



INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Director

Distinguished Colleagues,

Starting 1 October 2012, by decision of the Senate of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest, our university has established the Institute of Latin American Studies.

ISLA aims to create a network encompassing educational, research and scientific information institutions and relevant actors for the political and economic/trade cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe in order to coordinate and strengthen relationships with similar partners in Latin America.

The prompt and positive response we received from the diplomatic missions accredited to Bucharest at the news of the establishment of ISLA encouraged us and proved us that we are on the right track and this initiative was much awaited. We thank His Excellency Mr. Claudio Perez Paladino – Argentinian Ambassador of the Republic, His Excellency Mrs. Maria Eliana Cuevas Bernales – Ambassador of Chile and His Excellency Mr. Raymundo Santos Rocha Magno – Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Finally, we consider Romania is bound to develop relations with Latin America and the Caribbean and to act as an academic pole for this region, as Bucharest is the following Latin capital of the European Union, after Madrid, Lisbon, Paris and Rome. We speak and think in twin languages and cultures and thus, developing the Institute of Latin American Studies is a responsibility which incumbs to us.

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ISLA Profile

The Institute of Latin American Studies intends to develop and promote the relations between Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe through research, exchange programmes, debates and partnerships..

The development of ISLA could favor the transformation of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in an academia hub that links the academic communities of the two regions, a center of excellence for debates and partnerships, as well as a major player in promoting the image and the national and regional interests of Latin America.

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The main objectives to fulfill the mission of ISLA are:

- to promote national and international research on the economic, political, cultural and diplomatic relations between Central and Eastern Europe, on the one hand, and Latin America, on the other hand;
- to strengthen the relations with the states and the relevant actors in the areas of interest;
- to promote and disseminate nationally and internationally the results of the research conducted by the Institute;
- to provide expertise in its areas of activity;
- to develop and implement research projects on its own or in partnership, nationally or internationally;



Agreement on academic cooperation between the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration and the Central University of Chile

In order to develop the friendly relationship and promote the cooperation in the field of education and scientific research between the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration and the Central University of Chile, both sides agreed to sign an agreement under the framework of the Preparatory Seminar of the Second EU-LAC Academic Summit.

‘This agreement represents a significant contribution for the internationalization and a wonderful opportunity for working with an unfamiliar part of Europe. For our students, this is a potential leap forward.’
(Marco Moreno, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Central University of Chile)



Agreement on academic cooperation, Chile, January 2014
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http://www.ucentral.cl/ucen-y-universidad-de-romania-acuerdan-cooperacion-academica/prontus_ucentral2012/2014-01-14/182227.html

Preparatory Seminar for the Second EU-LAC Academic Summit

In January 2013 the first CELAC – EU Academic Summit was held in Santiago de Chile, which brought together academics and representatives of universities, higher education institutions and scientific networks from both regions, a few days before the CELAC – EU Summit of Heads of State and Government.

The Summit had outstanding results, among which the most important are the ones regarding the intention to promote a Euro – Latin American higher education, science, technology and innovation common space, to create a Latin America and Caribbean – European Union Permanent Academic Forum, to strengthen the integration of higher education, scientific research and innovation systems and promote collaboration between higher education institutions and their relations with society and the production sector. The main debates and proposals, but also the content of the Santiago Declaration can be found at the official site of the Summit.

The Summit 's success was due in part to the excellent preparation during the preparatory seminars in Paris (June 2012) and Lima (October 2012). Indeed, one of the most important elements of the Declaration, the creation of a Permanent Academic Forum was an initiative presented in Lima.

Therefore, we recognize the substantial importance of the preparatory meetings and hope that the goals established in the Preparatory Seminar of Bucharest (May 2014) may open new perspectives for discussions within the Second Academic Summit in 2015.



REGISTRATION AND PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION TOPICS ADDRESSED TO:

Universities, Research and Investigation Centers, from the private and public sectors of the European Union and CELAC member states

(Open to all the institutions, even without having previously attended the other reunions or the Academic Summit)

PRIMARY AIMS OF THIS REUNION:

- Further debating and analyzing the provisions encompassed by the Santiago Declaration, agreed upon during the 1st Academic Summit ALC-UE (22nd and 23rd of January 2013).

Exchanging opinions and ideas regarding the EU's new research and education programmes entitled Horizon 2020 and Erasmus Plus

Discussing and analyzing the progress of the Joint Initiative for Research, Science and Technology CELAC-EU, according to the CELAC-EU Action Plan 2013-2015

- Developing ideas and proposals regarding the current and future cooperation within the Euro-Latin American space, in fields such as higher education, science and technology, that will be later discussed during the Second Academic Summit from 2015.

PARTICIPATION

1. The participation to this event is open to all universities, research centers and scientific networks from member countries of the European Union and CELAC (Community of Latin America and the Caribbean).
2. Each participant institution is expected to cover the expenses related to travel, accommodation and internal transfers.
3. The Organizing Committee from Romania will ensure the logistic and administrative support, good coordination of the event's activities and finance the expenses related to all these logistic activities.
4. The Seminar enjoys the support of the Romanian Ministry of Education, the EU-LAC Foundation, the Americas Institute from France, CELARE and other European and Latin American institutions

HOW TO REGISTER

The institutions that would like to attend this event are required to fill in the [Registration Form](#) and submit it to the following email address :

Email: contact@isla.eu.com (CC: ioana.dodi@isla.eu.com)

! The registration form is available on our website: <http://www.isla.eu.com/en/seminar/formular-de-inscriere/>

Call for papers – European Journal of Latin American Studies No. 3

The call for papers for the European Journal of Latin American Studies is now open for students, individual researchers, think-tanks, policy-making institutes, etc. with a general interest in Latin American Studies. The central theme of the third issue of the Journal is "The bilateral EU-LAC relations between the Santiago and the Brussels Summit" but contributions on any other topics related to of the EU-LAC relations are welcomed (from a political, economic, cultural, historical, etc. perspective).

Guidelines for Authors

The articles (written in English or Spanish) must have between 3.000-7.000 words, preceded by a 200-word abstract in English, a brief autobiographical note and 3-5 keywords. The number of bibliographic referents should be maintained within reasonable limits. We welcome those interested to submit their articles in Microsoft Office Word format, Times New Roman, 12, at 1.5 lines to revista@isla.eu.com, no later than March 1, 2014, with the following e-mail subject: "For the EJLAS".



Workshop in Chile: European integration and the EU-LAC relations

On the 15th of January 2014 the University of Chile hosted the academic analysis workshop entitled "European integration and the EU-Latin America and the Caribbean relations", that examined the development of the European integration processes and focused on the relation maintained between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean.

At the event participated professor dr. Iordan Gheorghe Bărbulescu, director of the Institute of Latin American Studies (ISLA) from Bucharest (Romania), Ambassador Pablo Cabrera, director of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Mr. Thomas Lagathu, representing the Embassy of France in Chile and Ms. Camila Ladies Jipa, the Romanian Consul in Chile. Among the guests that took part at the workshop we will also mention the Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration and director of the Europe-Latin America relations Center (CELARE) – Mr. Marco Moreno, Mr. Héctor Casanueva and the director of the Asia-Pacific department of UCEN – Ms. Carolina Cabrera.

Two of the most important topics of the agenda revolved around strengthening the academic cooperation between the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration from Bucharest and the University of Chile – so that it would develop and promote the exchange of values and experiences of the two regions – and emphasized the preparation of a discussion agenda for the second academic summit EU-ALC, that will be organized by the Institute of Latin-American Studies (ISLA) and held in Bucharest between 26th-27th May 2014.



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