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The Institute of Latin American Studies (LAIS) 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 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 eight years later. 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, Professor 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 2008 the Board held two official meetings.

PREFACE

In 2008, the Institute of Latin American Studies continued its activities focusing on research, education, documentation and information on Latin America. Throughout the year some twenty members of staff were engaged in these activities and in the administration of the Institute. 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 2008 teaching continued within the basic courses in Latin American Studies. The students of the Master's Programme in Latin American Studies dedicated their autumn semester to fieldwork or internships in Argentina, Ecuador and Colombia.

Latin American Futures (LAF), a teaching and research initiative supported by Sida/SAREC, continued its activities with seminars on contemporary Latin American issues. In the autumn the planning of an international conference was initiated to close the project.

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 third issue - *Latin America: Left, Right or Beyond* edited by Andrés Rivarola and Adolfo Garcé.

In the public lecture series the theme "Music in Latin America" continued with lectures on music from Argentina and Trinidad. Other lectures treated different Latin American topics such as contemporary politics, gender and human rights. Totally more than 600 people visited the seminars during 2008.

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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, inequality, ethnicity, gender, migration, poverty and social movements. 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 the research projects conducted by LAIS researchers.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project title	<i>“THE RIGHT TO HAVE RIGHTS”- GENDER AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA (1970-2009)</i>
Project leader	<i>Maria Luisa Bartolomei</i>
Financing	LAIS - ISPLA
Project period	2008-2011
Summary	The project research focuses on women's sexual rights and political rights issues, in Argentina, from 1970 onwards. The objective is to examine three periods in Argentina's recent history, from the revolutionary and democracy struggles of the 1970s, to military dictatorship (1976 and 1983) and democracy from 1983. The project takes the concept of intersectionality including Iris. M. Young's theory on justice, Nancy Fraser's approaches on recognition, redistribution and identity and Boaventura de Sousa Santos's concept of inter-legality and legal pluralism, as theoretical perspectives. The research is based on qualitative methods using unstructured and semi-structured interviews.
Keywords	Argentina, gender, women's rights, sexual rights, welfare, social rights
Status 2008-12-31	Project in progress.
Project title	<i>SWEDEN FOR CHILE: 20 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY AND EXILES IN IMAGES, 1970-1990</i>
Project leader	<i>Fernando Camacho Padilla</i>
Financing	Olof Palmes Minnesfond
Project period	20080501-20081231
Summary	The aim of this project is to publish a book of pictures depicting Swedish solidarity with Chile during the Allende and Pinochet periods. It will also portray the lives of Chilean exiles in Sweden, after the military coup in 1973, in memory of the great Swedish efforts to help re-establish democracy in Chile. Sweden's good-will to the political refugees is also remembered. These pictures were collected from public and private archives over a period of several weeks. The collection is of mixed quality. However, after scanning the images most of them were restored with the help of different photo programs.
Keywords	Chile, Sweden, solidarity, exile, history, photography, human rights
Status 2008-12-31	Completed. Publication in preparation.
Project title	<i>LEAVING THE STREETS. A STUDY OF FORMER STREET CHILDREN IN ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY</i>
Project leader	<i>Alejandro González Arriagada</i>
Project period	2008-2010
Summary	The project aims to explore the factors, mechanisms and

circumstances behind street children leaving the streets, in Asuncion, Paraguay. They are contacted using a snowball technique, starting from known former street children. By using in-depth interviews and a link tracing methodology the project is able to identify the survival structures, and their constituent parts, in which the former children have participated. Their living conditions before, during and after their stay at the streets, as well as the circumstances surrounding the transition between these stages, will be inductively analysed. Given that most studies of street children deliver social “photos”, focusing in a particular moment in time, the proposed project represents a contribution to a dynamic analysis of the street children. The result of the project will be published in book form and in journal articles.

Keywords
Status 2008-12-31

Street children, Paraguay, poverty, informal economy
Project in progress.

Project title

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF VENEZUELA SINCE CHÁVEZ

Project leader

Weine Karlsson

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 the 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 2008-12-31

Project in progress.

