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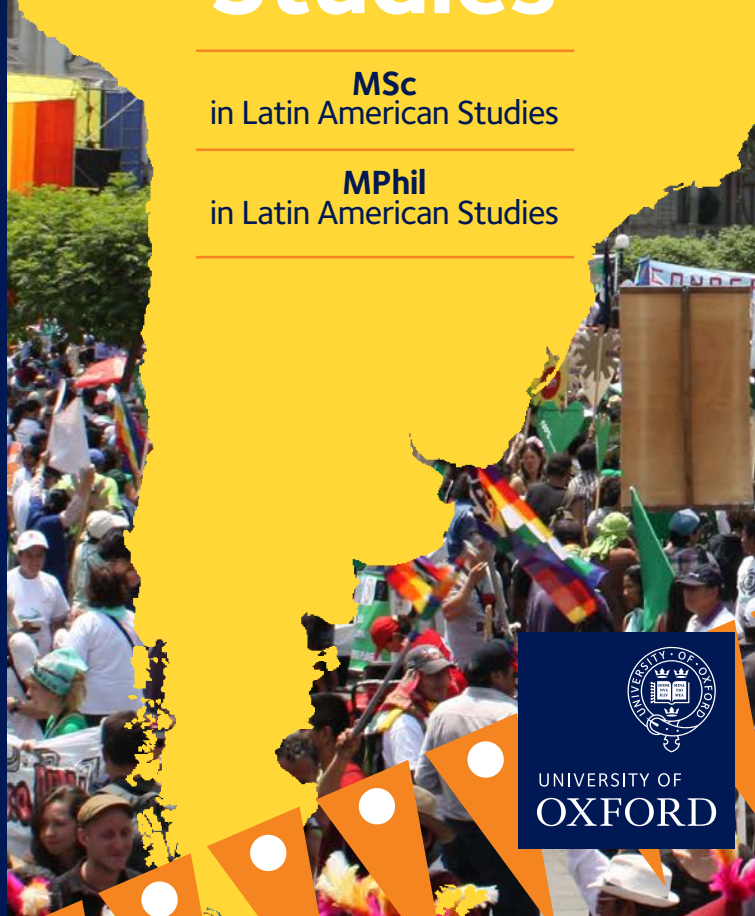
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Latin American Studies

MSc
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Latin American Studies in Oxford

The Latin American Centre was founded in 1964. It is now part of the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies (SIAS) and also maintains close links with St Antony's College. Our aims are to educate graduate students in a range of disciplines applied to Latin America; to undertake and promote research on Latin America; to support a research library; to bring students and academics from Latin America to the University; and to organise seminars, lectures, workshops and conferences on Latin America. We also have close links to the CAF-Development Bank of Latin America, which funds conferences, scholarships and a Visiting Professorship.

The research and teaching interests of the LAC are concentrated in the modern history, economics, politics, international relations and sociology of Latin America. In addition to the academic staff housed in our premises at 1 Church Walk, there are many other Latin American specialists across the University working in history, anthropology, political economy, environmental sciences and international relations, not to mention languages and literature. Most of them are affiliates of the LAC, which aspires to act as a meeting point for all staff and students with an interest in the area at the University of Oxford.

The LAC library, located on the ground floor of our building, is our students' primary source of textbooks for day-to-day research. A lending library, it holds some 16,000 volumes covering politics, economics and history, together with journals, pamphlets and microfilms.

