

Message from the Director

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Happy holidays, warm thanks, and wishes for a safe and good new year. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you in 2016.

Dear friends, colleagues and students,

As the year ends, I want to thank all who have been close to our activity during 2015. The year included considerable events in Euro-Latin-American space, the Second Academic Summit LAC-EU and the EU-CELAC summit being by far the most important, as they brought together European, Latin American and Caribbean experts and leaders to shape a common future for these two regions and to work for prosperous, cohesive and sustainable societies for their citizens. I have the privilege and also the pleasure to participate at the Second EU-LAC Academic Summit, in the panel named `links between the academic community and public policies`, together with Jorge Valdez, the executive director of the EU-LAC Foundation and Cristian Parket, from the University of Santiago, Chile and I am convinced that the recommendations included in the Brussel Declaration have the potential to lead to the creation of a common space of knowledge.

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Best regards,

Iordan Gheorghe Barbulescu



Uruguay success story: 95% of its electricity from renewables



Source:

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/03/uruguay-makes-dramatic-shift-to-nearly-95-clean-energy#img-1>

At the climate summit in Paris, Uruguay announced that it produces 94.5% of electricity from renewable energy sources.

The performance was achieved in less than ten years without government support or increases in consumer prices. In fact, reducing to near-zero carbon emissions was accompanied by notable declines in electricity costs.

In the last 5 years, in Uruguay, investments in renewable energy reached 15% of GDP, rising to \$ 7 billion.

Learn about the success story of Uruguay visiting <http://www.sciencealert.com/uruguay-has-shifted-to-getting-95-of-its-electricity-from-clean-energy-sources-in-less-than-10-years>.

Connecting young experts from Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe

**IFAIR**

Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations e.V.

Students and young experts from LAC and EU are invited to work in bi-regional teams to co-author 20 articles on four macro themes, which will be published online as well as in a printed policy paper.

LACalytics is a program supporting interregional teamwork of students and young professionals from Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of international relations. It produces in-depth analyses of present subjects in Latin American politics, economics and social life as well as EU-LAC relations which affect the youth in Latin America. LACalytics offers a distinctive viewpoint on these matters by examining them through the lens of young people.

Application is open until 15 January 2016! Consult <http://ifair.eu/en/act/lac-alytics/> for more information how to apply.

Applications for hosting at the Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge

The Centre of Latin American Studies of the University of Cambridge invites applications for hosting from candidates for Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships from October 2016. Latin Americanists working in any area within arts, humanities or social sciences are welcome to apply, provided they meet the eligibility criteria established by the Leverhulme.

Application is open until 5 January 2016!

Read more on <http://www.latin-american.cam.ac.uk/latest-news-and-events/leverhulme-2016>.

Testimonial from a MA student in Latin American Studies

When I turned 30 years, I have decided to come in Bucharest to fulfil my dream of becoming ambassador. I have searched for a master in the field of International Relations and I have found on SNSPA website a new master in Latin American Studies, a new domain that captured my attention for the first moment. I have passed the admission exam and so began the road to my dream, a difficult but fascinating one. Together with my professors, that are extraordinary people, I have discovered a lot of interesting things about Latin America and its relations with EU.

I wish all the best to future students and I want to assure them that the choice to study Latin American Studies is a very good option.

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