Project title

FROM EXCLUSION TO INCLUSION IN ECUADOR. INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT STRATEGIES IN OTAVALO AND COTACACHI

Project leader

Rickard Lalander

Cooperating
Institutes

FLACSO (*Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales*) and CEDIME (*Centro de Investigación de los Movimientos Sociales del Ecuador*), Quito. Latin American studies, Renvall Institute, 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 *Pachakutik* 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, interculturalism, local democracy, Ecuador, Otavalo, Cotacachi

Publications

- “Crónica de un divorcio anunciado: Pachakutik y la Minga Intercultural en Otavalo”, in *Ecuador Debate*, no.74, 2008, Centro Andino de Acción Popular/CAAP, Quito.
- “Movimiento indígena y liderazgo político local en la Sierra ecuatoriana: ¿Actores políticos o proceso social?” (with Maria-Therese Gustafsson), in *Provincia. Revista venezolana de estudios territoriales*. no.19, enero-junio 2008, CIEPROL, Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela.
- “¿Proceso social o actores políticos? Reflexiones sobre Pachakutik y CONAIE desde Imbabura” (with Maria-Therese Gustafsson), in *Aportes Andinos*, no. 21, 2008, Programa Andino de Derechos Humanos, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito.
- “El matrimonio entre Pachakutik y la UNORCAC en Cotacachi: ¿Una alianza rara?”, in *Kuri muyu. Revista del Arte y la sabiduría de las Culturas Originarias*, no. 5, 2008.
- ”Pachakutik - bara för indianer?”, in *Tidsskriften Latinamerika*, no. 1, 2008, UBV, Stockholm.
- ”Mångkulturalism och Indianrörelser i Ecuador och Bolivia. Från sociala rörelser till politiska partier” (with Maria-Therese Gustafsson), in *Internationella Studier*, no.1, 2008, Utrikespolitiska Institutet, Stockholm.

Status 2008-12-31

Project in progress.

Project title

DECENTRALISATION, PARTY SYSTEM AND POPULISM IN VENEZUELA

Project leader

Rickard Lalander

Cooperating

Latin American studies, Renvall Institute, University of

Institutes	Helsinki, CIPCOM (<i>Centro de Investigación de Política Comparada</i>), Universidad de Los Andes, Mérida.
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"> • “Venezuelan Leftist Parties in the Era of Hugo Chávez”, in <i>Stockholm Review of Latin American Studies</i>, no. 3, 2008, Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University. • “El contexto histórico del Chavismo y los partidos políticos venezolanos de la izquierda”, in <i>Reflexión Política</i>, no. 19, 2008, Universidad de Bucaramanga, Colombia.
Status 2008-12-31	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, Finland, 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, Ecuador.
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	2008-12-31 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, <i>piropo</i> , motherhood
Status	2008-12-31 Project in progress.
Project title	LATIN AMERICA AND THE PARAMILITARY FUNCTION OF LIBERAL PEACE
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.
Financing	Stockholm University, position of Research Fellow.
Project period	2004-2008
Summary	This project has explored the legitimacy and contestation of political authority in processes of economic and political liberalization. It has focused on Guatemala and employed a comparative approach to include Nicaragua, El Salvador and Colombia. Its' most central concerns have been (a) how to inter-relate the different expressions and sources of violence in post-authoritarian states, (b) the role of pre-liberal economies in hampering processes of political decentralisation, and (c) the organizational forms and alternative visions 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Struggles for Home: Violence, Hope and the Movement of People</i>. Oxford and New York,

Berghahn Books [co-edited with S. Jansen]

- The Paramilitary Function of Transparency: Guatemala and Colombia. In B. Kapferer and B. E. Bertelsen (eds.), *Crisis of the State: War and Social Upheaval*. Oxford and New York, Berghahn Books.

Status 2008-12-31

Project completed.

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 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

Social inequality, body, gender, class, race

Status 2008-12-31

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	2007-2010
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	Microfinance, Jamaica, institutions, financial system
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Role of Informal Institutions in Microfinance</i>. Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Verlag Dr Müller. • <i>Leadership and Governance in Small States: Getting Development Right</i>, (edited with Winston Dookeran), Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Verlag Dr. Müller
Status 2008-12-31	Project in progress.
Project title	<i>REGIONALISM AS SOLUTION TO LOCAL CONFLICTS</i>
Project leader	<i>Andrés Rivarola</i>
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. The 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, but 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 argues, 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, Mercosur, OAS, <i>Grupo de Río</i> .
Status 2008-12-31	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 2008-12-31	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 2008-12-31	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, 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 focuses 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 are 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. Décimo aniversario de la Red Haina (1996-2006)</i>, Medina, Maria Clara, Dominguez, Edmé & Rosalba Icaza Garza (eds), Serie Haina volumen 6, Instituto Iberoamericano, Universidad de Göteborg.
Status 2008-12-31	Project in progress. One field visits was carried out during 2008.

