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Foreword

Dear colleagues and students,

February was a very interesting month for the Latin American Studies, but also for us. I was honored to attend along with other three thousand education professionals the 'Universidad 2016' Congress in Havana, a city that become this month headquarter of all those interested in higher education development.

The congress was an excellent opportunity for an intensive academic dialogue and for networking and projects agreements which conducted to new commitments and solutions to the most demanding problems of higher education.

I hope next months will bring us a lot of such interesting events and chances to debate and find solutions to develop our societies.

Finally, I kindly invite you to follow closely our activity on our Facebook page (@[Institute of Latin American Studies](#)) or website (www.isla.eu.com).

Best regards,

Jordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

EU-LAC relations | Meeting between HR/VP and Secretary General of the Organization of the American States

The HR/VP, Federica Mogherini, and the Secretary General of the Organization of the American States, Luis Almagro met on February 17, 2016 in Brussels in the context of the latter's presence at the third EU-OAS Political Consultations.

The subjects on the agenda referred to the peace process in Colombia, the EU-Cuba relationship, the political and economic situation in Venezuela, the elections in Haiti and the evolution of EU-OAS cooperation in the last 15 years.

More details can be found at http://www.eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2016/160217_02_en.htm

Special points of interest:

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

ISLA Director at the `Universidad 2016` Congress

Professor Jordan Barbulescu, ISLA Director and Dean of the Department of International Relations and European Integration of SNSPA, took part in the `Universidad 2016` Congress.

Tuesday, 16th of February, on the 13th International Panel `Higher education

and its perspectives`, professor Barbulescu lectured about the link between academia and public policies, focusing on Romania case.

Also, professor Barbulescu had various meetings with representatives from Latin American universities. They reviewed the

possibilities for future collaborations and they stressed the importance of higher education, research and innovation in fostering intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding.

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The `Universidad 2016` Congress was held from February 15th to February 19th, 2016, in Havana, Cuba, under the declaration `Innovative University for a sustainable human development`. It was an extension of contemporary debates about higher education

and a guarantee of a new meeting between its actors as a framework for reflection and debate.

This edition ratified the Congress as an academia for frank and thoughtful dialogue, as a place for meetings and coordination of projects, networks and new

commitments where many solutions to the most pressing problems of higher education are studied and analyzed, contributing to the future of our countries.

Read more on:
<http://www.congresouniversidad.cu/en/home>

Venezuelan Cultural Week in Bucharest

The Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Romania, with the support of the Nacional Museum of the Romanian Peasant, the National Museum George Enescu and the National Autonomous Centre of Cinematography of Venezuela organized in Bucharest The Venezuelean Cultural

Week between 15 and 18 February 2016

The event gave the Romanian and foreign public the opportunity to discover the varied and rich Venezuelan culture.

The agenda included:
 - A Painting and Sketches Exhibition of the talented and creative plastic artist

Humberto Miquilena
 - Screening of three Venezuelan films: Samuel, Reveron and Azu, soul of a Princess.
 - A recital given by Romanian pianist Victoria Spinei
 -National food, Venezuelan Rum and chocolate tasting



Source: Nacional Museum of the Romanian Peasant Facebook Page

Volunteering in Brazil

Students interested to visit Brazil and to volunteer can access AIESEC's Global Citizen program.

AIESEC's Global Citizen program is an international volunteering program that connects students and recent graduates to voluntary projects across the world.

The program allows students to involve for 6 weeks in an international project in which to grow personally and professionally while getting to know another culture.

The projects are in different fields: education, culture, travel or NGOs development.

Volunteer profile

- Be a current undergraduate student or have graduated within the last two years;
- Age between 18 and 29 years;
- Knowledge of English at a conversational level;
- The desire to have an international experience



Source: AIESEC

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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 Europeana de Estudios Latinoamericanos* is and the www.isla.eu.com website is a responsibility which

incumbes 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.