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The Institute of Latin American Studies carries out research and teaching on Latin America, disseminates information on current social conditions across the region. It also conducts a wide range of bibliographical and documentation activities. The Institute of Latin American Studies was founded in 1951 as part of the Stockholm School of Economics. Later, in 1969, it became an autonomous state institute before being incorporated into Stockholm University in 1977. Since 2000 it has been part of the Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies (ISPLA). According to its statutes, the role of the Institute is to maintain contacts with institutions both within and outside Stockholm University, and to act autonomously in areas concerning research, documentation and international relations. In September 2002, Mona Rosendahl became Director of the Institute.

The Vice-Chancellor of Stockholm University appoints the board that governs the work of the Institute. Professor Mats Lundahl of the Stockholm School of Economics currently acts as Chair of the Board.

During 2007 the Board held one official meeting, and the financial accounts for the year are shown on page 37 of this report.

PREFACE

In 2007, the Institute of Latin American Studies continued its activities focusing on research, education, and documentation and information on Latin America. Throughout the year the Institute counted some twenty members of staff in the areas of research, teaching, documentation and administration. The disciplines represented among staff were economic history, social and cultural anthropology, political science, history and sociology of law. Five research projects had external funding.

During the autumn term of 2007 the two year Master's Programme in Latin American studies was launched, with the attendance of six students. Many of the Institute's researchers were involved in developing the programme's courses as well as acting as teachers. Throughout the year the institute's basic courses were given for the first time within the Bologna format.

Latin American Futures (LAF), a teaching and research initiative supported by Sida/SAREC, continued its activities with a literature seminar on contemporary Latin American issues, where themes like globalization, identity and human rights were discussed.

In April a two day seminar on Cuba was held with several international scholars as guests. The first day was dedicated to issues of family, gender and household in Cuba with five presentations. The second day was held under the auspices of Latin American Futures with lectures by four renowned scholars exploring the influence of the Cuban revolution on their respective geographical fields.

The Institute's research seminars were held regularly throughout the year, featuring both invited and the Institute's own researchers.

Stockholm Review of Latin American Studies, the Institute's electronic journal, published its second issue which dealt with media and transgression in Brazil. It was edited by Thaïs Machado-Borges. Furthermore, two issues of the journal, *Iberoamericana*, were published during 2007.

In the public lecture series the theme "Music in Latin America" continued with lectures on Brazilian and Bolivian music. Other lectures treated different Latin American topics such as social movements, media, gender and the environment. Totally more than 500 people visited the seminars during 2007.

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Social Anthropology

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research on Latin America and the Caribbean at the Institute of Latin American Studies (LAIS) is an interdisciplinary enterprise with a social scientific thrust. The research seminars at LAIS provide a forum for researchers from different disciplines with various theoretical interests who are engaged in conducting empirical research on Latin America. Earlier, a number of research projects typically focused on issues related to history, economic integration, commerce, labour-market questions and globalisation. These questions are still important, but during recent years research in the Institute has broadened its scope considerably. Today, some of the most important research projects are dealing with questions of decentralisation, ethnicity, gender, migration, poverty, social movements, the politics of race, and violence. Our research on economic, cultural, and social issues utilises different perspectives and draws on examples from different parts of Latin America. PhD students in Cultural Anthropology and Economic History are affiliated with the Institute.

LAIS arranges conferences and seminars on specific topics that bring together Swedish researchers with their counterparts from other countries. The Institute has well-developed contacts with researchers and institutions in Latin America and throughout the world. Overleaf, there is a list of those research projects conducted by LAIS researchers which have attracted external financing.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project title	<i>THE COLOUR OF CITIZENSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA: RACIAL DISCOURSES AND THE DYNAMICS OF GENDER IN THE TRANSITION FROM COLONIAL TO POST-COLONIAL REGIMES</i>
Project leader	<i>Maria Eugenia Chaves</i>
Financing	SAREC
Project period	2005-2007
Summary	This project is investigating the meanings of race and colour during the period of transition from colonial to Republican rule. It sets out to explicate the ways in which race and colour were used as criteria for the social and political exclusion of citizens of African descent. Particular attention is given to the normative discourses and social practices used to control and subjugate women of colour. In this sense the study is directed towards the formulation of an analytical framework to understand the interrelations of gender and race vis-à-vis exclusionary practices relating to citizenship in post-colonial Latin America.
Keywords	Latin America, citizenship, XIX century, Ecuador, Colombia, slave women, afro descendant
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, inferioridad y Esclavización: La invención de la diferencia en los discursos de la colonialidad temprana", in: Claudia Mosquera (ed.), <i>Afro-Reparaciones: Memorias de la Esclavitud y Justicia Reparativa para negros, afrocolombianos y raizales</i>. Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2007, pp. 71-94.• Archivo judicial, subalternidad y estrategias de libertad". <i>Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas</i> (forthcoming)• (ed.). <i>Genealogías de la Diferencia. Tecnologías de la Salvación y Representación de los Africanos Esclavizados en Iberoamérica Colonial</i>. Bogotá: Universidad Javeriana/Instituto Pensar (forthcoming).
Status 2007-12-31	During 2007 the systematization of data was completed. Two articles were published. A book is in editorial process and partial results were presented at different international conferences.
Project title	<i>THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF VENEZUELA SINCE CHÁVEZ</i>
Project leader	<i>Weine Karlsson</i>
Project period	2007-
Summary	The aim of the project is to compare the pattern of economic development in Venezuela before and after Chávez. The fate of dominant oil industry and the changing oil policy is examined as well as changes in the country's international economic relations.

Keywords	Socio-economic development, economic relations, integration, liberalization, nationalization.
Status 2007-12-31	Project in progress
Project title	<i>FROM EXCLUSION TO INCLUSION IN ECUADOR. INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT STRATEGIES IN OTAVALO AND COTACACHI</i>
Project leader	<i>Rickard Lalander</i>
Cooperating Institutes	FLACSO (<i>Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales</i>) and CEDIME (<i>Centro de Investigación de los Movimientos Sociales del Ecuador</i>), Quito. Ibero-American Center, University of Helsinki.
Financing	Sida-SAREC from 2007-01-01.
Project period	2004-2009
Summary	The purpose of the project is to study political mobilisation and strategies by indigenous movement(s) and changing power structures in the Ecuadorian municipalities of Otavalo and Cotacachi in the Northern highland Imbabura province, principally focusing on the period from 1995 onwards. In both municipalities, indigenous movements have triumphed in local elections. The indigenous political movement <i>Pachakutik</i> has had control of the mayoralty in Cotacachi since 1996, and in Otavalo since 2000. Both municipal governments have developed plans towards a more inclusive form of government, thus challenging historical institutional, economic, social and even cultural structures. The construction, as well as the constitution, of the new political leadership and how this, in practice, manages to maintain its position in government are key aspects to be examined. The study goes beyond the mere approval by citizens in municipal elections to analyze such processes as negotiations, compromises, and political/societal alliances on behalf of the “new political leadership” (in this case the indigenous governments in Otavalo and Cotacachi). One important aspect of the study is how the new municipal political leadership is constructed and constituted. The focus on actors at the municipal level constitutes an innovative approach to research in this field.
Keywords	Indigenous movement, decentralisation, popular participation, multi-cultural democracy, Ecuador, Otavalo, Cotacachi
Publications	“El matrimonio entre Pachakutik y la UNORCAC en Cotacachi: ¿Una alianza rara?”, in: Ecuador Debate, # 72, 2007, Centro Andino de Acción Popular/CAAP, Quito.
Status 2007-12-31	Project in progress