Visiting Academics and Doctoral Students

The Latin American Centre welcomes applications from academic colleagues and from registered doctoral candidates at a university outside the UK conducting research on Latin America who want to do research in Oxford. Please visit our "Visitors" website for further information and application guidelines:
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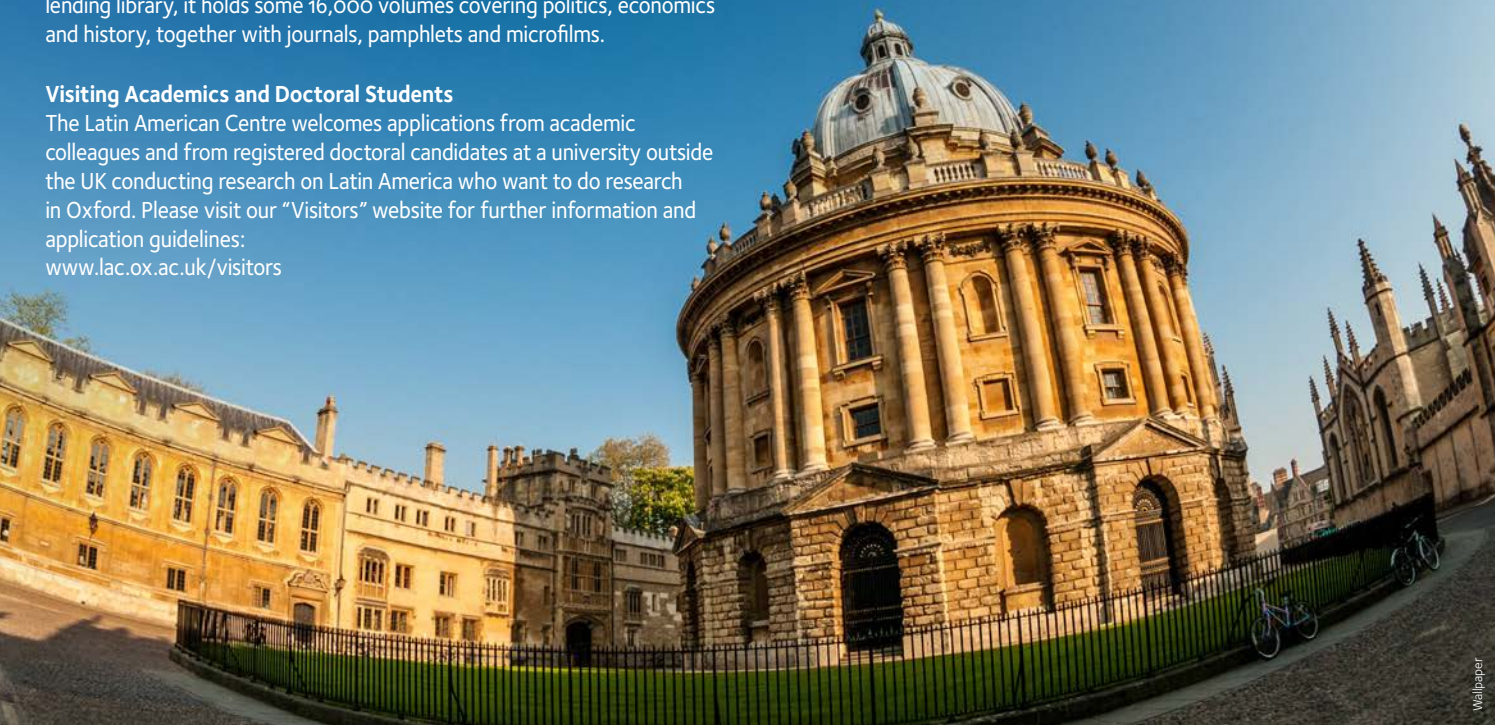
Why choose Latin American Studies?

Both the MSc and MPhil Latin American Studies provide an excellent foundation for those wishing to specialise in Latin America and work in the private sector, government, NGOs, multi-lateral and bi-lateral aid and development agencies, international organisations, international relations, publishing and the media.

The MPhil Latin American Studies programme also offers an ideal path to those students considering an academic or research-focused career, and is excellent training for a doctoral degree.

“The Oxford tutorial system and the highly qualified academic staff and peers I met at the Latin American Centre introduced me to new ways of learning and writing that greatly improved my academic skills”

(María Paula Barrantes, MPhil, 2008–2010)



Degrees at the LAC

MSc in Latin American Studies

The MSc in Latin American Studies is a nine-month programme that spans three academic terms. The programme is intended to provide an interdisciplinary understanding of the main developments in Latin America since c1900 to the present. While the programme emphasises the specific features of individual countries, there is also broad comparative coverage of major political, social and economic terms.

