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Foreword

Dear friends, colleagues and students,

I have the pleasure of sharing with you the April edition of ISLA Newsletter. This month we had an extraordinary opportunity to analyze the new realities in economy and international trade, with focus on Europe and Latin America with the Ambassadors of various LAC countries to WTO or in Romania. We were proud to welcome Their Excellencies in Bucharest, at National University of Political Studies and Public Administration and I want to express my deep appreciation for their valuable presentation and insightful inputs.

Also, as this month we had the Master Information Evening, I strongly recommend, to all those interested to become experts on Latin American affairs, our Master in Latin American Studies. We have already opened the pre-enrollment session and those interested to become our students are kindly invited to subscribe to be guided through the application procedure.

Lastly, if all those who celebrate Easter on 1st of May, I wish you a Happy Easter with peace and prosperity!

Best regards,

Jordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

EU-LAC relations | El Niño - EU announces additional funds in new approach to address global food crises

Half of people (41 million) suffering from food crisis this year living in El Niño-affected regions, Latin America and Caribbean, Southern, Central and Eastern Africa, as well as few Asian and Pacific countries are suffering from a severe food crisis.

On 25th of April the European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica proposed additional €414 million to address the existing food security crisis caused by El Niño.

More details can be found at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-1513_en.htm.

Special points of interest:

- @ Master in Latin American Studies.
- @ Academic Journal EJLAS.
- @ Bi-regional online internship programme.

Conference - ECONOMY AND COMMERCE IN THE GLOBAL ERA: PREMISES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

The conference 'Economy and Commerce in the Global Era: Premises and Challenges for the Integration of Europe and Latin America' was organized on 25 May 2016 at National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest.

The event was attended by several Latin American Ambassadors to WTO or in Romania: H.E. Agustín Gutiérrez Canet, Ambassador of Mexico in Romania, H.E. Manuel Gonzalo

Vieira Merola, Ambassador of Uruguay in Romania, Rodrigo Guzmán Barros, Embassy of Chile in Romania, H.E. Gabriel Duque, Permanent Representative of Columbia to WTO, H.E. Hector Casanueva, Permanent Representative of Chile to WTO, H.E. Fernando de Mateo, Permanent Representative of Mexico to WTO, H.E. Francisco Pirez, former Permanent Representative of Uruguay to WTO, H.E. Guillermo Valles, Director of Division on International Trade in

Goods and Services, and Commodities of UNCTAD.

The conference's aims were:

- to have a current and prospective perspective over economy and international trade, with a focus on Europe and Latin America

- to analyze the new realities of the digital environment, the reorganization of production systems and services, global value chains, the impact on regional integration schemes and the new international economic competitiveness.



Master information evening



An information session about the Master in Latin American Studies at the Department of International Relations and European Studies was held on the Master's Information Evening of 11 April 2016. The session facilitates the opportunity to ask questions and talk to professors, current students and graduates.

The 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).

For the students interested in pursuing the

MA in Latin American Studies, the Department of International Relations and European Integration offers to those interested in applying for a Master Degree in Latin American Studies in 2016 a pre-enrollment service.

The pre-enrollment form is available at <http://dri.snspa.ro/en/admission/pre-enrollment/>



Round Table: Romania - Mexico relations

The Institute of Latin American Studies is pleased to organize the Round table on the development of relations between Romania and Mexico.

We invite academia representatives, students, public functionaries, diplomats and representatives of the financial and business sector to join the event on 10 May 2016, starting with 17.30 to connect with students and professors of the Master in Latin American Studies, and with high level representatives from Latin America.

The participants will enjoy the opportunity to meet and to have firsthand information about the relations between Romania and Mexico from His Excellency, Mr. Agustin Gutierrez Canet, Ambassador of Mexico in Romania.

The attendance is free, but there are a limited number of places, therefore you are requested to register at the e-mail isla@dri.snspa.ro. Also we invite you to join the event on Facebook to stay updated; <https://www.facebook.com/events/460628360803238/>.



México

Round table

România
explore the Carpathian garden

10 May 2016, SNSPA, 17.30

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Starting on 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. The Institute proposes to help, develop and promote the academic relations between Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe, especially Romania, through research, mobility, debates and partnerships. The Institute aims to provide expertise to the academics and to the relevant social, economic and political actors and to contribute to promoting the exchange of values between the two regions.

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



Why Latin American Studies in Romania?

We consider Romania is bound, so to speak, 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, the journal *European Journal of Latin American Studies / Revista Europeea de Estudios Latinoamericanos* is and the www.isla.eu.com

website is a responsibility which incumbs to us.

Also, we are confident that through ISLA the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration becomes a connection point between academia in the two regions, a center of excellence for discussions and partnerships, and a major player in promoting the image and the national and regional interests of 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.