Project title	<i>DECENTRALISATION, PARTY SYSTEM AND POPULISM IN VENEZUELA</i>
Project leader	<i>Rickard Lalander</i>
Cooperating Institutes	Ibero-American Center, University of Helsinki, CIPCOM (<i>Centro de Investigación de Política Comparada</i>), Universidad de Los Andes, Mérida, and Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.
Financing	Proper/LAIS.
Project period	2002-2012
Summary	The project analyses a number of aspects of the recent phase of Venezuelan democracy, with a particular focus on the party system transformations related to decentralisation, and the strategies of the political opposition and government. The development and proceedings of the movement around current President Hugo Chávez (the <i>Chavismo</i>) and its connections to the political process since 1998 are worth a closer analysis, as well as certain aspects of populist political leadership and how these elements are related to (and in conflict with) the decentralisation process. The political parties (and their principal leaders) play protogenic roles. The decentralisation process is emphasized as a kind of historical context and a limitation of the focus. A majority of the political opposition movements (and <i>Chavismo</i>) are rooted in the decentralisation process. The contextual focus is the Venezuelan political party system where decentralisation constitutes the independent variable. This study has revealed that the traditional two-party system was undermined by decentralisation. From some perspectives, the populism and power concentration of the Chávez movement constitutes a source of conflict for certain democratisation principles linked to decentralisation. Theoretically, a mixed/integrated approach is used, analysing actors' rational choices with more process-structural approaches, in particular theories concerned with the structures of political opportunity.
Keywords	Venezuela, decentralisation, party system, partyarchy, Chavismo, populism.
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les partis politiques vénézuéliens de gauche à l'époque de Hugo Chávez, in: <i>Problèmes d'Amérique Latine</i>, # 66-67, Autumn-Hiver 2007, Paris.
Status 2007-12-31	Project in progress.
Project title	<i>POVERTY ALLEVIATION, CORRUPTION AND DECENTRALISATION IN THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES</i>
Project leader	<i>Rickard Lalander</i>
Cooperating Institutes	Ibero-American Center, University of Helsinki, CIEPROL (<i>Centro Iberoamericano de Estudios Provinciales y Locales</i>) Universidad de Los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela FLACSO (<i>Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales</i>) and

	CEDIME (<i>Centro de Investigación de los Movimientos Sociales del Ecuador</i>), Quito.
Financing	Proper/LAIS
Project period	2003-2010
Summary	The purpose of the project is to study strategies of poverty alleviation and reduction of corruption in the context of decentralisation processes in the Andean countries.
Keyword	Decentralisation, poverty alleviation, corruption, political participation, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela
Status	2007-12-31 Project in progress.
Project title	<i>MACHISMO AND GENDER EQUALITY IN HAVANA, CUBA</i>
Project leader	<i>Silje Lundgren</i>
Supervisor	Mona Rosendahl
Financing	Sida/SAREC
Project period	2004-2009
Summary	This PhD thesis project studies the construction of femininity and masculinity in the arenas of the body, heterosexuality, and family relations, against the background of official discourses on women and gender in Cuba.
Keywords	Cuba, gender equality, masculinity, femininity, heterosexuality, piropo, motherhood
Status	2007-12-31 Project in progress
Project title	<i>LATIN AMERICA AND THE PARAMILITARY FUNCTION OF LIBERAL PEACE</i>
Project leader	<i>Staffan Löfving</i>
Cooperating Institutes	Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia, Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamerica, Antigua, Guatemala, Collegium for Development Studies, Uppsala University.
Financing	Stockholm University, position of Research Fellow.
Project period	2004-
Summary	This project investigates the modalities of law and violence and their relationships to the legitimacy and contestation of political power in processes of economic and political liberalization. It focuses on Guatemala but uses a comparative approach which includes Nicaragua, El Salvador and Colombia. Its most central concerns are (a) how to inter-relate the different expressions and sources of violence in post-authoritarian states, (b) the role of pre-liberal economies in the violence emerging in political decentralisation amidst maintained processes of economic centralisation, and, (c) the forms and demands of new contentious political movements.
Keywords	Violence, neoliberalism, identity politics, theory of war, political

anthropology, paramilitarism, the Maya movement, Guatemala, Colombia, El Salvador, Nicaragua.

Publications

- Liberal Emplacement: Violence, Home, and the Transforming Space of Popular Protest in Central America. *Focaal: European Journal of Anthropology*, Vol. 49, No. 1.:45-61
- Movement, Violence, and the Making of Home [co-edited with Stef Jansen]. *Focaal: European Journal of Anthropology*, Vol. 49, No. 1.:1-61 [including contributions by Stef Jansen, Sharika Thiranagama, and Staffan Löfving]
- Introduction: Movement, Violence, and the Making of Home [co-authored with Stef Jansen]. *Focaal: European Journal of Anthropology*, Vol. 49, No. 1.:3-14
- Review of Steve Striffler & Mark Moberg (eds.), 2003. *Banana Wars: Power, Production and History in the Americas*. Durham: Duke University Press. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* Vol. 72, No. 1.:134-136.

Status 2007-12-31

Project in progress

Project title

“BENEATH THE SURFACE WE’RE ALL ALIKE” – SOCIAL INEQUALITY, BODIES, AND PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS AMONG LOWER-INCOME AND MIDDLE-CLASS WOMEN IN BRAZIL

Project leader

Thaïs Machado-Borges

Financing

Vetenskapsrådet – The Swedish Research Council

Project period

2006-2008

Summary

This anthropological study examines how women who daily experience the conflicts and threats of an unequal society relate to their own bodies. The study compares conceptions and practices involving the body, physical appearance and interventions (such as diets, beauty treatments and surgeries) as they are discussed and enacted by lower-income and middle-class Brazilian women, aged between 18 and 45 years. It investigates the ways through which the body intercepts with social hierarchies of gender, class and race and the question of whether these women share the same bodily ideals. Are bodily interventions a way to circumvent or, on the contrary, to enhance social inequalities? Brazil is in the process of establishing a democracy. How do different women experience the gap, manifested in the Brazilian society, between egalitarian values and hierarchical norms? How do they embody and enact these different views? The main methods used are participant

observation and interviews. Informants are to be recruited among women living in a middle-class neighbourhood and in a shantytown in the city of Belo Horizonte, south-eastern Brazil. Gender, class and racial inequalities are not exclusively a Brazilian phenomenon. Having the Brazilian case as a starting point, the relevance of this study surpasses its geographical location as it foregrounds some of the mechanisms linking women, bodies and social hierarchies. In times of global inequality, these are important issues for discussion.

Keywords
Publications

Social inequality, body, gender, class, race

- “‘Eu adoro uma faca!’ Classe média, cirurgias plásticas e os ‘verdadeiros’ perigos da vida” in VII Reunião de Antropologia do Mercosul – Publicações.
- “Ah, se eu tivesse um par de sapatos Scarlett! Transgredindo os limites entre telenovela e comercial, realidade e ficção, espectador e consumidor.” In Stockholm Review of Latin American Studies, Vol. 2, edited by Thaïs Machado-Borges
(http://www.lai.su.se/ml_mod03.asp?src=161&sub=226&usub=&intSida=501)
- . “Going Beyond Limits? Media and Transgression. Brazilian Cases,” in Stockholm Review of Latin American Studies, Vol. 2, edited by Thaïs Machado-Borges
(http://www.lai.su.se/ml_mod03.asp?src=161&sub=226&usub=&intSida=501).
- . “Brazilian Telenovelas, Fictionalized Politics, and the Merchandising of Social Issues,” in Politicotainment: Television’s Take on the Real, edited by Kristina Riegert. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.
- Review of Adeline Masquelier (Ed.) 2005. *Dirt, Undress, and Difference. Critical Perspectives on the Body’s Surface*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. In *Ethnos*, 72(1): 128-130.

Status 2007-12-31

Project in progress

Project title

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MICROFINANCE IN JAMAICA: AN INSTITUTIONAL STUDY

Project leader

Akhil Malaki

Financing

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency/SAREC

Project period

2007-2009

Summary

The central aim of the project is to investigate how best to incorporate microfinance into Jamaica’s formal financial system. The Project applies an institutional framework to the financial system approach and methodology that specifically

focuses on: (i) Jamaica's financial institutions at the financial system level, and (ii) the microfinance sector and its problems. The study envisages also to undertake an empirical investigation of Jamaican microfinance retailers/providers in terms of the CGAP 'best practices' for sustainable microfinance. Such a study will help identify the formal institutional constraints and the bottlenecks within the microfinance sector.

