávez'
- **Bernard Mommer** (Venezuelan Governor for OPEC) – 'The Governance of Venezuelan Oil in the Long Run'
- **George Philip** (LSE) – 'Oil Policy in Venezuela and Mexico'
- **Andy Woods** (Cambridge) – 'Technological Challenges of Heavy and Very Heavy Crude and their Implications'

<http://www.latin-american.cam.ac.uk/events/venezuelanglobaloil.html> [new window]

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CALL FOR PAPERS

***Cine y...* Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies on Film in Spanish**
Department of Hispanic Studies, Texas A&M University, MS 4238, College Station, TX 77843-4238

Begun in 2008, the relatively young journal *Cine y...* is issuing a **call for papers** to be considered for upcoming issues.

Cine y... Revista de estudios interdisciplinarios sobre cine en español/Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies of Film in Spanish is a scholarly journal dedicated exclusively to the study of film in Spanish. Under the auspices of the Department of Hispanic Studies of Texas A&M University, the journal is published twice yearly.

Cine y publishes articles, interviews, and book reviews, generally in English, though the works can be sent in Spanish, and they would be translated by personnel in the department. As its title, *Cine y...* suggests, the journal seeks to publish studies which do more than study films in Spanish. *Cine y...* invites studies which look at film and society, history, literature, gender, psychology, etc. **To be considered for publication**, articles should study film(s) in Spanish from an interdisciplinary perspective. Articles and interviews of no longer than 15 double-spaced pages, Word- and MLA style-formatted, should be sent digitally to one of the names listed below for review by the editorial board.

Rick Curry (r-curry@tamu.edu)
María Gil Poisa (mariapoisa@neo.tamu.edu)

Latin American Perspectives
Open Call for Manuscript submissions

Latin American Perspectives is accepting submissions of manuscripts for upcoming issues. Please look at the current topics below. We also welcome submissions which might not necessarily coincide with our current calls for papers. All submissions should be directed to the managing editor at the LAP Office:

<http://latinamericanperspectives.com/submissions/contact.html> [new window].

Manuscripts should be no longer than 25 pages (approximately 7,000-7,500 words) of double-spaced 12 point text with 1 inch margins, including notes and references, and paginated. Please follow the LAP style guidelines included in the Manuscript Preparation Form: <http://latinamericanperspectives.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/ManuscriptPreparation.pdf> [PDF].

Manuscripts may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese. If submitting in Spanish or Portuguese, please indicate if you will have difficulty reading correspondence from the LAP office in English. Please feel free to contact the Issue Editor with questions pertaining to the issue but be sure that manuscripts are sent to the LAP office by e-mail to: laps@ucr.edu with the subject line – “Your name – MS for [short issue name] issue”

In addition to electronic submission, (in which we include the use of a CD-R if you're unable to submit by e-mail) you can send in two printed copies, which must include a cover sheet with basic biographical details and contact information on it, to: Managing Editor, Latin American Perspectives, P.O. Box 5703, Riverside, California 92517-5703.

Current Topic (please click on a topic title for further information. Each link will open in a new window):

- [Afro-American/Latin Americans and their Struggle for Environmental Justice, Community, and Identity](#)
- [Deconstructing the Post-Neoliberal State: Intimate Perspectives on Contemporary Brazil](#)
- [2010 Chilean Earthquake/Tsunami: Institutions, Inequality and Citizenship](#)
- [Climate Change](#)
- [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Latin America](#)
- [China's South-South Relationships with Latin America in the Current Era](#)
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- [Imagined Narcoscapes: Narco-Culture, and the Politics of Representation](#)
- [Indigenous Migrations In Latin America: Interethnic Relations and Transformations of Identity](#)
- [Religion, Politics and Social Inequality in Latin America](#)
- [Violence Against Women in Latin America](#)
- [The Politics of Collective Memory-Making](#)
- [The Return of the State, New Social Actors, and Post-neoliberalism in Ecuador](#)
- [Re-inventing the Lefts in Latin America: Critical Perspectives from Below](#)
- [The Diverse Strands And Complexity Of "Twenty-First Century Socialism" In Latin America](#)

Narratives of Migration and Exile in Hispanic and Lusophone Cultures

King's College London

21st – 22nd February, 2013

DEADLINE 4th January, 2013

Confirmed Keynote Speaker: 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.

Call for Papers

We invite individual and joint proposals for 20 minute presentations (to be delivered in either English, Spanish or Portuguese). Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words to splas-postgrad@googlegroups.com. Abstracts should include name, affiliation, email address and A/V requirements (if any). The deadline for submissions is Friday 4th January 2013. Applicants will be contacted by Tuesday 12th January 2013.

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.

Further information

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address.

We intend to make as many as possible of the papers presented widely available through publication, either in digital or conventional format.

There is no admission fee. Due to the limited funding available, the conference organisers are unable to provide financial assistance to cover accommodation expenses but 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 in a separate attached Word document.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and welcoming you at King's College.

Unusual Actors: Forms and effects of the informal action in the Caribbean, between legality and illegality (XVII-XXI century)

Diacornie, Studi di Storia Contemporanea

DEADLINE 30th November 2012

What is the role of informal institutions in the evolution of the economic, political and social aspects of Caribbean basin? Diacornie will analyze the economic and social development of the area, focusing on the role played by informal actors, namely the ones moving between legality and illegality, that were able (or are able) to give the individual (no matter if a customer, consumer or merchant) what the laws prohibit.