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

Project coordinator: *Thais Machado-Borges*

ACTIVITIES 2008

Seminars

March 12 Democratization in Post-Conflict Central America (in collaboration with FUF), *Jennifer Schirmer*, University of Oslo

March 13 Dialogue in the Midst of War among the Armed Forces, Civil Society and Ex-Guerrillas in Colombia, *Jennifer Schirmer*, University of Oslo

April 29 Afro-Latin American Religious Expressions and Representations, *Laura Álvarez López*, Linköping University, *Markel Thylefors*, University of Gothenburg, and *Johan Wedel*, University of Gothenburg

September 30 Nuevas Guerras, Paramilitares e Ilegalidad: Una Trampa Difícil de Superar, *Mauricio Romero*, Professor of political science, Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia, and *León Valencia*, author, political analyst and newspaper columnist in Bogotá, Colombia.

Other activities

PhD student Sofie Tornhill participated at a PhD research workshop in Denmark (September 2-5,) dealing with the theme “Citizenship and Governance at the Margins of State: Latin America between Post-conflict and Neo-populism.”

Planning of international conference.

Publications

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¿Más allá del bipartidismo? El Peronismo Kirschenista como problema y solución en la Argentina actual, *Antonio Camou*

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.

Open Lecture

Health Consequences of Atmospheric Pollution in Latin American Urban Centers – The Escala Project, *Antonio Ponce de Leon*, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, February 27.

Meeting with Professor *Rodolfo Ilari*, undergraduate students, researchers and colleagues at Stockholm University, December 4, (in collaboration with Instituto Camões).

Thaïs Machado-Borges participates as panel discussant on the subject of Brazilian Cinema Novo, with film director *Roberto Farias*. Stockholm Museum of Modern Art, April 1.

RESEARCH SEMINARS

The Latin American and Caribbean Research Seminar

Coordinator: *Staffan Löfving*

- January 22** Multiculturalism and female leadership in Bolivia, *Charlotta Widmark*
- February 5** The impact of microcredit on income poverty: Evidence from urban Mexico, *Miguel Niño-Zarazua*
- February 19** Literature seminar on a discussion in *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 34, No 3. Introduction by anthropologist, *Pär Ståhlberg*. The event is part of the Latin American Futures project.
- March 13** Dialogue in the midst of war among the armed forces, civil society and ex-guerrillas in Colombia, *Jennifer Schirmer*
- March 18** The long term impact of electoral systems on ethnic relations: a comparison of Trinidad and Guyana, *Jacqueline Nunes*
- April 1** Leaving the streets: a study of former street children in Asunción, Paraguay, *Alejandro González Arriagada*
- April 5** Indigenous Movement and Local Political Leaderships in the Ecuadorian Sierra: Political Actors or Social Process?, *Rickard Lalander* and *Maria-Therese Gustafsson*
- April 29** Afro-Latin American Religious Expressions and Representations, *Laura Álvarez Lopez*, *Markel Thylefors* and *Johan Wedel*
- May 13** Soybeans in Uruguay, *Matilda Baraibar*
- June 10** Industrial Tree Plantations and Industrial Salmon Aquaculture in Southern Chile, *Cristian Alarcon Ferrari*
- September 2** Entre CEPAL y ALALC: Tres Vertientes del Pensamiento Integracionista Latinoamericano, *Andrés Rivarola*
- September 30** Nuevas Guerras, Paramilitares e Ilegalidad: Una Trampa Difícil de Superar Los Caminos de la Alianza entre los Paramilitares y los Políticos, *Mauricio Romero* and *León Valencia*
- October 7** Activism and the Mediation of Sexual Rights in Neoliberal Nicaragua, *Cymene Howe*

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 Master's Programme.