Keywords
Publications

Microfinance, Jamaica, Institutions, Financial System

- *An Institutional Study of Informal Finance and Microfinance in Small Caribbean Countries: Jamaica and Trinidad-Tobago*. In Ramesh Ramsaran (Ed.), *Size, power and development in the emerging world order*. Lexicon Trinidad Ltd. San Juan: Trinidad. 2006

Status 2007-12-31

Project in progress

Project title

THE LIFE AND TRAVELS OF JOHAN ADAM GRAANER (1782-1819)

Project leader

Dag Retsö

Summary

In the 1810's, the Swedish army officer Johan Adam Graaner made extensive travels in South America and the Pacific region. He died on his way home to Sweden in November 1819 and his vast collection of travel documents (diaries, notes, letters), including intimate descriptions of landscapes, people and political leaders like Generals San Martín and Bernardo O'Higgins, have remained unpublished. The purpose of the project is to publish his collected writings in a Spanish bilingual text edition along with an introduction and overview of Graaner's adventurous life. Attention is also given to the relationship between him and Karl Johan Bernadotte, who in previous research has been considered to have used him as his agent, among other things in order to promote a Swedish candidate for the Argentinean monarchy in the making in the 1810's.

Keywords

Swedish-Latin American relations, Argentina, Chile, monarchy

Status 2007-12-31

Completed. Popular scientific texts and academic articles in preparation.

Project title

REGIONALISM AS SOLUTION TO LOCAL CONFLICTS

Project leader

Andrés Rivarola

Cooperating Institute

Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Unidad Multidisciplinaria, Universidad de la República Oriental de Uruguay.

Project period

2007-2012

Summary

This project analyzes the role of regional organizations in the solution of conflicts in Latin America. Our main hypothesis is that the post-Cold War period has implied a strong trend

towards regional involvement in local conflicts. Although non-regional (not Latin American) interference is not ruled out, Latin American organizations are increasingly assuming a moderating influence. This kind of regional commitment should not be regarded as an accidental outcome. Rather, as a new institutional setting that gives increasing legitimacy to local entities in terms of conflict management. If this is true, one question is why this is happening during the above mentioned period? This work explores to answers, first, that the 'newness' is sustained on an 'old' and pervasive regional nationalism. Secondly, that there is a new systemic context which favours the emergence of a 'new regionalism'.

Keywords	New Regionalism, Latin America, Integration, Merocosur, OAS, Grupo de Río.
Status 2007-12-31	Project in progress.
Project title	<i>TRANSNATIONALISM AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE HOMELAND AMONG CUBANS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. A SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY.</i>
Project leader	<i>Mona Rosendahl</i>
Financing	Riksbankens Jubileumsfond – Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation (2002-2007)
Project period	2002 -
Summary	The aim of the project is to explore the perceptions that Cubans in Miami have of Cuba, and what these perceptions mean for their view of themselves and their lives in the U.S. By using the concepts 'homeland', 'transnationalism' and 'social memory', Cuba as a cultural construction will be analysed. Two categories will be compared: 1) persons born in the US to Cuban parents or persons, who were very young when they came to the US and 2) those who have lived most of their life in socialist Cuba and have recently come to the US. Analyses of everyday life, narratives about Cuba, ceremonies, media, networks and visits to and from the island will illuminate the main aspects of the study. The method is participant observation and above all in-depth interviews/life histories.
Keywords	Transnationalism, homeland, social memory, Cubans
Status 2007-12-31	Project in progress
Project title	<i>GLOBAL CONDITIONS AND LABOUR. A STUDY OF LABOUR REGULATION AND PROTECTION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 1930 TO 1962</i>
Project leader	<i>James C. Wardally</i>
Cooperating Institute Supervisor	Department of Economic History, Stockholm University Satya Datta, Associate Professor (Docent), (Main) and Torbjörn Engdahl, PhD. (Assistant)
Financing	PhD grant, own funding and donation fund: Lydia & Emil

	Kinander Foundation.
Project period	2001-2009
Summary	The purpose of this project is to study the development of labour regulation and protection in Trinidad and Tobago from the angle of changing global conditions. The period under study is from 1930 to 1962. The historic labour struggles of the 1930's and their outcomes illuminate the significance of the economic and social changes that followed: these include development and welfare measures, the establishment of labour supervision machinery, the legalisation of organised labour, constitutional reform and the rise of political parties.
Keywords	Caribbean, West Indies, Labour Market, Trinidad, Labour History, Regulation, labour protection.
Status	2007-12-31 Project in progress
Project title	<i>GENDER VERSUS ETHNICITY - POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE BOLIVIAN MULTICULTURAL NATIONAL PROJECT</i>
Project leader	<i>Charlotta Widmark</i>
Cooperating Institute	Instituto de investigaciones antropológicas-arqueológicas, in Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz
Project period	2005-2009
Summary	This anthropological research project aims to critically analyze the project of multiculturalism and its consequences in Bolivia. The project will focus specifically on the question of whether promoting multiculturalism is compatible with the aims of gender equality. Through the study of organised, indigenous women and men in the Department of La Paz, the following research questions will be considered: a) How are female political subjects formed and transformed in the actual Bolivian context? b) To what extent is the feminist project contradicted by the cultural project? c) To what extent are excluding structures in fact reproduced by the indigenous base organisations themselves? d) Under what circumstances can women take on political leadership roles challenging existing gender norms? Qualitative research methods will be used including longer fieldwork.
Keywords	Anthropology, multiculturalism, nation-state, political participation, gender, intersectionality
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Representation in Bolivia in <i>Equal Representation. A Challenge to Democracy and Democracy Promotion</i>. Utsikt mot utveckling 29. Collegium for Development Studies, Uppsala University. • Multiculturalism and Gendered Citizenship in Bolivia in <i>Género y globalización en América Latina</i>. Décimo

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aniversario de la Red Haina (1996-2006), Medina, Maria Clara, Dominguez, Edmé & Rosalba Icaza Garza (eds), Serie Haina volumen 6, Instituto Iberoamericano, Universidad de Göteborg.
Project in progress. Two field visits were carried out during 2007.

LATIN AMERICAN FUTURES: A CROSS-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE LIBERAL PRODUCTION OF INEQUALITY, SPACE, AND IDENTITY (LAF), 2006-2008 – Sida/SAREC'S SUPPORT FOR A TEACHING AND RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

By bringing 16 researchers together in a seminar series as well as conferences and joint publications, this “research environment” aims to reassess the social legacy of the neoliberal turn in Latin American politics and economy and, by exploring the counter currents and oppositions to economic conformity, to unravel the diversity of future scenarios.

Liberal democracy in Latin America comes not merely with a political package of decentralisation, free and fair elections, and freedom of speech and assembly, but also with an economic package through the acceptance of unfettered markets. A further marketisation of politics and everyday life is often perceived as a liberating force (according to the logic that liberalism equals liberty) whose strength derives from what it does not do: It does not put constraints on freedom of speech or other civil liberties and, in contrast to the public sector, state interventions or corruption, as it refrains from restricting the market. The researchers in this environment explore what is conventionally much less theorised, i.e., what liberal development actually does, what kinds of relationships it produces, and what opportunities it creates for political agency in the process of excluding others.

