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Repository of historic human rights evidence faces government crackdown

<https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/news/guatemala/2018-08-13/guatemala-police-archive-under-threat>

Washington, D.C., August 13, 2018—Guatemala's renowned Historical Archive of the National Police (AHPN) is in crisis after its director Gustavo Meoño Brenner was abruptly removed in one of a series of recent actions orchestrated by the Guatemalan government and a United Nations office. The actions also placed the AHPN's remaining staff of more than fifty people on temporary contract, and transferred oversight for the repository from the country's national archives, where it had functioned since 2009, to the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

Meoño learned of his removal on Friday, August 3, when a convoy of government vehicles pulled up in front of the Police Archive, and officials from the Culture Ministry and the Guatemalan office of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) entered, demanding that he leave. "The operation was executed with all the characteristics of a commando strike," [one press account reported](#).

The unexpected move threatens to jeopardize the stability of the AHPN's enormous collection of fragile National Police documents. Since their discovery in an abandoned and deteriorating state on a Guatemala City police base in 2005, hundreds of volunteers and paid employees have cycled through the AHPN under Meoño's leadership to clean, organize, scan, and make public over twenty million pages of the estimated 8 linear kilometers of paper records. A UNDP employee with no experience in archival management has been named to replace Meoño as director.

Historically, the UNDP played an important role in the creation of the Police Archive. Its Guatemala office administered millions of dollars in donations granted to the AHPN by foreign governments and the United Nations. The office provided technical assistance, political advice, and administrative support. It was also a frequent ally to the AHPN during several difficult periods in the course of the archive's growth and development.

Yet in [a press release issued on the Sunday after Meoño's ouster](#), the UNDP failed to explain its decision to push the long-time director out, beyond stating that his contract had ended and would not be renewed. The release is written in bland, bureaucratic language that provides no detailed plans for the future management of the Police Archive beyond ensuring that it is "strengthened in its institutionality and sustainability."

For the National Security Archive, Meoño's abrupt removal, the decision to shift oversight of the AHPN out from under the careful stewardship of Anna Carla Ericastilla – director of the national archives of Guatemala – to the untested Ministry of Culture and Sports, and the UNDP's refusal to provide dozens of long-time staff members with reasonable working contracts are deeply troubling developments.

The National Security Archive has an association with the Historical Archive of the National Police that goes back to the AHPN's beginning. The [Archive's Kate Doyle and Carlos Osorio had the privilege of visiting the site of the massive Police Archive](#) just weeks after it was discovered in July 2005. They witnessed firsthand the awesome task that faced Meoño and his colleagues to rescue a treasure trove of historic documentation that was rotting with mold after years of neglect. Doyle went on to advise the AHPN project, bringing in professional archivist Dr. Trudy Peterson to conduct an initial assessment of the collection, and then worked with the AHPN to develop investigative skills to identify evidence of human rights abuses. Today, Doyle serves on the AHPN's International Advisory Board.

[In 2010, Doyle participated as an expert witness](#) in the first criminal human rights proceeding in Guatemala to draw on Police Archive records as legal evidence for the prosecution. The trial of two former police agents for the forced disappearance of labor leader Edgar Fernando García, and [a second trial in 2013 of their superiors](#) – including the former chief of the Guatemalan National Police, Col. Héctor Bol de la Cruz – represented a breakthrough in human rights justice in Guatemala. Led by Meoño, the [extraordinary work of the Historical Archive of the National Police](#) made those prosecutions – and the many others that followed – possible.

Indeed, it may be the Police Archive's crucial contributions to human rights trials that caused the government of President Jimmy Morales to seek to control the repository and fire its director. Besides the Fernando García case, AHPN records played a central role in trials of former army and police officers for the 1980 deadly burning of the Spanish Embassy, and the 1981 abduction, torture and rape of Emma [Molina Theissen](#) and forced disappearance of her 14-year-old brother Marco Antonio, among others. AHPN documents also form the heart of evidence in the as-yet-untried ["Death Squad Dossier" investigation](#), concerning the mass forced disappearance of almost 200 citizens over the course of 18 months at the height of the country's internal conflict.

Those cases, along with the 2013 genocide trial of ex-dictator Efraín Ríos Montt, enraged powerful military intelligence and operational officers who were behind the scorched earth counterinsurgency campaigns of the 1980s. They have sought to harass, intimidate, and shut down the human rights and justice organizations contributing to the prosecutions ever since. President Morales himself has also attacked the international investigative body that helped strengthen human rights prosecutions and fight corruption, known as CICIG. Since taking power, Morales' government and the Congress his party controls have [tried to shut down CICIG and kick out its commissioner](#), Iván Velásquez, without success.

So it is possible that the government crackdown on the Historical Archive of the National Police is another effort to halt the process of human rights justice in Guatemala and punish its defenders. What is still utterly unclear is why an agency of the United Nations is joining in that effort.

Since Gustavo Meoño's dismissal, friends of the Police Archive – among them, civil society groups, human rights defenders, academics, lawyers, religious organizations, and international supporters – have come together to demand an explanation for the hasty and still unjustified actions taken by the UNDP and the Guatemalan government. Last week, they issued a [statement](#) calling for answers from those two entities and demanding that the AHPN's documents be safeguarded, its investigative work continue, and its Advisory Boards be reactivated to help guide the Police Archive in the coming period.

The National Security Archive joins our colleagues in Guatemala and internationally in calling for clarification of these latest developments on the part of the government and the

UNDP. The precious holdings of the Historical Archive of the National Police must be protected and continue to serve the causes of human rights, accountability and justice in Guatemala.