The objective is to examine both contemporary phenomena and phenomena which, although related to the early modern age, have generated long-term consequences in the history of the regions related to it. In fact, books such as Sanjay Subrahmanyam's *European commercial expansion in early modern Asia* ^[1], Wim Klooster's *Illicit Riches* ^[2], Alan Karras's ^[3] and Linda Rupert's *Creolization and Contraband* ^[4], that analyze ultra secular phenomena, demonstrated the existing continuity among economic and social events both local and transnational. In these studies, the informal actor (the pirate, the smuggler, the drug trafficker) acquires an active role in socio-economic development of the colonial and post-colonial society to which it belongs, contributing on its lasting mechanisms.

We will deal with commercial networks, around which economic and social phenomena are produced, such as smuggling, piracy or drug trafficking, in different shapes and sizes, in a region – the Caribbean – characterized by a deep interpenetration between informal and formal institutions, often complementary to each other.

Following the recent publications related to the economic and social history of the region, from Peter Coclanis' *The Atlantic Economy during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries* ^[5] to Tom Farer's *Transnational crime in the Americas: an inter-American dialogue book* ^[6], this approach involves modern and contemporary historians in

analyzing these phenomena, in order to examine the role of informality in periods in which key economic and political institutions emerged and consolidated in this area.

The Call for Papers is therefore addressed in particular to research that deal with:

- Creation of informal economic networks, and their impact on local societies;
- Smuggling, piracy and drug trafficking, from the seventeenth to the twenty-first century: forms and structures;
- Informal actors in the region: origin and development;
- Informal networks as a transnational mechanism, which opposes or complement national monopolies.
- Informal groups' role and socio-economic importance in the Central American-Caribbean basin communities, and in the areas connected through trade.

How to send an article

The authors interested in this CFP can submit their article in Italian, English, French or Spanish (30,000 - 40,000 characters, **including** spaces, footnotes and bibliographies) at redazione.diacronie@hotmail.it.

Please refer to <http://www.studistorici.com/proposte-di-contributi> [new window]) for style and templates requirements.

Please contact the editors as soon as possible to notify them of your intention to participate in the conference with an article. **The deadline for the proposal abstract (1.500 characters) is 30th November 2012. Final submission must be sent by 15th February 2013.**

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BOOKS

Racial Subordination in Latin America: The Role of the State, Customary Law, and the New Civil Rights Response
by Tanya Kateri Hernandez (Fordham University, New York)
Cambridge University Press
October 1st, 2012
ISBN: 9781107024861

There are approximately 150 million people of African descent in Latin America yet Afro-descendants have been consistently marginalized as undesirable elements of the society. Latin America has nevertheless long prided itself on its absence of U.S.-styled state-mandated Jim Crow racial segregation laws. This book disrupts the traditional narrative of Latin America's legally benign racial past by comprehensively examining the existence of customary laws of racial regulation and the historic complicity of Latin American states in erecting and sustaining racial hierarchies. Tanya Kateri Hernández is the first author to consider the salience of the customary law of race regulation for the contemporary development of racial equality laws across the region. Therefore, the book has a particular relevance for the contemporary U.S. racial context in which Jim Crow laws have long been abolished and a "post-racial" rhetoric undermines the commitment to racial equality laws and policies amidst a backdrop of continued inequality.

This publication:

- Provides a comprehensive examination of the entire Latin American region with regard to racial inequality
- Hernández is the first author to thoroughly consider the role of customary law in erecting and sustaining racial hierarchies
- Offers a comprehensive examination of development of racial equality laws across the region

If you would like to order a copy you can do so using this link:

http://www.cambridge.org/us/knowledge/isbn/item6865338/?site_locale=en_US? [new window], and enter the discount code HERNANDEZ12 at checkout to receive the discount. **Offer expires 12/31/2013.**

Urban Encounters: Affirmative Action and Black Identities in Brazil
by André Cicalo
Palgrave Macmillan
October 2012
ISBN: 978-0-230-33852-4, ISBN10: 0-230-33852-6

University racial quotas have caused strong reactions in Brazil, where ideals of racial and cultural mixture are crucial components of national identity. Focusing on an in-depth ethnographic study of a Rio de Janeiro public university and its students, André Cicalo examines the practical and symbolic potential that affirmative action has to redress historically-produced and territorialized inequalities in the urban space. By engaging with the relevant literature on Brazilian race relations, this volume discloses novel considerations, crucial for a possible future reading of race relations, racial classification, and affirmative action in Brazil.

"Cicalo's work is highly original and is the most thoughtful treatment of university quotas in Brazil yet written. This perspective is of considerable importance because of the light it sheds on the process as it is unfolding on the ground and in real time. His ideas for policy implications are interesting and suggestive."

- John Burdick, professor of Anthropology, Syracuse University

André Cicalo is a post-doctoral researcher at the desiguALdades research network at Freie Universität in Berlin. After starting a career in international development, he pursued postgraduate studies in Social Anthropology at the Universities of Sussex and Manchester. He is the author of several articles about affirmative action in Brazil as well as the ethnographic documentary *Memories on the Edge of Oblivion* about the legacy of slavery in the urban space of Rio de Janeiro.

To order please use this link:

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Project work on Latin American and Caribbean Studies report.

The British Academy is finalising a report on the state of Latin American and Caribbean Studies in the UK. Most of the research has been done, but it needs to be updated to take account of developments within the last year or so. It is envisaged that the work would take about six weeks and could hopefully be completed by early 2013. The work requires knowledge of the Higher Education sector, preferably including Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and of using spreadsheets. Would anyone who is interested please send a CV to Professor Tony Kapcia at the University of Nottingham (A.Kapcia@nottingham.ac.uk) or Professor Linda Newson, Director, School of Advanced Study (linda.newson@sas.ac.uk) from whom further details can be obtained.

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