Member Projects

- Language diversity in Latin America: A comparative study of Afro-Portuguese and Afro-Spanish language varieties, by Dr. *Laura Álvarez López*, Stockholm University
- From slave to prince: The articulation of identities of resistance among Afro-Brazilian organisations in Salvador, Brazil, by Dr. *Örjan Bartholdsson*, Stockholm University
- The colour of citizenship in Latin America: Racial discourses and the dynamics of gender in the transition from colonial to post-colonial regimes, by Dr. *Maria Eugenia Chavez*, Stockholm University
- The *bañados* and the bus central station of Asunción, Paraguay: A comparative study of two survival systems, by Dr. *Alejandro González Arriagada*, Stockholm University.
- Obstacles to alternative development: Cultural and political incentives to the cultivation of coca in Putumayo, Colombia, by PhD candidate *Oscar Jansson*, Uppsala University
- Democratizing democracy in the Andes: Decentralisation, political participation, and indigenous movements in Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela, by Dr. *Rickard Lalander*, Stockholm University
- Labour mobility and place-based political agendas: The political representation of migratory indigenous farm workers in Guatemala, by Dr. *Magnus Lembke*, Stockholm University
- The paramilitary function of liberal peace: Central America and Colombia, by Dr. *Staffan Löfving*, Stockholm University

- “Beneath the surface, we’re all alike”: Social inequality, bodies, and physical interventions among lower-income and middle-class women in Brazil, by Dr. *Thais Machado-Borges*, Stockholm University
- Politics, organisation, and power within the Mexican environmental regime, by PhD candidate *Philip Malmgren*, Stockholm University
- Brazil and the UN system: Revising the core-periphery approach, by Dr. *Andrés Rivarola*, Stockholm University
- Transnationalism and perceptions of the homeland among Cubans in Miami, Florida, by Prof. *Mona Rosendahl*, Stockholm University
- Turning individuals into environmentalists: The Santo Daime, an expansive religious movement in the Amazonian rainforest, by PhD candidate *Titti Schmidt*, Uppsala University
- Institutional vulnerability to corruption? A comparative study of privatization processes in Argentina and Chile during the 1990s, by PhD candidate *Viviana Stechina*, Uppsala University
- Social memory, flooding and hazard mitigation in Santa Fe, Argentina, by PhD candidate *Susann Ullberg*, Stockholm University
- Gender versus ethnicity – political participation in the Bolivian multicultural national project, by Dr. *Charlotta Widmark*, Stockholm University

Activities 2007

CONFERENCE

RECALLING CUBA, APRIL 4

Speakers: Professor *Brooke Larson*, Stony Brook State University of New York; Professor *Steve Ellner*, Universidad de Oriente, Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela; Professor *Elizabeth Dore*, University of Southampton; Professor *Susan Eckstein*, Boston University.

This conference deals with the recalling of Cuba and of the Cuban model in institutional politics, migration movements, and in the memory of those who once made the revolution. It also discusses the reappearance of Cuba as a point of reference in the high politics of other Latin American countries and to what extent this is due to Castroist ideological steadfastness, a Cuban adaptation to a new democratizing Latin America, or an outside reconstruction of the meaning and ideals of the Cuban model. The conference asks whether and how the Cuban model corresponds with popular democratic aspirations in countries like Venezuela and Bolivia. Are political leaders like Chavez and Morales prepared to take the Castroist road to social justice or do they rather use the Cuban model pragmatically and/or symbolically for other political purposes? Are they perhaps only paying a last tribute to a revolution they still admire but never intend to put into political practice? In relation to the heavy political impact of the Cuban model in the ideological battle of previous decades; its almost complete disappearance as a dominant point of reference in the late twentieth-century; its recent reappearance as an alternative; and its possible refashioning within Cuba itself, the conference discusses in what shape and form the model has been recalled. To what extent has it been reconstructed by Latin American leftist/populist leaders to fit a new

post-authoritarian era? To what extent have its original principles been preserved inside Cuba?

Presentations

- The Cuba Connection in Evo's Bolivia: Symbolism and Substance, *Brooke Larson*, Stony Brook State University of New York.
- The controversy behind Venezuela's Special Relations with Cuba, *Steve Ellner*, Universidad de Oriente, Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela.
- Island Cubans Recall Living the Revolution, *Elizabeth Dore*, University of Southampton.
- Cuba's Changing Diaspora and its Transformation of Cuba, *Susan Eckstein*, Boston University.

LITERATURE SEMINAR

Spring 2007

- 13/3 Empire and Imperialism, Chair: *Staffan Löfving*
27/3 Latin America: A New Interpretation, Chair: *Staffan Löfving*
24/4 The Idea of Latin America, Chair: *Thaïs Machado-Borges*
8/5 Latin America, Globalization and Imperialism, Chair: *Thaïs Machado-Borges*

Autumn 2007

- 23/10 Globalization and Violence, Chairs: *Magnus Lembke* and *Mona Rosendahl*
6/11 Recognition and Identity, Chairs: *Charlotta Widmark* and *Susann Ullberg*
4/12 Human Rights, Chairs: *Maria Luisa Bartolomei* and *Thaïs Machado-Borges*

Publications

STOCKHOLM REVIEW OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (ISSN 1654-0204)

The Stockholm Review of Latin American Studies is an electronic journal that disseminates scholarly views on contemporary issues with relevance to people in Latin American countries. It differs from most conventional journals in its cross-disciplinary scope and by offering both writers and readers more immediate access to a Latin Americanist forum for intellectual reflection and critique.

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Staffan Löfving, Stockholm University

Thaïs Machado-Borges, Stockholm University

Issue nr.2 November 2007

Going beyond Limits? Media and Transgression – Brazilian Cases/ Passando dos Limites?

Mídia e Transgressão – Casos Brasileiros.

Editor, *Thaïs Machado-Borges*

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Thaïs Machado-Borges “Ah, se eu tivesse um par de sapatos Scarlett” Transgredindo os limites entre telenovela e comercial, realidade e ficção, espectador e consumidor.

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Nair Prata O rádio mineiro rende-se aos encantos de um travesti: o discurso, o humor e o mito na vida e na obra de Tieta Presley.

Márcia Maria da Cruz – Vozes da favela: representação, identidade e disputas discursivas no ciberespaço.

WORKSHOP

DOING RESEARCH ON FAMILY, HOUSEHOLD AND GENDER IN CUBA, APRIL 3

Speakers: *Professor Elizabeth Dore*, University of Southampton, UK; *Dr Carrie Hamilton*, University of Roehampton, UK; *Dr. Ana Vera*, Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana *Juan Marinella*, Havana, Cuba; PhD student *Silje Lundgren*, Stockholm and Uppsala University, Sweden; PhD student *Maria Padrón*, University of Göteborg, Sweden.

In this workshop five scholars from Cuba, Great Britain and Sweden discussed family, household and gender from different perspectives. The subjects form a vital part of life in Cuba as well as in the official and everyday discourses. The speakers addressed issues of gendered ideals within family relations, notions of masculinity and sexuality as well as economic strategies of the household. The researchers have all done interviews and/or participant observation in Cuba during the first years of the 21st century. They also talked about methodological issues related to their research and the challenges that their fieldwork has presented.

Presentations

- Gendered Memories: Life in the Cuban Revolution, *Elizabeth Dore*, University of Southampton
- ¡Mami! Matrifocality and the Construction of Motherhood and Fatherhood in Havana, *Silje Lundgren*, Stockholm and Uppsala University
- Oral History and the Possibility of Sex: Notes from Cuba, *Carrie Hamilton*, University of Roehampton
- To Share or Not to Share: Morality, Family and Economy in Havana, *Maria Padrón*, University of Gothenburg
- Social Politics and Life Trajectories among Families in a Sugar Mill Community in Matanzas, *Ana Vera*, Centro Juan Marinello, Havana

BRAZILIAN STUDIES GROUP

The Brazilian Studies Group (BSG) was established in 2004 at the Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University. It is a multidisciplinary group of scholars that aims to co-ordinate advanced research on Brazil across the areas of social sciences and humanities.

Along this line, the intention is to extend and strengthen academic links among scholars all over the world with an interest on Brazilian issues. The group proposes to encourage these scholars, intellectuals and policymakers to visit Sweden and present their work here. The BSG will promote a greater understanding of Brazilian society, history, culture, politics, economy, ecology, and international relations among Swedish scholars, through seminars, workshops and conferences.