OPEN! The Latin American Art Documentation Center
Perú 358, CABA Timbre A, Buenos Aires, Argentina
10.30 - 17.30, Monday - Thursday

The Latin American Art Documentation Center of the Espigas Foundation and the Cultural Heritage Research Institute (TAREA-IIPC) of the UNSAM inaugurated its headquarters in the downtown Buenos Aires. Re-launched in 2013 on the basis of an agreement between the UNSAM and the Espigas Foundation, today the Espigas Center for Studies brings together in its new headquarters the largest visual art fund in the Southern Cone, made up of more than 250,000 bibliographic, archival and newspaper documents.

The new building - a property donated by the Ministry of Culture of the City of Buenos Aires - is located on Calle Perú 358 and has a specially equipped consulting room, an auditorium for conferences and a space for exhibitions.

"This space is the conjunction of many vocations with the concern to work for the history of art, which is a fundamental discipline of critical, reflective and committed knowledge."

-- **Carlos Greco**, rector of UNSAM.

"Probably, there is not in the history of Argentina a record of donation to the State of such amount of documentary material about Argentine and Latin American art".

-- **Agustín Diez Fischer**, Director of the Espigas Center for Studies

To visit an appointment must be made in advance. For more information and enquiries, please use this email address: arte@espigas.org.ar.

Other Collections

Within its extensive documentary archive, the Centro de Estudios Espigas has several complete collections for consultation. With the support of the Getty Foundation and in collaboration with TAREA-IIPC, in 2017 it launched the digital project *Revistas de Arte Latinoamericano*, under the direction of **Andrea Giunta**, **Laura Malosetti Costa**, **Cristina Rossi** and **Nora Altrudi**. To know it, click [here](#).

- To visit the Catalog of Spikes, click [here](#).
- To visit the Digital Library of the archive, click [here](#).

NEW! Digitized - the Historic Maps of the Americas **The British Library**

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/maps/americas/>

Encompassing the continents of North and South America, as well as Central America and the Caribbean, this collection represents the Library's vast store of British maps made of its colonies and other centres of interest and activity in the New World.

BBC Radio Programme: Religion in Mexico

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bgpqqh>

When Pope Francis visited Mexico in 2016, he paid his respects to the Virgin of Guadalupe, a dark skinned Madonna who is said to have appeared to a peasant man in 1531. Then, standing at the Mexican border, he turned his attention to the migrant crisis, "No more death, no more exploitation," he declared.

Mexicans have experienced a lot of death in recent years. Drug cartels operate freely in the urban areas. They have even appropriated their own folk Saint - called Santa Muerte or Our Lady of Death. 87% of Mexicans identify as Catholics. But what does their faith have to say about the desperate conditions under which so many live.

Joining Ernie Rea to discuss the role of religion in Mexico are Alan Knight, Emeritus Professor of Latin American History at the University of Oxford; Amanda Hopkinson, Visiting Professor of Translation at City University, London; and Dr Elizabeth Baquedano, Senior Honorary Lecturer at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London.

Producer: Helen Lee.

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CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Becoming Latin American: Children, Education and Citizenship
Whiteknights Campus, Edith Morley Building, University of Reading
13 September 2018 | 09.45 - 18.30

Booking Deadline 6 September 2018

The keynote speaker will be **Dr Lauren Rea**, Senior Lecturer in Latin American Studies at the University of Sheffield and AHRC Leadership Fellow (2016-19).

This one day symposium explores how children are educated as members of Latin American nations. Through interdisciplinary conversations, we aim to examine how specific ideas of the nation and citizenship are communicated to children in both formal and informal settings across the region. The term 'education' will therefore be understood in a broad sense, encompassing (but not limited to) the school system, cultural institutions, children's literature and popular/mass cultural forms. Above all, the symposium will explore cultural and political interventions that seek to educate children in the behaviours and values of their nation-states and societies. The symposium will be structured around three principal themes: Children and Nation-building; Culture and Education; and Citizenship and Society.

Some key questions to be explored in the symposium are:

- How has the child been constructed as (proto)citizen in Latin America?
- How have evolving national, regional and local identity narratives influenced children's education?
- What concepts of citizenship are taught to Latin American children, both formally and informally?
- How does children's literature seek to shape Latin American children as citizens?
- How do mass and popular cultural forms seek to intervene in this landscape?
- How do cultural institutions (such as museums) contribute to the education of children as members of the nation?
- How have children been framed in different state-driven nation-building projects, and how does this relate to political discourse on the family?
- What alternative projects challenge 'official' narratives?

A limited number of travel/accommodation bursaries for postgraduate students will be offered. These will be awarded to the best proposals from those who have limited or no funding available. If you would like to be considered, please include details of your expected travel costs and your access to other sources of funding with your abstract.

This event is sponsored by the Institute of Latin American Studies and the Institute of Modern Languages Research.

Informal enquiries about this event can be directed to: c.mcallister@reading.ac.uk.

The programme can be viewed [here](#) [PDF]. To **book your place** by the deadline, please use [this link](#).

SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Rights in Latin America, One Day Conference
University of Bath
14 September 2018

Sponsored by SLAS and University of Bath Gender & Sexuality Cluster and convened by **Dr Penny Miles** and **Dr Carmen Sepúlveda**

Please join us for a one day conference which bring together academics and activists for the inter-disciplinary study of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) rights in Latin America. The conference will explore the contribution of scholarship on the global south vis-a-vis SOGI rights, as the global south is simultaneously seen as the leading light in this area (Latin America) (Corrales, 2015), and the locus of international backlash (Africa and the Caribbean) (Wintemute, 2017).

