

PILAS GUIDE TO ON-LINE ORGANISATIONS AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES

<http://aclaiir.org.uk/>

The **Advisory Council on Latin American and Iberian Information Resources (ACLAIIR)** aims to act as a focus for Latin American and Iberian studies in libraries of all kinds, through providing information on libraries' holdings in the Council's fields of interest. Of particular interest is ACLAIIR's publications programme, which provides helpful bibliographical reference guides. It also provides links to specialized Internet resources and search engines.

<http://www.red.redial.net/biblioteca-virtual.php>

America Latina Portal Europeo helps researchers locate online material relating to Latin America. Conference and research group papers from all over the world are available, as are the tables of contents of most journals publishing material relating to Latin America. Researchers can 'deposit' their work in the webpage's 'open archive'. The portal also provides information on upcoming conferences and events relating to Latin American studies.

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=ARSN>

The **Argentina Research Students Network (ARSN)** brings together postgraduate students from a wide range of disciplines who have a research interest in Argentina. It provides a forum that aims to improve interaction, the dissemination of information, sharing of research and fostering of academic discussion among student researchers of Argentina in the UK or those who work through UK universities. It collaborates with broader Latin American networks and institutions to stage joint workshops and events whilst maintaining a country-specific focus.

<http://www.bl.uk/>

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelplang/spanish/hispcoll/mexcollbl/hispmexcol.html>

The **British Library** holds extensive material related to Latin America, including the largest **Mexican Collections** in the United Kingdom covering books, serials, manuscripts, stamps, sound recordings, maps and newspapers. While the British Library has no physically separate Latin American collection, the holdings are dispersed throughout its component departments.

<http://www.canninghouse.com/content/>

Canning House in London is the home of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, a non-political, non-profitmaking organization that was founded to stimulate understanding between Britain, Spain, Portugal and Latin America. The organization hosts business and cultural events (open to members), and has a library collection of material relating to the Spanish and Portuguese speaking world.

<http://www.clacso.org.ar/>

<http://www.clacso.org/wwwclacso/espanol/html/biblioteca/fbiblioteca.html>

The **Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLASCO)** is an international non-governmental organization for the study of social sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean. Created in 1967, it is a network of research institutions and postgraduate programs in the social sciences from 21 countries within the region,

and aims to promote research and teaching of the region as well as cooperation between institutions within and outside of Latin America. CLASCO runs the **Bibliotecas Virtuales de Ciencias Sociales de América Latina y el Caribe**, which offers open access information to a selection of books, journals, and bibliographic resources in Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

<http://handbook.americas.sas.ac.uk/>

The **Handbook** is a searchable directory of Latin American Studies and Caribbean Studies research resources in the UK. The research portal is provided by the Institute for the Study of the Americas, in association with JISLAC, SLAS, SCS and the British Academy. The site displays lists of academic staff, theses in progress or completed in Latin American and/or Caribbean Studies, and a database of UK universities that run courses focused on Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

<http://hemi.nyu.edu/>

The **Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics (HEMI)** is an interdisciplinary and multilingual consortium of institutions, artists, scholars, and activists throughout the Americas. Based at New York University, Hemi is comprised of over 25 affiliated universities and cultural institutions throughout the region. Each year they hold an Encuentro, which gathers scholars and artists involved in performance studies, and also run an annual performance workshop. The Hemi website houses a comprehensive multimedia archive of performance-related material from the Americas, as well as their online scholarly journal *e-misférica*.

<http://www.jislac.org.uk/>

The **Joint Initiative for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (JISLAC)** is a body made up of SLAS, SCS and The Standing Conference of Centres of Latin American Studies (SC). It is responsible for managing a British Academy Learned Societies grant to support Latin American and Caribbean studies in the UK and Europe. Work on this grant began in April 2007, and with the funding, JISLAC aims to support postdoctoral research, regional seminars, two conferences, a web portal to aid communication, and travel bursaries and prizes. JISLAC is based at the Institute for the Study of the Americas in London.

<http://www.latinamericabureau.org/>

<http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=79>

The **Latin American Bureau (LAB)** is an independent research and publishing organization, with a particular focus on issues of social justice, human rights and economic and political development in Latin America and the Caribbean. LAB publishes approximately ten books a year (and has a back-list of over 50 publications), and aims to produce books which cover the entire region of Latin America and the Caribbean for a non-specialist public, as well as country and topic-specific publications. LAB also runs the **European Gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean**, a research portal which allows users to browse online information relating to social change in Latin America, organized by country and by theme (<http://www.lab.org.uk/?lid=79>).

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/>

The **Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC)** is affiliated with the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin. LANIC is an internet-based information system which provides access to resources about Latin America, particularly to aid in research and academic studies of the region.

<http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/>

<http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/members/resources/index.asp>

The **Latin American Studies Association (LASA)** is a US-based association for individuals and institutions engaged in the study of Latin America. LASA has over 5,500 members, with a significant percentage residing outside the United States. The organization published the Latin American Research Review (LARR), hosts a biannual conference, and its website provides updates on employment and research opportunities. LASA's list of resources for Latin Americanists provides links to databases, and resource centres, mostly based in the United States.

<http://pilas.slas.org.uk/>

Postgraduates in Latin American Studies (PILAS) is the postgraduate affiliate of the Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS). It is organized and run by a committee of postgraduate students (elected annually), and fosters interaction among postgraduates working in the field of Latin American Studies at institutions of higher education throughout the United Kingdom, as well as those in Europe and the Americas. PILAS organizes an annual conference, and aims to be source of information for postgraduates working on Latin America. A PILAS representative also attends SLAS Committee meetings, in order to represent postgraduates within SLAS.

<http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/salalm/about/index.html>

SALALM's primary missions are the control and dissemination of bibliographic information about all types of Latin American publications and the development of library collections of Latin America in support of educational research. SALALM is the only international forum focused exclusively on collection development and services in libraries with Latin American collections. It provides links to Latin American Libraries and Collections in both Latin America and the rest of the world.

<http://www.caribbeanstudies.org.uk/>

The **Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS)** is an organization for academics and students focused on the Caribbean region, and the Caribbean diaspora. It organizes an annual conference, an annual essay competition for post-doctoral scholars, and also has funding available for researchers in the field. The committee is elected annually or biannually, and the Society is based at the Centre for Caribbean Studies, University of Warwick.

<http://www.slas.org.uk/>

The **Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS)** is the main organization for academics and students focused on Latin America, both from the UK and from other European countries. SLAS organizes an annual conference, publishes the Bulletin of Latin American Research (BLAR), hosts an annual lecture, and has some funding available for members studying Latin America (including funding specifically for postgraduates). The organization is directed by a committee, which is elected every two years.