Activities 2007

Coordinator: *Thaïs Machado-Borges*

- April 16 *Nelson Latif* (musician and sociologist): “Brazilian Popular Music, Politics and Society”, a historical and social perspective on Brazilian popular music, situating its numerous expressions and trends within a political context. The lecture was illustrated with musical examples played live by the Trio Baru. Other Participants: *Bosco Oliveira* - acoustic guitar, *Fernando Corbal* - acoustic guitar and harmonic glasses.
- October 22 *Beatriz Ilari*, (Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil): “Music, Identity and Alterity of Invisible Brazilians: An Introduction to the *Tambor de Crioula*, *Jongo* and *Cordão de Pássaros*.”
- December 6 *Daniel Azulay* (multimedia Brazilian artist, Rio de Janeiro). “Art as Mediation: Children, Media and Social Responsibility. Experiences from Brazil.”

RESEARCH SEMINARS

The Latin American and Caribbean Research Seminar

Coordinator: *Staffan Löfving*

- January 23 Stitched: Brazilians, cosmetic surgery and the production of First World bodies, *Thaïs Machado-Borges*
- February 8 Disciplinarity, transdisciplinarity, and multidisciplinarity within the social sciences: Some (unorganized) reflections of a historian, *Dag Retsö*
- February 20 Politicising governance in Guatemala: The case of Alta Verapaz, *Magnus Lembke*
- March 6 Maintaining the Altkolonie Way of Life: Notions of continuity and change among Old Colony Mennonites, *Anna Sofia Hedberg*
- March 20 Universal jurisdiction vs. national sovereignty: Implementing Human Rights in a global world, *María Luisa Bartolomei*
- April 3 Doing Research on Family, Household and Gender in Cuba
Workshop with *Elizabeth Dore, Silje Lundgren, Carrie Hamilton, Maria Padrón and Ana Vera.*
- April 4 Recalling Cuba
Conference with *Brooke Larson, Susan Eckstein, Elizabeth Dore and Steve Ellner*
- April 17 Capital scripts: visualising progress and properness in Nicaraguan Free Trade Zones, *Sofie Tornhill*
- May 3 Ethnicity and cultural identity politics in the Ecuadorian Amazon, *Erika Bjureby*
- May 29 Las estrategias organizativas de Internacional Socialista en América Latina (1951-1992), *Fernando Pedrosa*
- September 18 Discussing ‘left’ and ‘right’: A study of Latin American dichotomies, *Andrés Rivarola*
- October 16 Deepening democracy through public deliberation? A critical case study of a province in the Peruvian Andes, *Maria-Therese Gustafsson*
- November 13 Los procesos políticos del posdesastre desde adentro, *Susann Ullberg*
- November 27 Making elementary differentiations among Ecuadorians in Barcelona: Notes from fieldwork, *Gladis Aguirre Vidal*
- December 11 Spectators beyond paralysis: Interpreting the relation between government forces and ‘paras’ in Putumayo, *Oscar Jansson*

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

The courses at the Institute of Latin American Studies consist of a basic course (Latin American Studies I), an intermediate course (Latin American Studies II), a bachelor's course and a masters course.

In the autumn of 2007 the courses at the Institute of Latin American Studies were adapted to the general European Bologna structure of higher education including the change to a maximum of 30 ECTS credits per semester and offering the opportunity to take specific modules of courses as separate courses.

The basic course in Latin American Social Formation was first prepared in 1992 by the Institute in cooperation with the Department of Economic History. Since then it has been offered every year. The intermediate course started as an experiment during the academic year 1991/92 and since 2004/05 it has been offered once a year. An advanced course in Latin American Social Formation started in Spring 2004. In 2006, the basic course and the intermediate course were both offered as full-time day courses as well as part-time evening courses.

The courses are directed towards students who are seeking in-depth knowledge of Latin America as well as towards people whose jobs bring them in contact with Latin America. They are especially suitable for students and teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, administrators, aid workers, and people employed by Swedish companies working in Latin America. The aim is to supply basic interdisciplinary knowledge and an understanding of civic life and political/economic development in Latin America

The courses deal with general historical, political, economic, social and cultural phenomena as well as processes typical in the development of individual countries. The courses are taught through lectures and seminars. Examinations are held in connection with the courses. Students who have passed an exam are not permitted to re-take the exam in an attempt to improve their grade. For students who have failed any of the course exams, new tests will be arranged. Students who have failed the same course exam twice are allowed to ask for another teacher to be appointed to decide on their grade for the course.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES I (30 ECTS credits)

Teacher	<i>Dag Retsö</i> , Adjunct, Latin American Social Formation
Aim and content	The course provides a broad chronological account of the economic, social, political and cultural development of Latin America from colonial times to the present.

Part 1: Latin American History before 1900 (7.5 ECTS credits)

This part deals with the origins of some of the most important basic elements of Latin American society: the agrarian structure, external economic dependence, formal institutions (religious, administrative, juridical), informal institutions (caudillismo, clientelism), and

cultural patterns. The independence process and the territorial definition and geographical consolidation of the emerging Latin American nation-states in the 19th century are also dealt with.

Part 2: Latin American History in the 20th Century (15 ECTS credits)

This part discusses economic and political development during the period of pre-eminence of free trade and commodity-based export economy, as well as demographic transformation in terms of population growth, urbanisation and immigration. It also deals with the period of state-led development and closed economies, and their significance for class structure and the growth of the state apparatus in individual countries, new strategies and theories for development (Keynesianism, import substitution, the dependency school), new forms, alternatives and conditions for nation-building (populism, corporatism, radicalism, militarism, Cold War).

Part 3: An Introduction to Latin American Thought (7.5 ECTS credits)

The aim of this course is to provide a short presentation of such social theories that have been formulated by Latin American intellectuals to explain and solve Latin America's socioeconomic problems, and which have reached a large circulation both within and outside of the continent. Among the theories that will be presented are 'a pedagogy of the oppressed', the liberation theology and the dependency school.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES II (30 ECTS credits)

Teachers *Magnus Lembke*, PhD, Political Science
Thaïs Machado Borges, PhD, Social Anthropology
Charlotta Widmark, PhD, Cultural Anthropology
James Wardally, PhD student, Economic History
Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law
Akhil Malaki, PhD, Economic History

Aim and content The aim of the course is to investigate in detail four broad topics whose basic configurations have been formed historically and which have been treated chronologically in the basic course: culture, social conditions, economy, and politics.

Part 1: Mentality and intellectual culture (7.5 ECTS credits)

Public attitudes and behaviours which have formed and been formed by the sociocultural context, and their cultural as well as institutional sources: liberalism and positivism, religiosity and secularism, europhilia/europhobia, *indigenismo*, *anti-yanquismo*,

corruption, clientelism and patrimonialism.

Part 2: Nationhood and marginality (7.5 ECTS credits)

Those social groups who, on alleged ethnic or gendered grounds, find themselves on the margins of various developmental and national projects: indigenous populations, Afro-Americans, women, urban squatters, landless peasants, as well as their organisations and forms of expression.

Part 3: New strategies and methods for economic development / Globalization and New Development Strategies in Latin America (7.5 ECTS credits)

The open economy and the small-scale state structure of the 1990s, regional free trade agreements and economic integration, globalisation and recurrent challenges (ecology, income inequality, poverty, etc.).

Part 4: Democracy and human rights / Democratization and Citizenship in Latin America (7.5 ECTS credits)

Political parties and hegemonic movements, civil society and the new social movements within the context of democratisation.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, Bachelor's Course (30 ECTS credits)

Teachers *Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law, (responsible for the course)*

Margareta Björling, B.S., Librarian

Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History

Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science

Staffan Löfving, PhD, Cultural Anthropology

Mona Rosendahl, PhD, Cultural Anthropology

Charlotta Widmark, PhD, Cultural Anthropology

Supervisors *Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law*

Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History

Rickard Lalander, PhD, Political Science

Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science

Thaïs Machado Borges, PhD, Social Anthropology

Dag Retsö, Adjunct, History

Andrés Rivarola, PhD, Economic History

Mona Rosendahl, Professor, Latin America Studies

Charlotta Widmark, PhD, Cultural Anthropology

Aim and content

The aim of the course is to study scientific theory and method, as well as increasing the student's ability in carrying out a small-scale research assignment.