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. In 2007 the names of the courses were changed to Latin American Studies I and Latin American Studies II.

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.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES I (30 ECTS credits)

Teachers *Dag Retsö*, Ph Lic, Economic History (responsible for the course)
Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science
Alejandro González Arriagada, PhD, Economic History
Andrés Rivarola, PhD, Economic History
Rickard Lalander, PhD, Latin American Studies

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 of the course 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 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) as well as 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 are widely known both within and outside the continent. Among the theories presented are the 'pedagogy of the oppressed', the liberation theology and the dependence school.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES II (30 ECTS credits)

Teachers *Magnus Lembke*, PhD, Political Science
Charlotta Widmark, PhD, Cultural Anthropology
James Wardally, PhD student, Economic History
Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law
Rickard Lalander, PhD, Latin American Studies
Alejandro González Arriagada, PhD, Economic History

Aim and content The aim of the course is to give a deeper knowledge of 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: Identity and Social Change (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 2: 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 3: Democratization and Human Rights (7.5 ECTS credits)

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

Part 4: Special assignment, (7,5 ECTS credits)

The student writes a paper within the area of Latin American Studies.

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

Teachers	<p><i>Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law (responsible for the course)</i> <i>Margareta Björling, B.S., Librarian</i> <i>Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History</i> <i>Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science</i> <i>Staffan Löfving, PhD, Cultural Anthropology</i> <i>Mona Rosendahl, Professor, Latin America Studies</i></p>
Supervisors	<p><i>Maria Luisa Bartolomei, J.D., Sociology of Law</i> <i>Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History</i> <i>Rickard Lalander, PhD, Latin American Studies</i> <i>Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science</i> <i>Thais Machado Borges, PhD, Social Anthropology</i> <i>Dag Retsö, Ph Lic, Economic History</i> <i>Andrés Rivarola, PhD, Economic History</i> <i>Mona Rosendahl, Professor, Latin America Studies</i> <i>Charlotta Widmark, PhD, Cultural Anthropology</i></p>
Aim and content	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Part 1: The Interdisciplinary Perspective and It's Methods, (7,5 ECTS credits)</i> 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.</p>

Part 2: Thematical and Regional Specialization (7,5)

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 and writes a paper.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, Masters Programme (120 ECTS credits)

Teachers	<i>Maria Luisa Bartolomei</i> , J.D., Sociology of Law (responsible for the course) <i>Fernando Camacho</i> , PhD Candidate, History <i>Alejandro Gonzalez</i> , PhD, Economic History <i>Rickard Lalander</i> , PhD, Latin American Studies <i>Magnus Lembke</i> , PhD, Political Science <i>Andrés Rivarola</i> , PhD, Economic History <i>Mona Rosendahl</i> , Professor, Latin America Studies <i>Charlotta Widmark</i> , PhD, Cultural Anthropology
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Aim and content	The program provides a deeper understanding of current social scientific research on Latin America. The relationship between area studies and interdisciplinary studies 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 provides an opportunity for emphasizing thematic and regional issues.
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Course 4: Theory and method (7,5 hp)

This course provides a deeper knowledge of theoretical and thematical dimensions within Latin American studies. Furthermore, the interdisciplinary perspective as well as theoretical and methodological approaches within different social scientific research are presented and analyzed.

[Course 5: Optional course (7,5 hp)]

Course 6: Regional studies (15 hp)

This course consists of lectures and seminars but can also be taken as a literature course. It focuses on the following issues: What is a 'region'? What are the geopolitical processes within a region and between regions? What are the distinctive features of the region being studied (political, economical, social, environmental aspects).

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Maria Luisa Bartolomei

Course Bachelor's programme in Spanish with specialisation in Latin America, supervisor
Department Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
Period Spring term 2008

Fernando Camacho

Course Area studies Latin America. Basic Course, Spanish
Department Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
Period Spring and Autumn term 2008

Course Spain and Latin America through documentary films
Institution Instituto Cervantes, Stockholm
Period Spring 2008

Thais Machado Borges

Course Body Matters, M.A. course within the interdisciplinary Masters Program
Department Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
Period December 2008-January 2009