Some of the questions that the conference will address are: To what extent can Latin American initiatives present a model for advance in other areas of the southern

hemisphere? What legal, political and activist discourses and practices emerge from the Latin American contexts that suggest a break with conventional northern thinking? To what extent are these processes challenging or reinforcing hegemonic northern discourses?

Registration is free, but please confirm your attendance using the link [here](#).

**Research to transform
Colombian research in the UK 5th Annual Summit
University of Cambridge
21 - 22 September 2018**

For the 5th time since 2015, the community of Colombian researchers in the UK and researchers from all over the world interested in Colombia and working in UK institutions, will get together to strengthen their academic links and discuss their role as scientists in the development of Colombian society.

The 2018 summit, "Research to Transform", will take place in the prestigious University of Cambridge, and will focus on the potential research has to contribute to the positive transformation of Colombia.

Framed within the Colombian Policy on Science and Technology and the Sustainable Development Goals the summit will include:

- Introduction and critical discussion of COLCIENCIAS' National Guidelines for Research "Libro Verde 2030"
- Presentations of research experiences in the context of "transforming Colombia"
- Discussion on the role of scientific outreach in the development of Colombian Society
- Keynote speakers

For the full agenda, please use this [link](#).
To register to attend, please use this [link](#).

**The Irma Diaries: Sharing Frontline Climate Change Stories to Save our Future
The Senate Room, First Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU
25 September 2018 | 18.00 - 21.00**

Ms Angela Burnett, British Virgin Islands Climate Change Office

The Irma Diaries allows readers to live Hurricane Irma and its aftermath through 25 intimate survivor accounts. More than a fascinating record of a historic event, these harrowing, yet amazing and inspiring stories serve as an eye-opening glimpse of our dangerous future in a changing climate, a showcase of resilience and a powerful call to action. The Irma Diaries was written by **Angela Burnett** who has served as The British Virgin Islands Climate Change Officer for the past 10 years and who now seeks to use The Irma Diaries as a platform for global advocacy on climate change. The Irma Diaries' storytelling approach is backed by cutting-edge research which finds that storytelling that "translates climate change risk into relatable and concrete personal experiences" is one of the best ways to enhance public engagement and action. The event will consist of a Presentation followed by a Reception.

More about The Irma Diaries, Angela and her mission can be found at www.TheIrmaDiaries.com and through her TEDx Talk, [How Hurricane Irma Can Save Our Future](#) (YouTube).

ABOUT THE TOUR

Between 25 million to 1 billion people will be climate refugees by 2050, yet climate action remains slow. Hurricane Irma was an unprecedented climatic disaster becoming the most Googled term of 2017. On the heels of the anniversaries of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, The Irma Diaries European Speaking Tour seeks to share personal stories of survival in order to attract public and media attention to the real issue surrounding these unprecedented climatic disasters – climate change – and inspire global action. Drawing on her 10 years of experience in climate change adaptation and finance, the author will also use the opportunity to discuss these timely topics as a part of a broader discussion on climate action.

The tour will be focused on the UK and Brussels through partnerships with leading institutions including CAN Europe, the National Centre for Development Cooperation - Belgium, the European Justice Foundation, BVI London Office and others. Additional partners are welcome.

The event is kindly organised by the British Virgin Islands and sponsored by [The Eccles Centre](#).

To book your place at this presentation, please use [this link](#).

For further information about this please contact **Olga Jimenez**, olga.jimenez@sas.ac.uk, 020 7862 8871

Víctor Jara's Revolutionary Masculinities
Bedford Room, G37, Ground Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU
26 September 2018 | 17.30 - 19.30

Professor Daniel Party, Instituto de Música, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

This presentation focuses on Chilean singer-songwriter Víctor Jara (1932-1973), the world-wide icon of politically-engaged popular music in Chile and martyr of that country's bloody 1973 coup d'etat. Throughout Latin America, Jara has been narrativized as a "hombre nuevo," Che Guevara's vision for the ideal revolutionary: masculine, resolute, and willing to sacrifice the personal for a socialist ideal. Close listening of his most iconic love songs of the 1960s, however, renders an artist struggling to define his own masculinity, one torn between the demands of the Communist Party for normative masculinity and the freer conceptions of manhood expressed in late 1960s rock music.

I also explore the ways in which Jara's bisexuality shaped some of his career choices and alliances. During the early sixties, in his equally distinguished work in theater and neofolklore, Jara collaborated closely with left-leaning, but queer-friendly collectives that not only welcomed him, but permitted the exploration of divergent sexualities. In contrast, the Popular Unity coalition that Jara actively endorsed starting in 1969 considered homosexuality bourgeois and anti-revolutionary. Through an analysis of his love songs, I propose an new understanding of Jara, one considerably more complex and nuanced than the available hagiographies of a slain political martyr.

To book your place at this seminar, please use [this link](#).

For further information about this seminar please contact **Olga Jimenez**, olga.jimenez@sas.ac.uk, 020 7862 8871

CLAS Open Seminar
SG2, Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, CB3 9DT
Monday's | 17.15 (unless otherwise posted)

All are welcome. Refreshments are served after each seminar.

