PUBLIC LECTURES 2010

LAI regularly arranges public seminars and panel discussions with Swedish and foreign researchers and experts on economic, social, cultural and political development in Latin America. The Institute also assists researchers, officers in public administration and business, news media and the public with information.

February 11

Haiti: From under-development to catastrophe/Haiti: Från underutveckling till katastrof, Panel: Björn Kumm, journalist and author, Mats Lundahl, Professor in Development Economics, Stockholm School of Economics and Markel Thylefors, PhD, Social Anthropology, School of Global studies, University of Gothenborg

February 24

Francisco Miranda and the Democratic Republic/Francisco Miranda y la República Democrática, Carlos Vidales, historian and autor.

March 11

200 years is nothing: Independence, Autonomy, Culture and Anniversary/200 años no es nada: independencia, autonomía, cultura y efemérides, Julio Schwartzman, researcher of Argentine literature, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

March 24

Military Expenditure and Arms Imports in Latin America, Carina Solmirano, researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
April 7  
*The Latin America of Protestantism/Protestantismens Latinamerika,*  
Panel: Hans Geir Aasmundsen, PhD candidate,  
Department of the Study of Religions, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Jan-Åke Alvarsson,  
Professor, Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University, and Veronica Melander, PhD, Theology

April 21  
*The Women of Independence: Madness and Reason of silent and silenced heroines/Mujeres de la independencia: Locura y razón de las heroínas silenciosas y silenciadas,* Maria Clara Medina, PhD,  
History, University of Gothenburg

May 5  
*The Foreign Politics of Hugo Chávez. An Agenda of Rupture and a Practice of Continuity/La política exterior de Hugo Chávez.* Una agenda de ruptura y una práctica de continuidad, José Briceño Ruiz, PhD candidate, Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Aix-en-Provence, France and researcher, Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela

May 19  
*Shamanism Today. Becoming a Shaman among the Siona of Colombia,* Esther Jean Langdon, Professor,  
Anthropology, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil

June 2  
*What can Governments do to Reduce Local Vulnerability? The Case of Drought Management in Nicaragua,* Lisa Segnestam, PhD candidate,  
Department of Economic History and Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University

September 8  
*Constitutional Reforms in Latin America: New Constitutionalism or Constitutional Populism?/Reformas constitucionales en América Latina: ¿Nuevo Constitucionalismo o Populismo*
Constitucional?, Prof. Detlef Nolte, director, Institute of Latin American Studies/ILAS, Hamburg, Germany

September 14

A Few Deadly Sins of the Upside Down World/Algunos pecados capitales del mundo al revés, Eduardo Galeano, author.

September 15

Gender, Sexuality and Identity in a Traditional Gaucho Culture: Views from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, Ondina Fachel Leal, PhD, Anthropology, University of California and Federal University Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil

September 22

The Story behind the Diaries of Ché Guevara in Bolivia/La historia del Diario de Ché Guevara en Bolivia, Humberto Vásquez Viaña, sociologist. Assisted by historian and writer Carlos Vidales

October 4

The Political Transformation of Uruguay: Local and International Perspectives/La transformación política de Uruguay: Perspectivas locales e internacionales, María Simón, Vice-Minister of Education and Culture, Uruguay

October 6

Presidential and Democratic Instability in Latin America 1980-201, Leiv Marsteintredet, PhD, Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway

October 27

The Representation of the Other in the Imaginary of Intellectual Elites/La representación del Otro en el imaginario de las elites intelectuales, Marta Casaús Arzú, Professor, Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

October 28

The Problem of Slavery during Independence and State Formation (Brazil 1822-1850)/O Problema da escravidão na Independência e formação do Estado (Brasil, 1822 – 1850), Sidney Chalhoub, Professor,
History, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil

**November 3**

*200 Years of Economic History in Latin America: Development, Volatility and Inequality/200 år av ekonomisk historia i Latinamerika: Utveckling, volatilitet och ojämlikhet*, Luis Bértola, Professor, Economic History and Development, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay

**November 10**

*Rhetoric of Discrimination: Discourse and Alterity/Retóricas de la discriminación: discurso y alteridades*, Silvia Barei, Professor, Modern Languages, Dean, Facultad de Lenguas de la Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina

**November 24**

*Afro Colombian Citizenship Struggles: Separate or Equal Legal Standing?*, Bettina Ng’weno, Associate Professor, African American and African Studies, University of California, Davis, California, USA