These topics are addressed through five core disciplines (History, Politics, Sociology, International Relations and Economics), some optional courses, and a lively programme of seminars and conferences with visiting speakers. Students will have the opportunity to learn a diversity of skills, including critical analysis of the literature, essay writing and class discussion.

In addition to the three exams, students are required to submit an extended essay of 10,000 words. The preparation of this extended essay will allow students to develop a critical focus by examining a particular topic in depth from a multidisciplinary perspective.



MPhil in Latin American Studies

The MPhil in Latin American Studies is a twenty-one-month programme that spans six academic terms. This course offers an interdisciplinary approach to modern Latin America, allowing students to develop an in-depth research project that involves a period of fieldwork in the region.

Like on the MSc, in the first year students will choose three courses from our list of five core and several optional options. Students will also attend a research methods course led by SIAS, which provides qualitative and quantitative skills and provides an opportunity to interact with students from other Area Studies Centres. There will be a number of tutorials to review the academic progress and prepare for fieldwork research.

During the summer between the first and the second year, students will have the opportunity to undertake fieldwork for their MPhil thesis. This is one of the most exciting components of the degree, providing a chance to gather primary data and live in a Latin American country. Students are eligible to apply to several fieldwork funding opportunities including, the Santander Academic Travel Award, the Carlos de Sola Wright Memorial Fund (for those interested in Central America) and the Latin American Centre Fieldwork Travel Grant.

In the second year, students complete a 30,000-word thesis. The thesis is an in-depth research project, and will train students to apply theory to the empirical study of their selected topic. Second year students also take additional courses. Students will be required to attend an oral exam.

DPhil in Area Studies

Starting in 2017-18, SIAS will admit a small number of doctoral students to its various Centres. Students will receive training in comparative research in area studies and will then specialise in their region of interest under the supervision of one of the permanent members of staff. The LAC also supports doctoral students working in Latin America in other departments of the university through a DPhil seminar and other activities.



Admissions

Entry to all degree programmes in Oxford is highly competitive and the field of Latin American studies is no exception. In general, we are looking for people who hold or are expected to obtain a first class, or upper second class degree or its equivalent. We expect a basic working knowledge of either Spanish or Portuguese, or willingness to acquire the appropriate language skill prior to enrolment. If your first language is not English we will require you to submit a language test score. Please visit our website for further details on the application process.

Scholarships

The Latin American Centre offers a number of part and fully-funded scholarships to attract the strongest students who would otherwise not be able to come and study in Oxford. These are all highly competitive, and require high quality well-crafted research proposals. These may vary every year but more specific information on each of our different scholarships is available on our website.

There are many more scholarships available for study at Oxford. An extensive range of University-wide scholarships are also available. To find out about all the available options, please use the University Fees, Funding and Scholarship Search Tool: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/search/graduate>

People at the Latin American Centre

CORE FACULTY

David Doyle, Associate Professor in Latin American Politics and Fellow of St Hugh's College: comparative politics and comparative political economy, ideology and partisanship in Latin America

Leigh Payne, Professor of the Sociology of Latin American Societies and Fellow of St Antony's College: democratisation, social movements, authoritarian legacies, transitional justice

Eduardo Posada-Carbó, Professor of the History and Politics of Latin America and Research Fellow at St Antony's College: Modern history and politics of Latin America, especially Colombia; history of elections and of democracy, intellectual history, liberalism, history of the press

Timothy J. Power, Associate Professor in Brazilian Studies and Fellow of St Antony's College: democratisation, political institutions, Brazilian politics and government

Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, Associate Professor in the Political Economy of Latin America and Fellow of St Antony's College: income inequality, development models, social policy in comparative perspective

A number of prominent emeritus fellows and associate members also collaborate with the Latin American Centre.

We also have a long list of affiliates: Oxford academics across the humanities and the social sciences who research and teach on Latin American issues.