- **8 October**
 T.B.C
Natalia Majluf (Art Historian, Simón Bolívar Chair, Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge)
- **15 October**
 T.B.C
Emiko Salidvar (Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara & Visiting Scholar, Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge)
- **22 October**
Football culture and sports history in Latin America: an overview
Bernardo Buarque de Hollanda (Visiting Fellow, University of Birmingham & School of Social Sciences, Fundação Getulio Vargas (CPDOC, FGV), Brazil)
- **29 October**
 T.B.C
Federico Subervi (Visiting Leverhulme Professor, School of Media & Communication, University of Leeds)
- **5 November**
 T.B.C
Nadya Araujo Guimarães (Sociology, University of São Paulo, Brazil)
- **12 November**
Popular Consumers: Foreign Goods, Citizenship, and the Politics of Consumption in Nineteenth-Century Colombia
Ana María Otero-Cleves (History, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia)

& Visiting Scholar, Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge)

- **19 November**

T.B.C

Ana Maria Mauad (Oral & Image History, Federal Fluminense University, Niterói, RJ, Brazil & Celso Furtado Fellow, St John's College, University of Cambridge)

The Amazon, Patagonia, and Postcolonial Colonialism in the Age of Empire
Seminar Room 204, CLAS, Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, CB3 9DT
9 October 2018 | 12.30 - 13.45

Lunchtime seminar given by **Álvaro Bello Maldonado**, Universidad de La Frontera, Chile & Alberto Harambour Ross, Universidad Austral de Chile.

Ageing, illness and care in militarized territories of Rio de Janeiro
Seminar Room 204, CLAS, Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, CB3 9DT
11 October | 13.00 - 14.00

Lunchtime seminar given by **Camila Pierobon**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Brazilian Centre of Analysis & Planning (CEBRAP), São Paulo, Brazil.

Trading With Brazil, Automotive Industry Policy Round Table Meeting
Canning House, 126 Wigmore Street, W1U 3RZ
17 September 2018 | 09.30 - 12.00

Canning House and the Department for International Trade (DIT) are hosting a round table discussion with businesses from the automotive sector, to discuss opportunities to increase trade with and investment in Brazil.

In late 2016, UK and Brazilian Ministers agreed to conduct an analytical trade and investment review. At the recent Joint Economic and Trade Committee meeting, Ministers agreed that officials from both sides would work together to improve the business environment for firms and increase opportunities in bilateral trade. This work will include support to improve trade facilitation and technical assistance for Brazil on wider regulatory issues. For it to be successful, it has to be underpinned by the views and needs of British businesses.

The purpose of the workshop is to better understand barriers and ways to resolve them so that the joint work programme with Brazil focusses on the issues that matter most to companies doing business there.

This event is strictly by invitation only.

For more information please contact ian.perrin@canninghouse.org

National and Transnational Dimensions of Corruption and Anti-corruption Responses in the BRICS

[Strand Campus, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS](#)

18 - 20 October 2018 | 10.00 - 13.00

As a geopolitical bloc, the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) are now consciously seeking to re-frame global development with a new set of ideas and values.

However, corruption scandals have been tarnishing and threatening the image and credibility of all five countries, now facing increasing domestic and international demands for greater anti-corruption efforts. These five countries have also used corrupt practices and anti-corruption discourse as political tools to consolidate political regimes.

This international conference over three days aims, not only to debate corruption and anti-corruption measures in BRICS countries, but also to lay the empirical foundations for the systematic and comparative study of various forms of corruption in these countries.

This event is a joint effort by academics and students from the Global Institutes and the Department of International Development at King's College London. There will be a workshop on corruption research methods for research students and early-career researchers. There will also be presentations of academic papers (details to be announced).

- Keynote Speaker: **Alina Mungiu-Pippidi** (18 October 2018 at 18.00)

- **Alina Mungiu-Pippidi** is a Professor of Democracy Studies at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. Her research centres on anti-corruption policy and good governance. Mungiu-Pippidi chairs the European Research Centre for Anti-Corruption and State-Building (ERCAS) where she managed the FP7 research project ANTICORRP, and currently the Horizon 2020 project DIGIWHIST. Her governance work is cited and applied by a string of development organisations, by some EU governments and the European Commission. She is President of the Romanian Academic Society (SAR) and founder of the social media watchdog platform Clean Romania! (romaniacurata.ro). She studied political science at Harvard University after completing a PhD in Social Psychology in 1995 at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași in Romania. Recently, Mungiu-Pippidi launched the book 'The Quest for Good Governance: How Societies Develop Control of Corruption', in which she explored how societies can control corruption and achieve good governance.

This event takes place in the **River Room at King's Strand Campus** and is free. Refreshments will be provided. Please [register](#) to attend.

- **Workshop on Research Methods on Corruption** (19th October 2018, at 10:00-13:00)
How the bloody hell do you measure corruption?! A workshop for research students and early-career researchers. While all social science concepts bring up issues of measurement, the concept of corruption presents particular challenges for researchers. To a large extent, this has to do with the fact that corruption and related practices are usually illegal (or at least widely considered morally unacceptable), which means that those involved in these practices will go to great lengths to keep their activities hidden from the public eye—and from nosy researchers, in particular.

Still, over the last few years, social science has made great progress in measuring corruption for systematic inquiry. This workshop will introduce participants to the main methods of measurement—including surveys, experiments, and big data analytics—and discuss their strengths and limitations.

Convener: Olli Hellmann is Senior Lecturer in Politics at the University of Sussex. He has published on informal, particularistic institutions—with a specific focus on the developing economies in East Asia—and teaches on Sussex's MA Corruption and Governance.

