

Centre for Latin American & Caribbean Studies

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2013-14 Regional Seminar Series

Latin America: Dependent No More?

Dependency theory is associated with debates of the 1960s and 1970s and was often criticised for its mechanical and simplistic models of the structural relations between the global North and South. The political and economic clout of countries such as Brazil defy simple definitions of dependency, yet the issues of inequality and political, cultural and economic flows that dependency theory raised are still very topical, albeit more complex now than ever.

The aim is to revisit the question of Latin American "dependency", in the light of the last twenty years of social change, encompassing:

- intensified neoliberal reforms
- the emerging global economic status of Brazil (and Mexico)
- the region's prominence in what UNDP describes as the Rise of the South and growing South-South relations
- multiculturalist legislation
- increased transnational migration
- the rise of "pink tide"
- Latin America's leading role in truth and reconciliation processes
- the importance of climate change politics
- the consolidation of "Latin" as a cultural brand.

We will address dependency not only as a set of political and economic processes, but also as a cultural phenomenon, revisiting cultural critiques that debated "cultural cannibalism".

Programme

Date	Location	Speaker/title
9 Oct	Manchester	Jean Grugel (Sheffield): 'Latin America's Post Neoliberal Political Economy: Breaking with Dependency'
16 Oct	Liverpool	Ericka Beckman (Illinois): 'Rubber/Oil/Banana: The Commodity Order in Twentieth-Century Latin American Fiction'
5 Nov	Lancaster	Deborah Shaw (Portsmouth): 'The Relationship between European Funding Bodies and Latin American Filmmakers: New Forms of Dependence or New Partnerships?'
13 Nov	Manchester	Val Fraser (Essex): 'Chilean art in the decades preceding the coup'
27 Nov	Liverpool	John-Andrew McNeish (Norway): 'Energy and Resource Sovereignty in Bolivia/ Latin America'
5 Feb	Liverpool	David Lehmann (Cambridge): 'Multiculturalism and Affirmative Action'
19 Feb	Lancaster	Oscar Guardiola-Rivera (Birkbeck): 'Lessons from Chile: 40 Years On'
5 March	Manchester	Evan Killick (Sussex): 'Playing the REDD Game: Politics, People and Climate Change in Bolivia/Latin America'
19 March	Lancaster	Silvia Posocco (Birkbeck): 'The connection/s between transnational adoption and discourses of genocide in contemporary Guatemala'
30 April	Manchester	Marieke Riethof (Liverpool): 'Brazil and the International Politics of Climate Change: Leading by Example'

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For further details of locations and times for each event can be found at www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/splas/events/, or contact parvathi.kumaraswami@manchester.ac.uk (Manchester), a.thakkar@lancaster.ac.uk (Lancaster) or M.Riethof@liverpool.ac.uk (Liverpool) for details for each location