Rickard Lalander

Course Advanced Course in Spanish, exam paper, supervisor
Department Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
Period Spring and Autumn term 2008
Course Thematic specialisation on Spanish America, Advanced Course in Spanish,
Department Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
Period Spring and autumn term 2008
Course Contemporary Spanish America
Department Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
Period Spring term 2008
Course Post-graduate programme/ supervisor
Department Political Science, Stockholm University
Period Spring term, 2008

Akhil Malaki

Courses Interdisciplinary Masters Program:
Introduction: Globalization, Environment and Social Change

Department Department of Economic History, Stockholm University

Period Autumn term 2008

Andrés Rivarola

Course Basic Course, Global problems, module 4, course in international political economy, International Relations, Course organiser

Department Department of Economic History, Stockholm University

Period Autumn term 2008

Course The International society from an historical perspective. Basic course in International Relations. Course Organiser

Department Department of Economic History, Stockholm University

Period Autumn term 2008

Course Contemporary Brazil, Basic Course. Course Organiser.

Department Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University

Period Autumn term 2008

James Wardally

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

Department Department of Economic History, Stockholm University.

Period Spring and Autumn term 2008

THE LIBRARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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 50,000 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 2008 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://libris.kb.se>. Borrowing libraries can place their orders in the interlibrary loan system of Libris.

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Local loans	2.471	2.167	2.152	2.146
Inter-city loans	278	191	212	205
International loans	41	22	20	31
TOTAL	2.790	2.380	2.384	2.382

In 2008 the library received study visits from, among others, the Library of the Cervantes Institute in Stockholm. Various exhibitions of books were arranged in the library and the librarian held a course on information retrieval for students in the Bachelor's Course of Latin American Studies. 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 a board meeting and also in the 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference, held 2-4 October at Instituto HEGOA sobre Desarrollo y Cooperación Internacional in Bilbao, Spain.

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 and panel discussions with Swedish and foreign researchers on economic, social, cultural and political development in Latin America.

PUBLIC SEMINARS

- January 23*** ***Implementing Human Rights in Latin America***
Maria Luisa Bartolomei, Doctor of Laws and Associate Professor, Stockholm University
- February 6*** ***Can you get away with Genocide? A Seminar on the Trials against Efraín Ríos Montt in Guatemala***
Martha Fonseca, The Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation
- February 14*** ***The Revolution around the World. The Journeys of Uruguayan Mirtha Fernández Pucurull***
Carolina Edelstam, granddaughter of the Ambassador Harald Edelstam
Jorge Contreras, author and former political prisoner
Fernando Camacho, PhD candidate in History, Stockholm University
- February 27*** ***Effects of Air Pollution on Health in some Latin American Cities. The ESCALA Project.***
Antonio Ponce de Leon, PhD, Statistics, London School of Economics and Social Sciences
- March 12*** ***Democratization in Post-Conflict Central America. Breaking the Legacy of the Old Order***
Jennifer Schirmer, PhD, Political Anthropology and researcher, University of Oslo
Göran Holmquist, Ph Lic, Economics and former Head of Sida's Regional Department for Latin America
Mats Palmgren, expert on the Police- and Armed Forces in Central America
Magnus Lembke, PhD, Political Science, Stockholm University
- March 26*** ***“Pepe Núñez; Lute-Player”. The Art of Living***
Susann Ullberg, PhD candidate, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
- April 24*** ***Colonialism and Identity in the Novel “Tierra del Fuego”***

Débora Rottenberg, PhD, Literature, Stockholm University

- April 29** ***Commerce, Hunger and Human Rights. The Role of the European Union in Latin America***
José Santos Vallecillo, coffee producer and leader of COCOCH (Consejo Coordinador de Organizaciones Campesinas en Honduras)
- May 7** ***Latin America: a Nation? Geo-Politics and Nationalism in Latin America***
Andrés Rivarola, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University
- May 21** ***Children “Out of Place”. The “Street Children” of Asunción and their “Survival Strategies”***
Alejandro González Arriagada, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University
- June 2** ***The Colombian Crisis and its Regional Consequences***
Luis Eladio Pérez, former Colombian Senator, hostage of FARC for seven years
Jimena Reyes, FIDH (Federación Internacional de los Derechos Humanos)
Jomary Ortegon, lawyer, FIDH
Luis Guillermo Pérez Casas, General Secretary of FIDH
Alejandro González Arriagada, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University
- June 4** ***Reflections on the Grenada Revolution***
Dennis Bartholomew, lawyer and former First Secretary at the Grenada Embassy in London
James Wardally, PhD candidate, Economic History, Stockholm University
- September 17** ***The New Social Movements and the New Leftist Regimes in Latin America (1994-2008)***
Claudia Wasserman, PhD, History, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- October 2** ***Para-Politics in Colombia. The Route to Paramilitary Expansion and the Political Accords***
Claudia López, counsel to UNDP Latin America
Mauricio Romero Vidal, researcher at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia
León Valencia Agudelo, columnist at the Colombian daily El Tiempo
Carlos Vidales, author and Colombia expert, Stockholm University

