**Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

**Events and seminars 2015-16**

### Semester 1

**28 October** - **Dr. Ignacio Aguiló** **(University of Manchester):** *'Photography and Indigeneity in the Gran Chaco: From Anthropometrics to Aesthetics*'. Arthur Lewis Building, G.019.

**5 November** - **Postgraduate workshop** ‘*Researching Latin American Cities’*.

* In conjunction with [Global Urban Research Centre](http://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/gurc/)
* And with the support of [cities@manchester](http://www.cities.manchester.ac.uk/)

**Outline**

Latin America is now the world’s most urbanized region and provides one of the most diverse, exciting and rewarding fields of study for postgraduate research. With such dramatic and ongoing urban growth, Latin American cities are key touchstones for the world’s future. With some of the most significant hubs in the global urban network, it is here that the challenges of global cities are at their starkest and the signposts for alternative urban futures at their most revealing.

Simultaneously experiencing globalization and deindustrialization, Latin American cities are increasingly dominated by patterns of inequality and exclusion, resulting in a concomitant expansion of informal activities, themselves accompanied by massive developments of state-built social housing and privately constructed elite enclaves on the urban periphery. In this context, specific challenges include the effects of climate change and disaster risk; housing for low-income populations; service provision; transport and mobility; and decentralised governance and conflict. At the same time, urban citizens often experience a crisis of belonging, excluded as they are from practices of cultural production and the processes that contribute to the formation of urban imaginaries.

Several recent edited collections have addressed some of these issues. For example, Cordera *et al*. (2008) offer a comprehensive perspective on aspects of urban poverty in the contemporary Latin American city. Hernandez *et al* (2010) interrogate the condition of informality in Latin American cities. Rodgers *et al* (2012) argue for a more systemic, multidisciplinary engagement with Latin American cities, in response to prevailing conceptions of the ‘fractured’ Latin American city. And Biron et al. (2009) have tackled some of the ways in which creative practices and culture attempt to tackle the inequalities created by existing urban power structures. However, these sets of literatures often talk across rather than with each other. Moreover, responses from the countries under study are often overlooked because of language barriers and/or limited access to wider networks.

The Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Global Urban Research Centre at the University of Manchester invite applications to participate in a workshop that will explore these challenges for Latin American cities, addressing the somewhat fragmented nature of existing literature by discussing and deploying different disciplinary approaches. The workshop is aimed at Masters and PhD students who are currently working on or who have concrete plans to work on Latin American cities. The University of Manchester has one of the UK’s largest groupings of researchers working on these themes. With specialisms in anthropology, architecture, cultural studies, history, sociology and urban and development studies, the researchers collaborate via the activities of both Centres and via the University’s wider urban research platform, cities@manchester. Such diversity means that this workshop will be expressly cross disciplinary and will encourage students to engage with areas of research with which they are not familiar.

The workshop aims to help current and future postgraduate researchers to:

* improve their awareness of current debates and disciplines within Latin American urban studies
* overcome some of the methodological and procedural challenges of researching Latin American cities
* place their existing fields of knowledge into cross-disciplinary dialogues with other disciplines, particularly between cultural studies and the social sciences
* reflect on strategies and outlets for publishing Latin American urban studies research
* establish and develop wider networks of research into Latin American cities within the UK

**Programme**

**11am - 12noon** Keynote Speaker: Professor Gareth Jones (LSE) Break

**12.15 - 1.15pm** The Idea of the Latin American City (Professor Lúcia Sá and Dr. Leandro Minuchin)

**1.15 - 2pm** Lunch

**2 - 3pm** Urban Methodologies: Historical Archives and Visual Anthropologies (Dr. Franciso Eissa-Barroso and Dr. Angela de Souza Torresan)

**3 - 3.30pm** Break

**3.30 - 4.30pm** Urban Theory on and from Latin America: Cultures and Informalities (Dr. James Scorer, Dr. Melanie Lombard and Dr. Alfredo Stein)

**4.30 - 5.15pm** Completing the PhD: Q&A with a recent graduate

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**11 November** - **Dr. Tom Tunstall Allcock (University of Manchester):** *'Rethinking Modernization: Lyndon Johnson and Latin America*'. Arthur Lewis Building, G.019.

