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## **Message from the Director**

Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to express my appreciation for the fruitful debates during the Second Preparatory Seminar of the Second EU-LAC Academic Summit held recently in Guadalajara.

I strongly believe that academia represents a focal point for strengthening the cooperation between European Union and Latin America and Caribbean, the investment in education being fundamental to shape the relation between the two regions

Also, I am sure that the wide range of topics discussed in Bucharest in May and in Guadalajara in November 2014 can be transformed in concrete and effective measures in the future EU-LAC Academic Summitthat will be held in Brussels in June 2015.

I thank you for your support and your attention and I wish you success in your activities!

# Prof. lordan Barbulescu, director of ISLA, at the Second Preparatory Seminar of the Second EU-LAC Academic Summit

Professor Iordan Barbulescu, the director of the Institute of Latin American Studies, has participated between 25-26 November 2014 at the Second Preparatory Seminar of the Second EU-LAC Academic Summit, organized by the University of Guadalajara.

Tuesday, 25 November, Mr. Barbulescu has presented, during the opening ceremony, the conclusions of the first Preparatory Seminar, held in Bucharest in May 2014, at the end of which the participants expressed their enthusiastic views on the event which represented an excellent forum for communication aimed at developing the academic relations between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean, while the findings of the debates and panels constituted an important step for discussions and decisions in the future Academic Summit in terms of integrating the higher education, research and innovation systems and of improving their relation with the society and the productive sector.

Also, Mr. Barbulescu was one of the panelists of the Panel 4 `Boosting collaboration between Higher Education Institutions and their Relations with Public Policies` together with Francisco Aldecoa, Professor of International Relations, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, Roberto Peña Guerrero, Professor and Researcher at the Center of International Relations of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the UNAM, Mexico and Stephan Joseph Sberro Picard, Codirector of the Institute of Studies of European Integration (IEIE), Technologic Autonomous Institute of Mexico (ITAM), Mexico.







## Pre-enrollment MA Latin American Studies

By filling out the 2014 online pre-enrollment form, MA in Latin American Studies candidates are given the opportunity to benefit from:

- subscription to a monthly newsletter with opportunities and events in the field of International Relations and European and Latin American Studies;
- information concerning the events organized by the Department of International Relations and European Integration such as conferences, debates, roundtables, book releases, educational fairs, lectures open to the public, tutoring activities, etc.
- academic tutoring for writing the admission essay (at the request of candidates);
- specific professional guidance and counseling for MA in Latin American Studies program offered by DIREI.

The students interested can pre-enroll here: http://dri.snspa.ro/en/admission/pre-enrollment/.

## Internship

The Institute of Latin American Studies in Romania offers qualified students from EU and Latin America and Caribbean the opportunity to gain practical experience and to acquire deep knowledge in the field of Latin American Studies through an online internship programme.

The duration of ISLA internship is 2 months, does not require travel or relocation and is not paid.

All the activities will be done online, through Facebook platform. At the end of the internship all interns who fulfill their tasks will receive a certificate and will become part of our Alumni network.

Internships assignments will vary in term of content, including research activities, translation, article writing for ISLA Journal (under registration process in international databases) or Newsletter, analytical reports on subjects related to Latin American Studies, policy briefs, media monitoring or promotion activities of ISLA.

#### Eligibility requirements:

To be considered for an internship with ISLA, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be enrolled in a degree programme (undergraduate or graduate) at a university in one EU or Latin America and Caribbean country
- 2) Be proficient in English or Spanish. The ability to speak French, Romanian or Portuguese is an advantage.
- 3) Have a deep interest in Latin America studies

If you meet the above eligibility criteria, please submit your application by sending a CV (written in English or Spanish) and a motivation letter (one page letter written in Spanish, French, Romanian or Portuguese) at <a href="mailto:isla@dri.snspa.ro">isla@dri.snspa.ro</a> no later than November 30, 2014. The candidates will receive an answer until December 3, 2014. The internship will start on December 5, 2014.

## **Opportunities**



#### Erasmus+ and the Latin American Universities

<u>Erasmus+</u> will support projects that aims to modernize universities the in Latin America through partnerships with institutions in Europe.

Previously, this goal was funded under the EU's ALFA (América Latina Formación Académica) programme, which involved institutions from more than 18 countries in Latin America.

More information:

http://cavtaquechel.blogspot.pt/2014/11/erasmus-y-lasuniversidades-de-america.html

### Call for projects: The cultural, scientific and social dimension of EU-LAC relations

Call: H2020-INT-SOCIETY-2015 Subcall: H2020-INT-2014-2015

Planned Opening Date: 10-12-2014

Deadline Date: 28-05-2015

Type of action: Research and innovation actions

The research done under this H2020 work-programme should be focused on those areas that are deemed crucial to explain the current state of play of relations between EU and LAC, and those that are considered strategic for future interaction and cooperation between the two regions. Proposals shall include at least three legal entities established in three different LAC Countries. However, an even broader participation of international partners from the LAC countries in proposals submitted to this call is encouraged.

#### More information:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/1064-int-12-2015.html#tab2

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