- October 8** ***Lula and Bachelet or Chávez and Morales. Lugo's Dilemma in Paraguay***
Alejandro Gonzalez, PhD, Economic History, Stockholm University
- October 15** ***Trinidad Calypso. Voice of the Oppressed or the Oppressor's Tool***
Jaqueline Nunes, PhD candidate, London School of Economics
- October 29** ***Family and Reunion among Ecuadorians in Spain***
Gladis Aguirre, PhD candidate, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
- November 11** ***Gender Mobilization as a Factor for Democratic and Sustainable Development in Latin America***
Irene Molina, PhD, Human Geography, University of Uppsala
- November 26** ***From Castro to Castro. A Conversation on the Political and Social Situation in Contemporary Cuba***
Bertil Egerö, Reader in Sociology, University of Lund
Mona Rosendahl, Professor in Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
- December 3** ***Francisco Miranda, Yesterday and Today***
Carlos Vidales, author and expert on Latin America
- December 12** ***The Years of the Bad Seed. A critical Analysis of Contemporary International Geo-Politics***
Pierre Schori, former Swedish Ambassador to the UN and Director of FRIDE (Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior)
Igor Cantillano, Director of Theatre and founder of *Teatro Sandino*, Stockholm

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 2008 the conference was held in Bergen, Norway.

Individual contacts and membership

Maria Luisa Bartolomei

- Head of Department, Criminal Law and Criminology, Prof dr. Stephan Parmentier, K.U. Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

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

- Chair, Latin America programme, the Norwegian Research Council.
- International research fellow, Facultad Latinoamericana de las Ciencias Sociales/FLACSO, sede Ecuador, Quito.
- Associated researcher, Latin American studies, 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

Thais Machado-Borges

- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil, Núcleo de Análise de Discurso
- Instituto Nenuca de Desenvolvimento Sustentável – Insea
- Member of Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Mona Rosendahl

- Member of the Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS)
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Flacso, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba
- Centro Juan Marinello, Habana, Cuba
- Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, University of Southampton, UK
- 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

Papers

Maria Luisa Bartolomei

- *Género y Derechos Humanos – Reconocimiento de la Pluralidad e Intersección de las Diferencias*, Noveno Congreso Nacional de Sociología Jurídica, Rosario, Argentina, November 13-15.

Staffan Löfving

- *Eurocentricity Goes to War: The Double Bind of Conflict Resolution in Colombia*. Panteion University, Athens, Greece, November 27-30
- *Transparency, Authority, and Global Governmentality in Guatemala*. State University of New, York-Albany, USA, September 11-13
- *Transparency and Power, or, What Democracy Conceals*. Meeting of the Society for Swedish Anthropology (SANT) in Falun, April 8-10

Thaïs Machado Borges

- *Producing Beauty in Brazil – Vanity, Visibility and Social Inequality*. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, USA, November 19-23
- *Individual Projects of Modernization: Urban Middle-Class Brazilian Women Get under the Knife*. Conference Latin American Futures. Nordic Latin American Network (Nolan), Bergen, Norway, September 10-12

Andrés Rivarola

- *Prebisch and Myrdal: Development economics at core and periphery*, with Örjan Appelqvist. Dept of Economic History, Stockholm University. Research conference, Rånäs slott, October 16-17

Mona Rosendahl

- Discussant at the session *Cuba Reconsidered: Del Oriente*, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Congress, Montreal, Canada, September 6-8