### Semester 2

**3 February** - **Dr. Katia Chornik (University of Manchester):** *'Music and Human Rights Liaisons: Interviewing Álvaro Corbalán, a Singer-Songwriter and Top Agent of Pinochet’s Secret Police*'. Arthur Lewis Building, Boardroom.

**17 February** - **Prof. Saúl Sosnowski** **(University of Maryland):** *'And when they got back….: Literature and the Return from Exile in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay*'. Arthur Lewis Building, Boardroom.

**2 March** - **Prof. Jens Andermann** **(University of Zurich):** *'The Ends of Nature: Latin American Modernity and the Crisis of Landscape*'. Roscoe Building, 1.007. This event, sponsored by [CIDRAL](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral/), was preceded by a roundtable reading group discussion.

**23 April** - *Symposium: Latin American Cinemas, European Markets*, New Business School, Manchester Metropolitan University & HOME, ¡Viva! Spanish & Latin American Film Festival.

* Keynote Talks: Dr. Deborah Shaw (University of Portsmouth): 'Transnational Latin American Filmmaking: (2002-2014): A New World Cinema'
* Dr. Sarah Barrow (The University of Lincoln): 'Latin American Cinema and Europe: Beyond Neo-colonialism?'
* There were further speakers from the Universities of Lancaster, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and MMU.

**16 May** – **Conference ‘***Mediator of Cultures: Inca Garcilaso de la Vega and His Heritage***’.** John Rylands Library. Sponsored by the Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) and the Society of Latin American Studies (SLAS).

**Programme**

**10:00 Registration / Coffee**

**10:15 Welcoming remarks**

**10:30-11:30 Keynote 1**

José Antonio Mazzotti (Tufts): 'Discursive Mestizaje and Political Agenda: El Inca Garcilaso within the Corpus of Andean Chronicles'

**11:30-12:30. PANEL 1. Garcilaso’s World**

Mark Turner (London) 'Beru’s Global Progeny, or the Lost and Found (Colonial) Mirror of (an Antipodal) Herodotus'

Alexander Thomas (Manchester) '"Grandeza oficial": Writing Social Control in Bernardo de Balbuena’s Grandeza mexicana'

**12:30-1:15 Lunch**

**1:15-2:15 PANEL 2. Garcilaso’s Contemporaries**

Andrew Redden (Liverpool) 'Garcilaso, Murúa, Calancha and the Martyrdom of Tupac Amaru, Cuzco 1572'

Stephen M. Hart (UCL) 'London Malaria and Magic Mosquitoes: A Reading of Some Texts by El Inca Garcilaso de la Vega and Santa Rosa de Lima'

**2:15-2:45 Inca Garcilaso editions** in the John Rylands Library Special Collections (Bible Room)

**2:45-3:00 Coffee break**

**3:00-4:00 Keynote 2** (video conference)

Sara Castro-Klaren (Johns Hopkins) 'Translating Intelligibility: The Inca Garcilaso Engages the Horizon of Possibilities of Modernity, Now (after 1492) that "There is Only one World"'

**4:00-5:00 PANEL 3: Garcilaso’s Legacy**

SaraA González-Castrejón (Universidad San Martín de Porres) 'The Incas’ True Colours: Buenaventura de Salinas’ Memorial versus Garcilaso’s Comentarios as a Source for Visual Reconstructions of the Inca Kings in Eighteenth-Century Peru'

Natalia Sobrevilla (Kent) Garcilaso, Tupac Amaru, and the Idea of Independence

**19 May** - **Dr. Carlos Flores** **(Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos)** ‘*Mayan law and collaborative video: A case study from Quiché, Guatemala*’. Arthur Lewis Building, Boardroom.

**20 May**- *Caribbean Research Seminar in the North***.** Samuel Alexander Building, A214.

**Programme**

12.45pm-1.15pm Registration

1.15pm-1.30pm Welcome and Introductions

1.30pm-2.45pm Manuel Barcia Paz (Leeds) and Fionnghuala Sweeney (Newcastle): 'The State of the Field: The Black Atlantic Paradigm Today'

2.45pm-3.15pm Coffee/Tea

3.15pm-4pm Holly Schofield (Manchester): 'Sense of Place and Disasters: Urban Poor Adaptation to Climate Change in the Dominican Republic'

4pm-4.45pm Sarah Wood (York): 'A Marginal Conflict: France and the Surinamese Interior War, 1986-1992'

### Find out more

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