Part 1: The Interdisciplinary Perspective and Its Methods, (15 ECTS credits)

Basic theoretical and methodological knowledge of how to carry out scientific research and present the research results. In-depth study within a special area pertaining to the special assignment.

Part 2: Thematical and Regional Specialization

The students choose a subject and a region on which the special assignment is to be written and establish a reading list of about 2000 pages. A short paper is written containing an account of previous research and an annotated bibliography.

Part 3: Special assignment, (15 ECTS credits)

The student accomplishes a research task within the area of Latin American Social Formation.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, Masters Programme (120 ECTS credits)

Teachers *Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law, (responsible for the course)*

Supervisors *Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law
Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History
Rickard Lalander, PhD, Political Science
Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science
Andrés Rivarola, PhD, Economic History
Mona Rosendahl, Professor, Latin American Studies
Charlotta Widmark, PhD, Cultural Anthropology*

Aim and content The programme provides a deeper understanding of current social scientific research on Latin America. The relationship between area studies and interdisciplinarity is especially emphasized in the theoretical and methodological module. An opportunity to stay one semester at a Latin American university is also offered. The final paper is an opportunity for thematic and regional profounization. In addition, the programme includes one general course in academic English (7,5 hp) and one course in scientific thought and ethics (7,5 hp) as well as an optional course offered within the faculty of humanities.

Course 1: Current research on Latin America (15 ECTS credits)

The course deals with current social scientific research related to the ongoing activities at the Institute of Latin American Studies in Stockholm. The results of the research and the current debates that

continuously points towards new approaches are presented. The students are oriented in the reading of the latest research literature.

[Course 2: Academic English (7,5 ECTS credits)]

[Course 3: Scientific Thought and Ethics (7,5 ECTS credits)]

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Fernando Camacho

Course: Basic Course in Spanish (Area studies Latin America), supervisor
Department: ISPLA, Stockholm University
Period: Spring and Autumn term 2007
Course: History of the Present Time of Latin America
Institution: Instituto Cervantes, Stockholm
Period: Spring 2007
Course: History of the Present Time of Spain
Period: Autumn term 2007

:Rickard Lalander

Course: Advanced Course in Spanish, exam paper, supervisor
Department: ISPLA, Stockholm University
Period: Spring and Autumn term 2007
Course: Thematic specialization focusing Spanish America, Advanced Course in Spanish,
Department: ISPLA, Stockholm University
Period: Spring and autumn term 2007
Course: Contemporary Spanish America
Department: ISPLA, Stockholm University
Period: Spring term 2007
Course: Post-graduate programme/ supervisor
Department: Political Science, Stockholm University
Period: Autumn, 2007

Akhil Malaki

Course: Advanced course in International Relations
Department: Department of Economic History, Stockholm University
Period: Spring and Autumn term 2007
Course: Masters Course: Globalization, Environment and Social Change
Department: Department of Economic History, Stockholm University
Period: Autumn 2007

James Wardally

Course: Basic Course in International Relations, Module 1 and 4.
Intermediate Course in International Relations, Module 1.

Department: Department of Economic History, Stockholm University.

Period: Autumn term 2007

Course Global Development, Module A (6 lectures & seminars)

Department: Institution for Life Sciences, Development and International Co-operation.

Period: Autumn term 2007

THE LIBRARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LAIS)

The Library of the Institute of Latin American Studies specialises in documentation on Latin American and Caribbean social, political and economic development. This extensive collection of social scientific literature on Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the biggest in Scandinavia.

The Library houses approximately 45,000 books, in addition to a wide range of scientific periodicals, news bulletins and reports from various research centres in USA, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. It also holds a collection of Latin American fiction. During 2007 new acquisitions to the library amounted to around 500 volumes.

As a branch of the Stockholm University Library, the Institute's Library also has a large number of databases and electronic journals. Among the databases, the HAPI-Online is of particular interest. This database is the Internet version of the Hispanic American Periodicals Index that contains bibliographical citations to articles, book reviews, documents and other materials appearing in more than 500 key social science and humanities journals published throughout the world. The database Latin American Intelligence Service is another valuable resource.

The Library is open to students, researchers and the public. The online catalogue can be accessed at Stockholm University Library's web page: <http://www.sub.su.se>. The titles are also entered in the union catalogue for the Swedish university libraries, LIBRIS: <http://www.libris.kb.se>. Borrowing libraries can place their orders in the interlibrary loan system of Libris.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Local loans	2.379	2.471	2.167	2.152
Inter-city loans	311	278	191	212
International loans	25	41	22	20
TOTAL	2.715	2.790	2.380	2.384

In 2007 the library received study visits from, among others, the Anna Lindh Library. Various exhibitions of books were arranged in the library and the librarian held a course on information retrieval for students in the Advanced Course of Latin American Formation. The Library is affiliated to REDIAL (*Red Europea de Información y Documentación sobre América Latina*), a network of European libraries specialising in Latin America. Librarian Margareta Björling, treasurer in REDIAL, participated in March in a board meeting and also in the 2007 Annual Meeting, held 11-12 October at Institut des hautes études de l'Amérique latine, IHELA in Paris.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Magnus Lembke was responsible for the information service. The Institute assists researchers, officers in public administration and business, news media and the public with information.

LAIS regularly arranges public seminars, panel discussions, and research seminars with Swedish and foreign researchers on economic, social, cultural and political development in Latin America.

PUBLIC SEMINARS

January 24

Globalization and Agriculture

The Articulation of New Systems of Food Supply in Latin America

Paulina Rytkönen, Doctor in Economic History, Stockholm University

Ulf Johnsson, Professor in Economic History, Stockholm University

Örjan Bartholdsson, PhD candidate in Social Anthropology

February 21

Artur Lundkvist

Spain and Latin America

René Vázquez Díaz, author and translator

March 21

Urban Bolivian Folk Music

Continuity and Change

Sari Pekkola, Doctor in Sociology, Lund University

April 2

Family, Cultural Change and the Restructuration of Sugar Production

Ana Vera, Doctor in Literature, Havana, Cuba

April 18

Brazilian Popular Music

Politics and Society

Nelson Latif, musician and Sociologist, Brazil

May 2

Female Leadership and Social Movements in Bolivia

Charlotta Widmark, Doctor in Cultural Anthropology

May 14

Woman and Literary production in New Granada

María Eugenia Osorio, Doctor in History of literature, Stockholm University

May 21

The Liberation of Abortion in Colombia

A Profoundly Catholic Country

Mónica Roa, Director of the project *Género y Justicia*, Colombia

May 23

Andean Integration in the Context of the New Regionalism in South America

José Briceño Ruiz, PhD candidate at Universidad de los Andes, Venezuela

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The Political Institutionalization of the Indigenous Movements

Experiences from Guatemala and Ecuador, 1994-2004

Magnus Lembke, Doctor in Political Science, Stockholm University

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Juridical Challenges in the Context of the Negotiations with the Colombian Paramilitaries

Alberto Lara, lawyer and Political Scientist, Colombia

September 19

What Impact have the Multinational Companies had on Latin America?

The case of the Spanish Energy Company “Repsol” in Colombia and other Latin American and Caribbean Countries

Rocio Bedoya, PhD candidate at Instituto Ortega y Gasset, Universidad Complutense, Madrid

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The Role Played by the Hydrocarbons with respect to Sustainable Human Development

Reinaldo Figueredo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Venezuela

October 4

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Development and Perspectives on the Future

José Angel Pérez García, researcher at Centro de Investigaciones de la Economía Mundial (CIEM), Cuba

October 22

Music, Identity and Alterity of Invisible Brazilians

An Introduction to Tambor de Crioula, Jongo, and Cordão de Pássaros

Beatriz Ilari, researcher at the Federal University of Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil

October 24

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Globalizing Industry and Nationalist Rhetoric in Argentina, Uruguay and Finland

Jussi Pakkasvirta, Professor in Latin American Studies, University of Helsinki

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Alternatives to the Prevailing Hegemony in the Media Sector

Mattias Ekman, PhD candidate in Journalism and Mass Communication, Stockholm University

November 7

Media and Democracy in Latin America

What are the Limitations and Challenges Ahead?

