

## PILAS Conference 2012

University of Oxford

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**“Cultures in perspective: from Indigenous politics to street dancing”**

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Students are invited to submit abstracts on **ANY ASPECT of their research within the field of Latin American Studies for PILAS 2012**. We are looking forward to receiving a wide range of interdisciplinary postgraduate research on Latin America.

PILAS also welcomes papers that engage with the conference’s main theme, “*Cultures in Perspective*”. This theme encourages postgraduate researchers to consider some of the recent developments in Latin America. Meditating on the various definitions of the term “culture”, the conference aims at extending the reflection across disciplinary boundaries and exploring all its implications. How are certain “cultures” being vindicated and redefined? What archaeological discoveries throw new light on ancient cultures? Can we distinguish new political cultures? Are the “latino” movements in the US mainly cultural movements? The conference aims to open these questions to wide exploration in relation to the different perspectives that students on Latin America hold, influenced by the variety of disciplines they bring together.

We welcome papers from across the disciplines, as we wish to attract as many views on Latin America as possible.

To submit an abstract of a paper (up to 250 words), please fill in the “Paper Proposal” section of the Conference Registration form (available via the PILAS website) and send the completed form as an attachment to [pilasconference@gmail.com](mailto:pilasconference@gmail.com).

**Conference Registration Deadline:  
15 APRIL 2012**

All students planning to attend PILAS 2012 – whether to present a paper or simply to enjoy the conference – should register for the conference.

Attending this conference is FREE to all participants. Postgraduate students who do not wish to present a paper are warmly invited to attend and partake in discussion.

*We look forward to seeing you at PILAS 2012!*