

# Newsletter



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## Foreword

Dear friends, colleagues and students,

I am grateful to each one of you for staying with us in 2015 and I wish everyone a rewarding and prosperous new year!

Our team came back from winter holiday with a lot of interesting ideas and plans for 2016 and we are convinced that our projects will be successful instruments for promoting the relations between Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe.

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

Best regards,

Jordan Gheorghe Barbulescu



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## The EU's relations with Latin America and the Caribbean

The privileged relations between EU and LAC date back from 1999 with the first bi-regional Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro. The following speech of Federica Mogherini, HR/ VP of the EU, is illustrative for describing them:

*"The people of Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe have a long history of common aspirations...nowadays; we share a wish for peace and prosperity that our cultural and historical roots have helped to strengthen from generation to generation."*  
([http://www.eeas.europa.eu/laclindex\\_en.htm](http://www.eeas.europa.eu/laclindex_en.htm))

Read more about EU-CELAC strategic partnership [here](#).

### Special points of interest:

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

## Children Change Colombia Project Talk

Children Change Colombia Project Talk is an event dedicated to Colombian children which are perceived as the drivers of change in Colombia. The workshop that will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 at the London College of Fashion will focus on how children are able to change their lives, their

families and their communities if they receive adequate help. The main part of the event will present a movie specially made, presenting the work of one organizations involved in helping children in Colombia, Tiempo de Juego and offering a great insight into their lives. The full

initiative description and details about inscription are available at: <http://childrenchange colombia.org/news/51/35/Children-Change-Colombia-Project-Talk-January-28th/d.event-detail>

CALL FOR PAPERS:  
*Creative Spaces:  
Urban Culture and  
Marginality in Latin  
America*  
– 15<sup>th</sup> of March



Source: <http://childrenchange colombia.org/home>

## CALL FOR PAPERS: Creative Spaces: Urban Culture and Marginality in Latin America

The Institute of Latin American Studies from London will organize on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 the conference `Creative Spaces: Urban Culture and Marginality in Latin America` with the aim to

foster relations between academics working in fields such as cultural and urban studies, architecture, geography, sociology, and anthropology. The call for papers is opened until the

15<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.

More information can be accessed at <http://ilas.sas.ac.uk/about-us/news/call-papers-creative-spaces-urban-culture-and-marginality-latin-america>.

## CONFERENCE: ESOMAR LATAM 2016

ESOMAR LATAM 2016 offers a collaborating platform to study and to link with the regional research leaders, aiming to agree on a research renovation agenda. The conference that will be held in April 2016 in Bogota will gather global, regional and local research agencies and client side agencies,

communication and media agencies, business consultancies and marketing intelligence divisions, as well as academics, young graduates and digital startups.

ESOMAR is an international association for encouraging, advancing and elevating

market research worldwide.

More details about the conference are available at [https://www.esomar.org/events-and-awards/events/global-and-regional/latin-america-2016/latin-america-2016\\_location.php](https://www.esomar.org/events-and-awards/events/global-and-regional/latin-america-2016/latin-america-2016_location.php).



## Chile: the innovation and entrepreneurship hub of South America

Chile is leading Latin America in innovation and entrepreneurship programs and policies. Among the initiatives that support entrepreneurial ecosystem development, the project Start-Up Chile is by far the most successful. This acceleration program which has gained international admiration

was launched by the Chilean government to encourage high-potential entrepreneurs to found their startups in Chile and to stimulate the entrepreneurial activity. Besides the connection with mentors and investors, each selected entrepreneur is awarded with a work visa and \$40,000 seed capital. The

application process for Start-up Chile Seed 2016 is currently open. The call is open for startups from all sorts of industries, but this year the focus is on Robotics, Healthcare & Biotech, Clean Energy and Education.

Read more on: <http://startupchile.org/start-up-chile-is-looking-for-high-impact-startups/>



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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



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## 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 Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos is and the [www.isla.eu.com](http://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.