Virginia Meilán, PhD candidate in Journalism and Mass Communication, Stockholm university

November 14

The Ethics of Catholicism and the Development of Capitalism

Eduardo Naranjo, Doctor in Sociology

November 21

Beyond the Myth

Che's war in Bolivia

Humberto Vázquez Viaña, Political Scientist, Sociologist and author

November 28

Impacts and Social and Environmental of Soja Cultivation in Latin America

Javiera Rulli, Biologist, Paraguay

Georgina Catacora, Agroecologist, Bolivia

December 5

The Politics of Presence

Women's Representation in Mexico

Christina Alnevall, PhD-Candidate in Political Science, Stockholm University

Pär Zetterberg, PhD-Candidate in Political Science, Uppsala University

December 6

Art as Mediation

Children, Media and Social Responsibility: Experiences from Brazil

Daniel Azulay, Brazilian multimediaartist

RESEARCH CONTACTS, MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

The Institute has ongoing contacts with research institutes and universities in Latin America. The Institute has been a member of the collaborative European organisations CEISAL (*Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales sobre América Latina*), EADI (*European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes*) and ASERCCA (*Association of European Research on Central America and the Caribbean*) for many years. The Institute also collaborates with most of the other Latin American institutes in Europe.

A network for Nordic Latin American researchers, *Nol@n*, was founded in November 2002 during a two-day symposium held in Stockholm. It has bi-annual conferences, and in 2006 the conference was held in Gothenburg.

Individual contacts and membership

Fernando Camacho Padilla

- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile
- Member of the board of directors, Archivo y Biblioteca – Chile en Suecia

Maria Eugenia Chaves

- Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador
- Universidad Nacional de Colombia, sede Medellín, Colombia
- Instituto Pensar, Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia

Weine Karlsson

- Member of the board of “Svenska Stiftelsen Instituto Ekman”
- Member of the editorial council of *Iberoamericana*
- Member of Nationalekonomiska föreningen
- Member of Svenska Sällskapet för Antropologi och Geografi
- Collaborates with researchers and institutions in Venezuela

Rickard Lalander

- International research fellow, Facultad Latinoamericana de las Ciencias Sociales/FLACSO, sede Ecuador, Quito.
- the Research Centre of Comparative Politics/CIPCOM (Centro de Investigación de Política Comparada), Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela
- Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela
- Universidad Católica Andrés Bello ,UCAB, Caracas, Venezuela.
- Associated researcher, the Ibero-American Center, Renvall Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- Member of the "Section on Venezuelan Studies (SVS)", Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

Magnus Lembke

- Member of the Politics of Development Group (PODSU), Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, Sweden

Staffan Löfving

- Member of the American Anthropological Association (AAA)

- Member of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Collaborates with organisations and research institutes in Guatemala
- Collaborates with the Universidad de los Andes, and Universidad del Rosario, Colombia
- Member of the scientific board of *Revista Desafíos*
- Collaborates with the Colombia Forum, Uppsala University
- Collaborates in book projects with colleagues at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Manchester, and the School of Social and Political Studies, Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, UK

Thaís Machado-Borges

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Mona Rosendahl

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- Centro Juan Marinello, Habana, Cuba
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- Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Florida International University, USA

James Wardally

- Renvall Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland
- University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago
- St. Georges University, Grenada

Charlotta Widmark

- Collaborates with the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés and Universidad de la Cordillera, La Paz, Bolivia
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Member of the board of the Swedish Development Forum

PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

Organisation, Chairs

Fernando Camacho Padilla

- Organiser, conference, *The Roll of Swedish Ambassador Harald Edelstam after the Military Coup of September 11th in Chile*, Instituto Cervantes (Spanish Culture Institute Stockholm), November.

Maria Eugenia Chaves

- Organiser of the panel *Afrodescendientes: estado, revoluciones y modernidad* in the context of the *Congreso Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales*. FLACSO, Quito, 29-31 October, 2007.
- Organiser of the workshop called: *Socializando los Saberes*, in the context of the project activities, December, 2007. This seminar convocated grass-root afro-ecuadorian leaders from the Chota Valey in Ecuador, to discuss the results of the research.

Mona Rosendahl

- Coordinator for and lecturer in (with Charlotta Widmark) the workshop *Writing Applications for Research Projects* for researchers at the Universidad Mayor de San Simón (UMSS), Cochabamba and Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA), La Paz, Bolivia (financed by Sida/Sarec), February 7-14
- Organiser of the workshop *Doing Research on Family, Household and Gender in Cuba*, Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University, April 3

Papers

Maria Eugenia Chaves

- *Archivos y Sectores subalternos*, presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Montreal, 5-8, September,.

Staffan Löfving

- *Liberal Emplacement: Violence, Home, and the Transforming Space of Popular Protest in Central America* Research Seminar, The School of Social and Political Studies, Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, January 19

Andrés Rivarola

- *Rebeldes Primitivos e Institucionalizados: Uruguayos y Argentinos en Conflicto*” (*Primitive and Institutionalized Rebels: Uruguayan and Argentineans in Conflict*) presented at the conference: "1er Congreso Latinoamericano de Historia Económica". Simposio No. 23, Relaciones Exteriores y Procesos de Integración en América Latina Desde la Postguerra a la Actualidad. Montevideo, 5-7 December. “.
- Presentation of Working Paper *A Zean Perspective of Latin American at Dichotomies* LAIS research seminar 18 December.

Charlotta Widmark

- *Multiculturalism and Gendered Citizenship in Bolivia* presented at the Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, September 5-8, Montreal, Canada.

Lectures and presentations

Fernando Camacho Padilla

- *Latin America after the fall of Berlin's wall: Socioeconomic changes and new ideologies*, Uppsala University, Sweden, January
- *The popular music during the Spanish Civil War: The roll and significance of the front songs*. the Latin-American bookshop, Stockholm, Sweden, March
- *Latin America after the fall of Berlin's wall: Socioeconomic changes and new ideologies*, the Latin-American bookshop, Stockholm, Sweden, October.
- *The bilateral relations between Chile and Sweden during 1964 and 1990. Years of great agreements and conflicts*, Institute of International Studies. University of Chile. November
- *The bilateral relations between Chile and Sweden during 1964 and 1990. Years of great agreements and conflicts*, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. November
- *The bilateral relations between Chile and Sweden during 1964 and 1990. Years of great agreements and conflicts*, Universidad Academia Humanismo Cristiano. November
- *The bilateral relations between Chile and Sweden during 1964 and 1990. Years of great agreements and conflicts*, Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile. November
- *The bilateral relations between Chile and Sweden during 1964 and 1990. Years of great agreements and conflicts*, Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción. November
- *The bilateral relations between Chile and Sweden during 1964 and 1990. Years of great agreements and conflicts*, Universidad Alberto Hurtado. December

Rickard Lalander

- *Venezuela and Latin America in Times of Chavismo*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, 21 August.
- *Venezuelan Politics and Society in Times of Chavismo: Perspectives on Decentralization and Party System Transformations*, Centre of Development and Environment, University of Oslo, 21 August
- *Descentralización y Participación Popular en los Paises Andinos: Reflexiones sobre Ecuador, Venezuela y Bolivia*, Fundatrabajo, Colegio de Abogados, Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, 16 July.
- *De la exclusión al gobierno en Ecuador: Las estrategias de los movimientos indígenas y las estructuras políticas y sociales en Otavalo y Cotacachi*, Taller de FLACSO-Ecuador, Escuela de Gobierno, Ibarra, 7 July.
- *¿El suicidio de los Elefantes? El proceso descentralizador venezolano entre la Partidocracia y el Chavismo*, SENPLADES, Quito, 11 July
- *¿El suicidio de los elefantes? El proceso descentralizador venezolano entre la partidocracia y el Chavismo.*, FLACSO, Quito, 28 June
- *Crisis in Europe, Inequality in Latin America, International IDEA and the Inter-American Development Bank/IDB*, Stockholm, April 25
- Interviewed on several occasions by the Swedish Television and Radio (SVT & SR) about democracy in Venezuela, Latin America and global power structures.
- Interviewed in Otavalo Television/OTV, June