Organizers

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China Institute - Dr. Konstantinos Tsimonis

Russia Institute/European Studies - Dr. Alexander Kupatadze

Department of International Development - Dr. Raphael Susewind

This event takes place in the **River Room at King's Strand Campus** and is free. Refreshments will be provided. Please [register](#) to attend.

Doing Business With Brazil, Life Sciences Policy Round Table Meeting **Canning House, 126 Wigmore Street, W1U 3RZ** **20 September 2018 | 09.30 - 12.00**

Canning House and the Department for International Trade (DIT) are hosting a round table discussion with businesses from the Life Sciences sector, to discuss opportunities to increase trade with and investment in Brazil.

In late 2016, UK and Brazilian Ministers agreed to conduct an analytical trade and investment review. At the recent Joint Economic and Trade Committee meeting, Ministers agreed that officials from both sides would work together to improve the business environment for firms and increase opportunities in bilateral trade. This work will include support to improve trade facilitation and technical assistance for Brazil on wider regulatory issues. For it to be successful, it has to be underpinned by the views and needs of British businesses.

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Trade Policy in Latin America
Webinar: Current Affairs Briefing with LatinNews
Canning House, 126 Wigmore Street, W1U 3RZ
24 September 2018 | 14.00 - 15.00

What does Trump's overhaul of NAFTA mean for US-Mexico trade relations? **Gunther Baumgarten**, from LatinNews, will shine some light on the future of NAFTA and the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement.

If you would like to attend this event, please register [here](#).

Canning Paper Presentation: *Natural Disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean*
SCI Belgrave Square, 14/15 Belgrave Square, SW1X 8PS
2 October 2018 | 18.00 - 20.00

The Latin American and Caribbean region is one of the most vulnerable parts of the world to climate change and natural disasters. In the last two years alone, the region has seen massive earthquakes in Ecuador and Mexico, fatal mudslides in Colombia, one of the most destructive tropical storms on record in Hurricane Maria, and the destruction of whole Guatemalan villages with the eruption of the Fuego Volcano.

The latest Canning Paper outlines the scale and diversity of the threat natural disasters pose to Latin America and the Caribbean, and examines what options are available to governments and citizens to prepare, mitigate and respond to their occurrence.

The event will include a summary of the report's findings, further commentary and analysis from a panel of experts, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and network.

The panel includes: **Mat Youkee**, author of the Canning Paper, journalist and analyst covering Latin America and the Caribbean from his base in Bogotá, **Dr Richard Teeuw**, principal lecturer at the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Portsmouth, **Andrew Thompson**, journalist at LatinNews and political risk analyst with detailed knowledge of Latin America. The panel will also include representatives from **the Foreign Commonwealth Office**, an **NGO** working on the ground in Latin America and a **risk-monitoring company**. The event will be chaired by **Cristina Cortes**, CEO of Canning House.

Mat Youkee: Mat works as a freelance journalist and analyst across Latin America. His work includes political risk evaluations, industry sector analysis, due diligence investigations and the development of market entry strategies. His work has been published in *Americas Quarterly*, *The Guardian*, *The Financial Times*, *Slate*, *Roads & Kingdoms* and *Latin Finance*.

Dr Richard Teeuw: Richard runs the *Crisis and Disaster Management* MSc course at Portsmouth University. His research focuses on low-cost approaches to using satellite imagery for assessing hazards, vulnerability and risk, as well as geoinformatic capacity building in low-income countries. He recently led a UK survey team in Dominica, assessing infrastructure damage caused by Hurricane Maria.

Andrew Thompson: Andrew is a journalist and political risk analyst with detailed knowledge of the Latin American region. He worked in a number of roles for BBC World Service, including heading the Latin American Service and of the Americas Region. Andrew has also worked as a foreign correspondent in Mexico City (*The Guardian*), Buenos Aires (*The Times*) and Rio de Janeiro (BBC).

To book your place at this event, please use [this link](#) and toward the bottom of the page.

Woman on a Mission
SCI Belgrave Square, 14/15 Belgrave Square, SW1X 8PS
4 October 2018 | 18.30 - 21.00

Organised by the [Anglo-Argentine Society](#) and Canning House, **Woman on a Mission** is a series of events aimed at sharing first-hand meaningful experiences of like-minded Argentine women living in the United Kingdom. In each event, we will explore their personal and professional journeys with the purpose of inspiring, encouraging and networking while bringing both cultures closer together.

Innovation is not just about having ideas, it is about being able to implement them successfully. Our distinguished panel of speakers will share their experiences in breaking down three key barriers to implementation: lack of resources, cultural barriers and inner obstacles.

Join us for our first event **The Entrepreneur** and find inspiration in guest speakers' personal innovation journeys, hearing from entrepreneurs transforming their careers and innovators within the academic world.

1. Trusting your vision by **Liz Merchant**
2. Leadership by **Silvia Demetilla**
3. Opportunities and future perspectives by **Dr Celia Szusterman**

Followed by a drinks reception with Argentine wine and empanadas. Registration from 18:15.

Ticket Information

Members of the Anglo-Argentine Society are entitled to a £5 discount! Please select **Standard ticket** and **enter the coupon code**. Please contact the Anglo-Argentine Society for more information.

Individual and Corporate Members of Canning House can access discounted tickets by emailing events@canninghouse.org.

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EVENTS

América (2018) Curzon, Soho 7 September 2018 | 18.45 onwards

In this touching and poignant familial drama, young circus performer Diego returns home and reunites with his two brothers Rodrigo and Bruno to take care for their ailing 93 year-old grandmother, América. Whilst different in many ways, the three brothers all share a unbounded bohemian spirit seemingly at odds with the duty of delivering full-time care, and it's not long before the stress of the situation begins to show. As América's health deteriorates, tensions rise and the brothers must work past their resentments and come together to see their grandmother through her last days.

