

Message from the Director

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Dear colleagues,

First of all, I want to wish all of you a happy spring!

Secondly, given the fact that recently we have celebrated the International Women's Day I want to express my appreciation for the women in EU and LAC, wishing them all the best.

Last but not least, I want to highlight our intensive preoccupation in promoting Latin American Studies, this month being focused on Latin American languages and on growing our team!

Thank you for the attention paid to ISLA!

Iordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

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Spanish and Portuguese (Brazil) courses at DIREI



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At the Department of International Relations and European Integration, Wednesday is the day of Latin American languages. At 15:30 (EET) starts the Spanish course and at 18:30 (EET) starts the Portuguese course.

The two teachers, Ioana and Lulia, both members of ISLA team, appreciate that the students are very interested and they are very conscientious

It is always difficult to learn another language, but our Spanish teacher has a great way to teach us. What I like the most about this class is the fact that we read articles related to our area of study, international relations. There is no pressure and everybody can speak their minds so we can improve our pronunciation and our accent. As future diplomats, this class is a great way to build a solid foundation in the vocabulary and communication area.

(Ruxandra Oprea, MA student enrolled in Spanish Course)

The Portuguese course is structured very well, taking into consideration that for us, the MA students, this is the first time when we learn Portuguese.

I want also to add the passion of our teacher, Lulia, for Brazil that is an excellent incentive and that make us eager to know more and more about the language, the culture, the Brazilian life.

(Luminita Bogdan, MA student enrolled in Portuguese Course)

Latin American Studies promoted in MAEDRI project

The students enrolled in Diplomacy and International Negotiation MA program at DIREI of National School of Political Science and Public Administration simulated the activity of a Ministry of Foreign Affairs, entitled #MAEDRI!

During a week, the students-diplomats accredited in Chile and Brasil will inform the headquarter - MAEDRI about the essential news and the events spent there!

#ISLA team appreciates the initiative and congratulates them!



MA in Latin American Studies in Bucharest. Open Days Week



Picture Source: <http://dri.snspa.ro/2015/03/saptamana-portilor-deschise-30-martie-3-aprilie-2015/>

The Department of International Relations and European Integration organizes between March 30 - April 3 the Open Days Week. In this period the undergraduates aiming to be enrolled in Latin American Studies MA program have the chance to visit the university, to meet teachers and actual students, to see the courses structures and to experience by themselves the experience to be a MA student in Latin American Studies.

Overview

MA program in Latin American Studies 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/>



EU-LAC recent news



EU-CELAC Summit 2015 Brussels

Picture Source:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2015/06/10-11/>

The second EU-CELAC / 8th EU-LAC summit will be held in Brussels on 10-11 June 2015 under the theme: "Shaping our common future: working for prosperous, cohesive and sustainable societies for our citizens".

Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, will chair the summit which 61 heads of state or governments are expected to attend.

Debates during the summit will focus on bi-regional and global issues. It will be the occasion to underline the importance of EU-CELAC cooperation in a complex, rapidly changing world.

More information:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2015/06/10-11/>

Opportunities: Traineeship at ISLA for DIREI's students

The students enrolled at the Department of International Relations and European Integration, in the 2nd MA year, have the opportunity to complete a traineeship with the Institute of Latin American Studies, as part of their studies.

The traineeship will be organized between April 20- May 15 and the main activities will be carried online, using digital instruments for communication.

The students interested can subscribe at DIREI's secretariat no later than April 15.

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