

## Message from the Director

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Dear colleagues,

On 10 February we have ended the first edition of our internship programme and I want to express my gratitude to our 22 interns for their work and dedication.

Also, I wish you a happy spring, full of fruitful academic experiences and we invite you stay close to our activities.

Best regards,

Iordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

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## Ending the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the internship programme



# Internship

The Institute of Latin American Studies ended on 10 February 2015 the first edition of the internship programme, opened on December 2014. During these two months 22 students coming from Chile, Mexico, Spain, Italy, Norway and Romania have worked in the field of Latin American Studies, proving high interest for the bi-regional relation between LAC and EU. For example, in one of their activities, they have analyzed this relation, underlining possible ways in which the European Union and Latin America and Caribbean can work together.



## Spanish and Portuguese (Brazil) courses at DIREI

The students of the Department of International Relations and European Integration, within which the Institute of Latin American Studies works, offers its students the possibility to study Spanish and Portuguese as diplomatic languages.

These courses combine the study of Spanish and Portuguese languages with specific themes concerning Latin American Studies and modern diplomacy.

Our trainers are professionals with wealth of expertise, being also PhD candidates or having a strong research interests in the field of Latin American Studies.

We consider this an excellent opportunity to foster the cooperation between EU and LAC, reducing the gap caused by linguistic barriers being a first step to release the communication between the citizens of the two regions.

## MA in Latin American Studies in Bucharest



This program is held in English and Spanish and it addressed to university graduates under Bologna system (3 years) or to those who graduated from long term university study programs (4 years).

Form of study: full time, 2 years, 120 ECTS

For non-subsidized places from the state budget, the tuition fee is 500 euro/per semester.

<http://dri.snspa.ro/en/masters-degrees/latin-american-studies/>

The Master's Program in Latin American Studies is an initiative of the Institute of Latin American Studies and the Department of International Relations and European Integration of the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and is the first program of this kind in Romania.

We emphasize that this program is bilingual, in Spanish and English, so that the courses are held in two internationally used languages, vital for facilitating students' access to information, documents and resources of the Latin America and Caribbean region. The bilingual courses also create the possibility for students to come from other countries than Romania.

The program aims to become a regional point of interest for people who want to complete their training in international relations and to acquire expertise in Latin American issues. Designing such a program came from the need to meet the demands and changes occurring in the international system, the states in Latin America becoming more interesting for the international community.

We will try through the courses to familiarize the students with developments in Latin America and the Caribbean, to analyze phenomena that led the various economic, social and political activities, to predict the relations between states in this area and other relevant actors in the international system.

The competences that will be acquired during the master degree can be applied by involving in the several activities which are held by the Institute of Latin-American Studies, part of the National University.

After graduation, graduates of this program have a wide range of opportunities for entering the labor market, both in the public area, within the Latin American and Caribbean divisions of government institutions such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the private sector, especially given the increase in trade relations between the EU and the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. Also, graduates may represent a valuable human resource for Academia.

## EU-LAC: recent news

### INVITATION

Invitation to an off-the-record press briefing on the EU's third round of negotiations for an EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (4-5 March)

Source: [http://eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2015/150225\\_01\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2015/150225_01_en.htm)

## Opportunities in the field of Latin American Studies

### Open Call for Research Projects - EU-LAC Foundation

EU-LAC Foundation First Semester 2015 Open Call for Research Projects Related to the bi-regional relationship EU-Latin America & the Caribbean

Deadline 31 March 2015.

More information available at: <http://eulacfoundation.org/en/opencall>

### Study Latin American Studies in Bucharest. Erasmus +.

The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration has now a new site for the Erasmus Programme! If you want to study Latin American Study in Bucharest don't lose this opportunity!

More information available at: <http://erasmus.snsa.ro/>



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