Directed by Erick Stoll & Chase Whiteside

To book your tickets, please use this [link](#).

Study of Portuguese and Spanish explodes as China expands role in Latin America Article by Tom Phillips

Thousands more Chinese students are taking up Latin American languages with an eye to improved employability.

Read the full article [here](#) (The Guardian).

Canning House 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner The Locarno Suite, King Charles Street, SW1A 2AH 30 October 2018 | 18.30 - 10.30

Canning House is celebrating 75 years of promoting relationships between the UK and Latin America & Iberia. To mark this historic milestone, we are holding a Gala Dinner in the FCO's Locarno Suite on **30th October 2018**, which will bring together Canning House's long-standing corporate and individual members, together with Latin American Ambassadors, UK Trade Envoys and APPG members for Latin America, leading academics and key officials from the DIT & FCO. We also welcome any non-members who wish to join in the celebration! The event will include a drinks reception, a three course dinner and a keynote speaker (to be announced shortly).

Dress code: Black tie

Ticket Pricing:

- **Canning House Members:** £180 + VAT
- **Non-Members:** £220 + VAT
- **Canning House Member Table of 9:** £1300 + VAT
- **Non-Member Table of 9:** £1600 + VAT

Ticket information

Once you have filled in your details the website will require you to fill in the name of the attendee(s). Once this information is entered click **Send your booking** again. In order to complete the transaction, you must then select **Resume payment** which will take you to a PayPal checkout.

Confirmation of booking is not automatic, so please do not be alarmed if there is a slight delay in receiving a confirmation email. Canning House will confirm receipt of payment once membership status is verified. For table bookings, Canning House will also ask for a list of attendee names.

To book your place at this event, please use [this link](#) and scroll towards the bottom of the page.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

SLAS 2019 Conference
College Court, University of Leicester, Leicester
4 - 5 April 2019

DEADLINE 1 October 2018

Keynote Speaker: Dr María Pía López
Organisers: [Dr Clara Garavelli](#) and [Dr Emma Staniland](#)

Call For Papers [Download printable CFP document](#) [PDF]

Background

The society was founded 55 years ago, and is one of the leading Latin American studies organisations in the world. Its annual conferences gather together scholars, journalists, artists, publishers, and intellectuals from the UK and around the world. This year's conference coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies at the University of Leicester, and we very much look forward to having you mark this milestone with us!

Conference theme: *Politics of Identity in Latin America*

In line with previous conferences, SLAS2019 will be an opportunity for explorations of any aspect of Latin American Studies, from any theoretical and disciplinary perspective. We have an optional conference theme that speakers are invited to address, which focuses on the **Politics of Identity in Latin America**.

This choice of topic is inspired by the vibrant waves of feminist activism that have been gaining ground across Latin America in recent years; movements which, by giving voice to women's concerns and demanding respect of their human rights, are also making important contributions to social acceptance of difference and diversity, to improving poverty, and facilitating peace – thus emphasising the interconnectedness of all aspects of identity politics.

Our theme therefore also invites discussions not only of gender, but of matters of sexuality, race and ethnicity, disability, ideological beliefs and political affiliations; of notions of marginalisation and belonging, participation and oppression, cultural diversity and social and political agency; of distinct articulations of the individual and the national, the local and the global.

And in this current time of protest and pushes for sweeping social change, when the spirit of the long 1960s seems so clearly to be echoing throughout our own contemporary moment, our 2019 conference is a truly opportune moment for diverse intellectual engagement with all of those elements of lived experience to which the notion of 'identity politics' speaks in Latin America.

Keynote Speaker

We are extremely pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for the conference is the Argentine sociologist, writer and activist, **Dr María Pía López**, whose work with the Ni una menos movement makes her a truly fitting speaker for the conference theme.

Submissions for Individual Papers, Panels, Workshops

We invite proposals for individual papers and panel sessions on diverse interpretations of the conference theme, and in relation to all areas of Latin American scholarship.

Presentations will take place in blocks of 90 minutes shared between 3-4 presenters and chaired either by a presenter or a moderator. Panels and workshops may be pre-constituted. Conveners of pre-constituted panels and workshops should coordinate their session to allow time for discussion, limiting individual contributions to 20 minutes.

Panel Proposals

Pre-constituted panels can include up to a maximum of eight presenters (i.e. equivalent to two 90 minute slots). Conveners should submit a general outline of the whole event (max. 400 words) around well-defined critical, theoretical, cultural and/or historical topics, and they should also provide for each presenter:

- A title and abstract for the presentation (max. 300 words)
- An autobiographical blurb (max. 100 words)

Individual Papers

Presenters will be grouped into panels by the Conference Committee. Individual proposals should include:

- A title and abstract for the presentation (max. 300 words)
- An autobiographical blurb (max. 100 words)

Workshop Proposals

Pre-constituted workshops may include up to 6 presenters making short opening statements designed to generate interactions between themselves and the audience. Conveners are asked to submit a proposal that outlines the event as a whole (max. 400 words) and provide the name of each presenter and a title for the workshop.

Important deadlines

Submission deadline for all individual papers, pre-arranged panels, and workshops: **1 October 2018**

Further information

Information about [Postgraduate and Postdoctoral SLAS Conference Bursaries](#) and the [SLAS Conference Latin American Scholar's Grant](#). (these links will take you to web pages which are not managed by the University of Leicester).

