

# Newsletter



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## Foreword

Dear friends, colleagues and students,

I welcome the opportunity to reiterate that Higher Education, Science, Technology, Research and Innovation are areas with great potential in strengthening the relations between EU and Latin America.

Recently returned from Cuba, where I have participated at the University Congress 2016, I acknowledge the substantial importance of a permanent dialogue between the representatives of public, private and academic sectors from both regions.

Here, in Bucharest, we are not only eager but also committed to develop Latin America Studies, our dedicated Master programme being a proof in this respect. This year a third generation of students will professionalize in Latin American Studies areas. To support them, we have launched the pre-enrollment initiative through which we will guide them in all admission related aspects from admission essay to opportunities in the field.

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,

Iordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

## EU-LAC relations | Meeting between HR/VP and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina

The HR/VP, Federica Mogherini, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina, Susana Malcorra, met on 9 March 2016.

In a joint press conference, the HR/VP welcomed that Argentina is working to build bridges and invest in regional integration as a way to invest in multilateralism. She also highlighted that in this sense Argentina, can be an excellent partner for foreign policy for the European Union and also for other actors in the world.

More details can be found at [http://www.eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2016/160310\\_01\\_en.htm](http://www.eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2016/160310_01_en.htm)

## Special points of interest:

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

## Master in Latin American Studies

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).

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.

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.snsipa.ro/en/admission/pre-enrollment/>

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By filling out the 2016 online pre-enrollment form, DIREI candidates are given the opportunity to benefit from:

- subscription to a monthly newsletter with opportunities and events in the field of International Relations and European Studies;
- information concerning

DRIIE events such as conferences, debates, roundtables, book releases, educational fairs, lectures open to the public, tutoring activities, etc.

-academic tutoring for writing the admission essay (at the request of candidates);

-specific professional guidance and counseling for each MA program offered by DIREI.

## Launch of the EU-CELAC Joint Initiative on Health Research and Innovation (JIRI-Health)

The JIRI-Health is a bi-regional joint programming in health research and innovation to be implemented by using already existing funding instruments according to topics jointly agreed between the EU and LAC countries, upon flexible and variable geometry. Based on long-standing links in science

and technology between the EU and the CELAC countries, the fifth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) on Science and Technology of the EU-CELAC Joint Initiative on Research and Innovation launched the Common Research Area on March 2016.

More details at: <http://goo.gl/H3aSeg>



Source: <http://eulachealth.eu/upcoming-events/>

## Seed Program Latin America

Impact Hub's Seed Program is a 12-month incubation program aimed at identifying and supporting teams in the creation and early-stage development of four to eight new Impact Hubs in countries of Latin America such as Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador,

Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panamá in years 2016 and 2017.

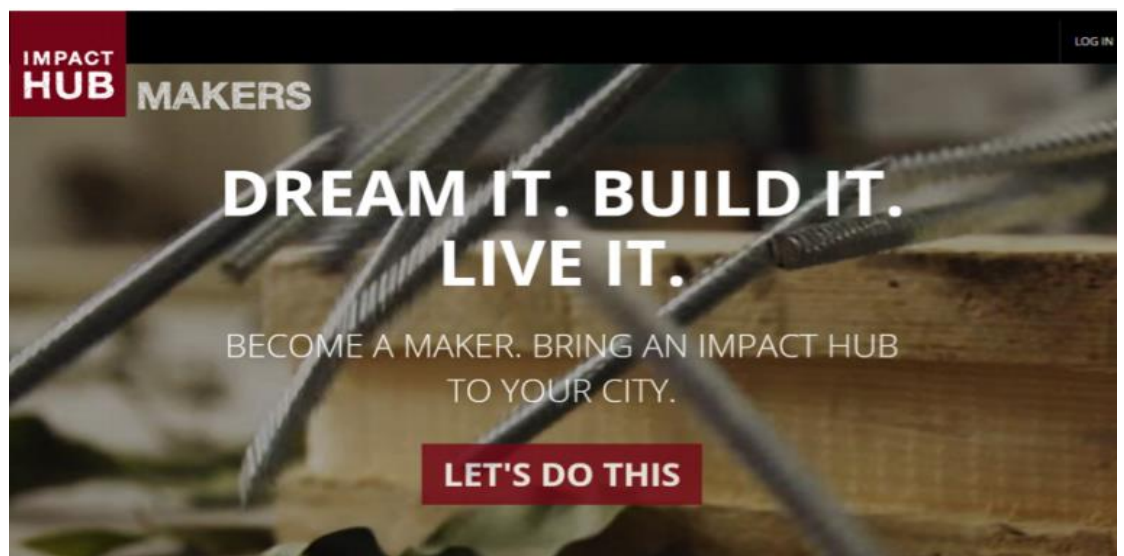
Each new Impact Hub will be born as part of a vibrant global community with more than 80 Hubs and 11000 member entrepreneurs and organizations, in +50 countries that collaborate to create positive change and impact in their

communities.

What is Impact hub?

- An innovation lab.
- A business Incubator.
- A social enterprise community center.

More details at: <http://latinamerica.impacthub.net/seed/>



Source: [Impact Hub Latin America deck](#)

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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](http://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.