Silje Lundgren

- *Hierarchical masculinity and the power of hair* as part of the Panel "Body Politics" organized during the SANT-conference 24th of March at Uppsala university, Sweden
- *?;Mami!?. Matrifocality and the construction of motherhood and fatherhood* at the Cuba Conference at the Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm university, April
- Doctorate scholarship from STINT, the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education, to spend Autumn 2007 at the University Institute of Women's Studies at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Staffan Löfving

- *From Impunity to the Judicialization of Politics in Latin America: Trajectories of Violence and Transparency* The 2007 Nordic Scholars Lecture, University of Edinburgh, January 18

Thaïs Machado Borges

- Panel discussant on the subject of Brazilian Media, Society and Popular Culture. Modern Dance Theater, Stockholm: "Waist in Process. Brazilian Nights", August 22
- Lecture for 17 visiting Vice-Chancellors from several universities in Southern Brazil " "On being a Brazilian researcher in Sweden." Stockholm University. August 27
- Open lecture at the Cervantes Institute, Stockholm: An anthropological Approach to Brazilian Carnival. February 15
- Presentation of "Before and After: Cosmetic Surgery, Femininity, Class and Race in the Brazilian Media" Conference "Through the Image: Using the Visual to Investigate, Analyze, Create and Present". Nordic Network for Visual Social Science. Stockholm, 25-27 October.
- Presentation of "Eu adoro um faca! Classe media, cirurgia plástica e os 'verdadeiros' perigos da vida" at the 7th International Congress of South American Anthropologists (RAM – Reunião de Antropologia do Mercosul), Porto Alegre, 23-26 July
- Coordinator and Session Chair of a panel on "Body Politics." Annual Conference of Swedish Anthropologists (SANT). 23-24 March

Dag Retsö

- *Vad i herrans namn gör Jesus på en bergstopp i Rio?* Folkens museum - Etnografiska museet, Stockholm, 7 november

Mona Rosendahl

- Discussant at the Panel *Cuba Reconsidered: Del Oriente*, LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Congress, Montreal, Canada, September 5-8
- Interview about the current situation in Cuba, Canal7, Swedish Television, February 2
- Participation in panel discussion on Cuba Today at Kubafestivalen, Allmänna Galleriet, Stockholm, April 25

Charlotta Widmark

- Interviewed by the Swedish television, Kunskapskanalen and TV8, about the democratic development in Bolivia.

Academic assignments

Mona Rosendahl

- Head of Department, Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University (until spring term 2007)
- Deputy Head of Department, Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University (from autumn term 2007)
- Tutor to Silje Lundgren, PhD student at the Department of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University and the Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
- Co-tutor to Maria Padrón Hernandez, PhD student at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Göteborg
- Member of the Humanities, Education and Culture evaluation group for grants, Sida's Council for Development Research (SAREC)
- Reviewer of application for tenure in anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma, USA
- Member of PhD examination committee. Titti Schmidt *Morality as Practice. The Santo Daime, an Eco-Religious Movement in the Amazonian Rainforest*, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University, Sept 24
- Substitute member, The Gender Equality Committee, Stockholm University

Andrés Rivarola

- Full Linnaeus-Palme (LP) grant from Internationella Programkontoret (International Programme Office for Education and Training), for exchange of two teachers between the Department of Economic History and Universidad Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS). I was main applicant, in the name of the Department of Economic history.

Charlotta Widmark

- Coordinator, *Outcome-oriented Evaluation of Diakonia's Latin America Programme*, Peru and Bolivia, Department of Evaluation and Audit and Regional Department for Latin America, SIDA.
- Assistant editor, *Iberoamericana: Nordic Journal for Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.

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Fernando Camacho Padilla

- Las relaciones entre Chile y Suecia durante el primer gobierno de Olof Palme, 1969-1976. *Iberoamericana. América Latina – España – Portugal*, 25, march 2007. Berlin (Germany)

Magnus Lembke

- "Neo-liberalism, Multi-culturalism and the Guatemalan Mayas", in Lars Lindström, Mats Wärn and Björn Beckman (eds) *Globalization, Imperialism and Resistance*, Politics of development group, department of Political Science, Stockholm University.

Andrés Rivarola

Articles

- Espejos de Cambios: Un Estudio de Empresarios > Industriales en Chile y Uruguay. In */Revista de la CEPAL. Nr. 91, pp. 167-181.*
- Mirrors of change: Industrialists in Chile and Uruguay. In *CEPAL Review. In /CEPAL /Review. Nr. 91, April, pp. 169-183.* Original written in Spanish, see article above.
- Global Shift: The U.N. System and the New Regionalism in Latin America. In */Latin American Politics and Society/. Volume 49, Number 1, Spring 2007, pp. 89-112 (peer reviewed article).*

Thaïs Machado Borges

- Report. "Ur Brukarnas Perspektiv", *Från socialbidrag till arbete – Fördjupningsstudier*. Statens Offentliga Utredningar. SOU 2007:2.

Dag Retsö

- Articles in *World and Its Peoples* ("New Granada: Spanish Conquest & Colonization c1500-1718", "New Granada: Viceroyalty of New Granada c1718-c1821", "Gran Colombia 1819-30", "Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay: Discovery and Settlement, 1516-1776", "Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay: Viceroyalty of the Rio de la Plata 1776-c1811/c1816", "Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay: Missions and Colonization ", "Paraguay: Modern History, Establishing Borders, 1811-1936", "Modern Paraguay since 1936", "Colombia, 1830 to present", "Panama, Modern History: 1903 to present", " Pre-Columbian Civilizations of Northern South America: Arawaks & Caribs", "Pre-Columbian Civilizations of Ecuador: Cara, Chimu & Inca", "North Caribbean, Pre-Columbian Civilizations: Arawaks, Ciboney, and Taino", "Bahamas 1810 to present", "Modern History: Cuba since Independence", "Modern History: Dominican Republic since Independence", "Modern History, Haiti", "Puerto Rico, Modern History", "Pre-Columbian Amerindian cultures: Brazil and Guiana", "The Portuguese Discovery and Settlement of Brazil (to 1654)", "Expansion and Settlement of Brazil (1654/1807/8)", "Brazil, 1807-1822", "European Intervention along Guiana Coast 17th c. to 1950s", "The Empire of Brazil (1822-1889)", "Brazil: Early Republic (1889-1930)", "Vargas and the *Estado Novo* (1930-1954)", "Modern Brazil (since 1954)", "French Guiana from the 1950s to the present day", "Guyana from the 1950s to the present day", "Suriname from the 1950s to the present day"
- Country essays in *Nationalencyklopedins årsbok*

Mona Rosendahl

- *Comment* to Gropas, Maria 'The Repatriotization of Revolutionary Ideology and Mnemonic Landscape in Present-Day Havana', *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 48, No 4, Aug 2007

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	2007 (kSEK)	2006 (kSEK)	Diff (kSEK)	Diff (%)
REVENUES				
University funding	6 821	6 852	-32	0%
Comissioned research	656	895	-239	-27%
Research grants	3 099	2 073	1 025	49%
Other revenues	46	67	-21	-31%
Deductions	781	524	258	49%
Total	11 402	10 411	991	10%
COSTS				
Personnel	5 993	4 961	1 032	21%
Accommodation	1 772	1 756	16	1%
Operational costs	976	1 038	-62	-6%
Deductions	781	524	258	49%
Overhead	646	602	44	7%
Depreciation	31	32	-1	-3%
Total	10 199	8 912	1 287	14%
Balance	1 204	1 499	-295	
Corrections of balance 2007	-96			
Balance carried forward	5 091	3 984		