For more information, please contact: SLAS2019@leicester.ac.uk

[Enquiries and submissions](#)

Hacia geografías de la integración y la diversidad Geografía de América Latina (EGAL) Quito-Ecuador 9 - 13 de Abril del 2019

Fecha límite 1 Octubre 2018 (propuestas)

Les invito a presentar paneles organizados dentro del Eje 3: Ecología política, territorio y naturaleza; y Eje 7: Geografías críticas, colectivas y plurales. Las convocatorias para ambos ejes van adjuntas.

Los idiomas oficiales del evento son el español y portugués.

Pueden consultar sobre detalles del congreso, otros ejes temáticos y registrarse, aquí: <https://egal19.puce.edu.ec/>.

[Brazil ups and downs in global environmental governance \(2008-2018\): a Special Issue of RBPJ](#)

by **Antonio Carlos Lessa**

SUBMISSION PERIOD 1 September 2018 - 30 April 2019

Since the 1990's, Global Environmental Governance has become a relevant issue in the dynamic of the International System and in the academic studies of International Relations. In the beginning, most studies were framed on the theory of international regimes and multilateralism focusing on climate change, erosion of biodiversity, deforestation, depletion of the ozone layer, nuclear safety and, international trade in hazardous waste. During the 21st century there was a diversification in the theoretical framework – international political economy of the environment, global governance, comparative public opinion studies, unilateralism or bilateralism of environmental powers, strategy of big corporations, NGOs and subnational entities – and a widening in the number of subjects – energy transition, ocean pollution, freshwater scarcity, sustainability transition, low carbon development. The general trend in global environmental governance research has been increasing the study of the relationship between the specific topic and the broader economic and political dynamic of the international system.

The goal of this special issue of [Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional – RBPI](#) is to analyze the role of Brazil in Global Environmental Governance, focusing (but not restricted) to the 2008-2018 period. In the last decade, the Brazilian academic community of international relations has published a significant number of studies, but most of them were not published in English and consequently not submitted to the quality assessment of the international scientific community.

The central assumption of this special issue is that the role of Brazil in global environmental governance has been very heterogeneous depending upon the specific issue. Brazilian and international scholars are welcome to submit on any particular issue of environmental policy, not restricted to the ones referred above. Articles submitted could use diverse theoretical frameworks, including eclectic ones.

All articles should answer all or most of the following questions:

- What has been the evolution of the Brazilian domestic policy in the issue? Has been the policy robust, intermediate or weak?
- What has been the evolution of the Brazilian environmental foreign policy on the issue? Has Brazil been a leader, a follower, a reluctant or a blocker?
- What has been the impact of Brazilian NGOs, corporations and scientific community in the Brazilian environmental foreign policies?
- Is there correspondence or dissonance between the discourse of the Brazilian government on the issue and the effectively implemented policies?
- What has been the relationship between the evolution of the environmental policy and the broader Brazilian foreign policy?

The volume will be edited by Eduardo Viola (Full Professor of International Relations at University of Brasília, Brasília, Brazil) and Veronica Korber Gonçalves (Adjunct Professor of International Relations at Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil).

All submissions should be original and unpublished, must be written in English, including an abstract of 70-80 words (and three keywords in English), and follow the Chicago System. They must be in the range of 8.000 words. RBPI general authors guidelines can be seen [here](#). Submissions must be done at <http://www.scielo.br/rbpi> (Online Submissions).

RBPI is published exclusively online at Scielo (<http://www.scielo.br/rbpi>), following the continuous publication model. This model gives faster publication for authors and also faster access for readers because the articles are published online at the very moment their editorial production is finished. The first segment will be likely released in January 2019.

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BOOKS

Capitalism, Class and Revolution in Peru, 1980-2016

by **Jan Lust**

£69.99

ASIN: B07F7V9BFP

In an analysis of political, economic, and social development in Peru in the years between 1980 and 2016, this book explores the failure of the socialist Left to realize its project of revolutionary social transformation. Based on extensive interviews with leading cadres in the struggle for revolutionary change and a profound review of documents from the principal socialist organizations of the 1980s and 1990s, the volume reveals that the socialist Left did not fully comprehend the deep political and social implications of changes to the country's class structures. As such, the Left failed to develop and implement adequate strategic and tactical responses to the processes that eroded its political and social bases in the 1980s and 1990s, ultimately leading to its loss of social and political power. We conclude that the continued political and organizational agony of the Peruvian socialist Left and the hegemony of neoliberalism in society is a product of the dialectical interplay between the objective and subjective conditions that determine Peruvian capitalist development.

The book is published by Palgrave MacMillan.

Venezuela, ALBA, and the Limits of Postneoliberal Regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean

by **Dr Asa Cusack**

£59.99

ISBN-10: 1349950025

<https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9781349950027>

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the implementation, functioning, and impact of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), cornerstone of Venezuelan foreign policy and standard-bearer of "postneoliberal" regionalism during the "Left Turn" in Latin America and the Caribbean (1998-2016). It reveals that cooperation via ALBA's regionalised social missions, state multinationals, development bank, People's Trade Agreement, SUCRE virtual currency, and Petrocaribe soft-loan scheme has often been hampered by complexity and conflict between the national political economies of Ecuador, Dominica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, and especially Venezuela. Shared commitments to endogenous development, autonomy within multipolarity, and novel sources of legitimacy are undermined by serious deficiencies in control and accountability, which stem largely from the defining influence of Venezuela's dysfunctional economy and governance. This dual dependency on Venezuela leaves the future of ALBA hanging in the balance.