Lectures and presentations

Fernando Camacho Padilla

- *Crónica de Mundo Hispánico*, Uppsala University, Sweden, January

Rickard Lalander

- Keynote speaker, *¿Proceso social o actores políticos? Reflexiones sobre los liderazgos indígenas en Cotacachi y Otavalo*, Escuela de Gobierno y Políticas Públicas, Gobernación de Imbabura & Ministerio de Inclusión Económica y Social-Imbabura, Ibarra, January 21
- *Avances de Investigación sobre Cotacachi y Otavalo*, FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito, January 16
- Interviewed on several occasions by the Swedish Television and Radio (SVT and SR) about democracy in Venezuela
- Interviewed in Otavalo Television/OTV

Thais Machado Borges

- Panel discussant on the subject of Brazilian *Cinema Novo*, with film director Roberto Farias. Stockholm Museum of Modern Art, April 1

Mona Rosendahl

- Presentation, *Perceptions of homeland and return among Cubans in Miami* at the workshop 'Movements', CEIFO, Stockholm University
- Participation in the radio program 'Människor och tro', P1, Sveriges Radio on the issue of religion in Cuba today

Academic assignments

Weine Karlsson

- Assessment of *Plantae Ekmanianae* to Riksbankens Jubileumsfond

Thais Machado Borges

- Main Coordinator for the Latin American Future's project
- Co-organizer of the Brazilian Studies Group
- Editorial Group of the Stockholm Review of Latin American Studies

Mona Rosendahl

- Deputy Head of Department, Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, Stockholm University
- 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)
- Peer review of article, *Journal of Latin American Studies*

- Review of application for the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.
- Member of PhD examination committee. Anna Mattsson *The Power to do Good. Post-Revolution, NGO Society, and the Emergence of NGO-Elites in contemporary Nicaragua*, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Lund University.
- Substitute member, The Gender Equality Committee, Stockholm University
- Participant in journey with Vice-Chancellor Kåre Bremer to Mexico, Argentina and USA with the purpose of signing agreements with UNAM and ITAM, Mexico, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina and University of Florida, Gainesville, USA

Andrés Rivarola

- Member of the Academic Board of the Escuela de Políticas Públicas of the Círculo de Legisladores del Congreso de la Nación (Argentina).
- Guest researcher at the Unidad Multidisciplinaria, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Uruguay. From November 2007 to March 2008.

LAIS PUBLICATIONS 2008

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Maria Luisa Bartolomei

- Universal Jurisdiction v National Sovereignty- the Cases of Argentina and Chile, *Iberoamericana, Nordic Journal of Latin American Studies* 2007, vol XXXVII:2., Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm

Fernando Camacho Padilla

- Memorias enfrentadas: las reacciones a los informes Nunca Más de Argentina y Chile. *Persona y Sociedad*, Volumen XXII n°2/ Agosto 2008, Santiago (Chile)

Weine Karlsson

- Preface, *Plantae Ekmanianae, En bok om Erik Leonard Ekman och hans karibiska växter* (A book on Erik Leonard Ekman and his Caribbean plants), Stockholm, Sweden, Atlantis, 2007

Thaïs Machado Borges

- O antes e o depois: feminilidade, classe e raça na revista *Plástica e Beleza*. *Luso-Brazilian Review* 45(1): 146-163
- “An Ethnographic Approach to the Reception of Telenovelas: Some Reflections on Research Methods.” *Compós* 2008 (<http://boston.brasilink.com/compos.org.br/e-compos/>)
- “The Production of Bodies.” In *Thinking with Beverly Skeggs*, edited by Annika Olsson. Centrum för Genusstudiers skriftserie, nr 42. Center for Gender Studies, Stockholm University

Staffan Löfving

- Review of Catherine Nolin 2006. Transnational Ruptures: Gender and Forced Migration. Aldershot: Ashgate. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 40, Issue 3
- Swedish Democracy Promotion through NGOs in Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Peru: Outcome Oriented Evaluation of Diakonia’s Latin America Programme. Sida Evaluations 2008:02. Stockholm: Sida [co-authored with R. Brett, M. González, V. Caballeros, C. Salazar, F. Soto, C. Widmark]

Andrés Rivarola

- Book Review: “Suspicious Minds: Recent Books on U.S.-Latin American Relations”. In *Latin American Politics and Society*. Vol. 50, No. 4, Winter, pp. 157-172