

PILAS Conference 2010

University of Manchester

15th – 17th June 2010

“Whose Latin America? Shifting Perspectives on a Diverse Region”

CALL FOR PAPERS

Students are invited to submit **abstracts on ANY ASPECT of their research within the field of Latin American Studies** for PILAS 2010. 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, “Whose Latin America? Shifting Perspectives on a Diverse Region.” Discourses on Latin America in the past have tended towards homogenised conceptualisations of Latin America. With this conference we aim to look beyond conventional approaches to the region. “Whose Latin America?” asks postgraduate researchers to question: Who can speak for Latin America and its people? Who currently stakes a claim to Latin America and is this claim justified? What kinds of representations of Latin America does our own research produce? And how can our work contribute to widening perspectives on Latin America? As well as highlighting the cultural uniqueness of its different regions, we seek to acknowledge their historical interrelatedness and to analyse the colonial legacies with which Latin American countries still struggle.

We welcome papers from across the disciplines, as we wish to attract as many perspectives 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 by 15 April 2010.

Conference Registration Deadlines:

Conference Registration WITH Paper Proposal:	15 APRIL 2010
Conference Registration WITHOUT Paper Proposal:	1 MAY 2010

All students planning to attend PILAS 2010 – 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 2010!