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JOBS

Professor in Hispanic Studies

University of Glasgow, School of Modern Languages & Cultures

Permanent, Full Time

Salary: negotiable and depending on experience

Ref: 020796

DEADLINE 4 October 2018

Job Purpose

Provide academic leadership by conducting internationally-leading research, delivering research-led education, and contributing to School administration as required by the Head of School. The post-holder will lead a research agenda in Hispanic Studies and be expected to have research and/or teaching interests in the areas of Translation Studies and/or Comparative Literature, with the specific remit of stimulating collaborative research and external grant applications in these areas involving colleagues both within and outside the School.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

1. Lead and engage in research and publication that enhances the quality of the School's international research profile, including conducting personal research of the highest quality and maintaining a consistently high level output of publications and presentations of world-class quality.
2. Sustain internationally leading high quality research activity, seeking and securing funding for a portfolio of research projects through grant applications to external funding bodies, e.g. Research Councils.
3. Encourage research students of high calibre to undertake doctoral research and supervise them to completion.
4. Supervise research projects undertaken by research staff and postgraduate students and ensure the effective development of the staff and students.

5. Deliver a range of teaching and assessment activity at postgraduate level within the School and subject area.
6. Take a leading role in the design and delivery of postgraduate programmes and courses, including opportunities leading from new research.
7. Develop links with national and international organisations with a view to enhancing research and teaching in the School and in the subject area.
8. Act in a senior role within the School and/or subject area in administrative and other activities as directed by the Head of School.
9. To contribute to the enhancement of the University's international profile in line with the University's Strategic Plan.

Standard Terms & Conditions

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Professor in Hispanic Studies within our College of Arts, for full details on this position, please click on the link: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/ewuz/sqjb/>.

The appointment will be subject to the whole powers and conditions of any Act of Parliament, Ordinances, and Law affecting the University. The appointment is a whole-time appointment, the Professor undertaking to accept paid outside work only with the prior consent of the University Court. This provision does not apply to examinerships and such other appointments as are incidental to the ordinary course of University business.

Salary will be negotiable and depending on experience.

The successful applicant will be eligible to join the Universities' Superannuation Scheme. Further information regarding this scheme is available from the Superannuation Officer, who is also prepared to advise on questions relating to the transfer of superannuation benefits.

All research and related activities, including grants, donations, clinical trials, contract research, consultancy and commercialisation are required to be managed through the University's relevant processes (e.g. contractual and financial), in accordance with the University Court's policies.

Relocation assistance will be provided where appropriate.

Details of three referees should be included on the applicant information form – referees will be contacted for all short listed applicants.

Interviews will be held on 9 November 2018.

It is the University of Glasgow's mission to foster an inclusive climate, which ensures equality in our working, learning, research and teaching environment.

We strongly endorse the principles of Athena SWAN, including a supportive and flexible working environment, with commitment from all levels of the organisation in promoting gender equity.

The University of Glasgow, charity number SC004401.

Assistant Professor Spanish, Specialization in 20th/21st-Century Mexican Literature and Cultures (tenure track) Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies The University of British Columbia (Vancouver)

DEADLINE 10 September 2018

The Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies at The University of British Columbia (Vancouver) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Spanish with a specialization in 20th/21st-Century Mexican literature and cultures. Additional interests could include indigeneity, ethnicity, gender or transnational studies. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2019.

We are particularly interested in scholars who will be able to participate in collaborative projects with other faculty members, enhance our course offerings, propose new perspectives on Latin American literatures and cultures, and contribute to the Faculty of Arts commitment to foster international engagement and cultivate intercultural understanding among our students. The position entails a teaching load of 4 courses per year (12 credits).

A completed PhD in Spanish (or relevant field) is required at the start date of the appointment (July 1, 2019). Candidates must have native or near-native fluency in Spanish, as well as an excellent command of English, and must be able to demonstrate

strong evidence of an ongoing commitment to academic and teaching excellence. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an active program of research leading to peer reviewed publications and the securing of external research funding, and to contribute to the education and training of undergraduate as well as graduate students.

The Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies at UBC is a vibrant centre for the study of Romance languages, literatures and cultures. We offer a Major and Minor in Spanish, and a Major and Minor in Latin American Studies. Our faculty is composed of a group of specialists whose expertise ranges from second language acquisition and linguistics, to literary and cultural studies. Our department is home to an active graduate student community, many of whom are engaged in research on Latin America. Additional information about the Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies may be found at <https://fhis.ubc.ca>.

Applications are to be submitted via this online form: <https://fhis.air.arts.ubc.ca/?p=1437>. Applicants should be prepared to upload in the following order and in a single PDF (max size 15MB): a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a description of current and future research and teaching interests, one writing sample (20-30 pages), and a teaching portfolio (statement of teaching philosophy, student evaluations, peer assessments, one graduate course syllabus and one undergraduate course syllabus).

In addition, applicants should arrange to have three confidential letters of reference sent directly by their referees via email to fhis.search@ubc.ca with the subject line "Assistant Professor of Spanish – 20th/21st-Century Mexican Literature and Cultures." Informal enquiries may be made to the Head of the Department of FHIS, Dr. Joël Castonguay-Bélanger, at fhis.search@ubc.ca.

Review of applications will begin soon after September 10, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled.

This position is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

<https://fhis.ubc.ca/assistant-professor-of-spanish-20th-21st-century-mexican-literature-and-cultures/>

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