



Latin American Archives and Collections in the British Library, Senate House Library and the Northwest: Initial Expression of Interest

PiLAS, the British Library and the University of London Senate House Library are pleased to announce a free interactive workshop on the Latin American archives and collections. In addition, we can also cover key Latin American research resources in the northwest of England.

The workshop will be held in **Manchester** on **March 14th 2018** from 14.00 to 17.00 at the People's History Museum (Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3ER; www.phm.org.uk) and will provide the opportunity for postgraduate researchers to discuss with archivists and curators how to get the most out of archives. There will be an opportunity to visit the museum and its archive in the morning.

Registration for the event will be through Eventbrite, and will open at the end of January. Meanwhile, in order to tailor the workshop to attendees' needs, we now invite you to express your interest in joining us and to let us know the aspects you would most like us to cover using the Google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/Gw8Dpa6zag8ffqvZ2> by 6pm on February 9th 2018 at the latest.

In order to encourage postgraduate researchers from across the UK to join us, a small number of bursaries will be available to help contribute towards travel costs. Priority will be given to those who cannot claim travel bursaries from other sources. You will be able to apply for a travel bursary when registering to attend.



The British Library (<https://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/latin-american-collections>)

The Latin American collection at the British Library is the largest in the UK and spans the 16th century to the present day, and covers Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. Researchers will find sources on European conquest and colonialism, the Catholic Church in the Americas, slavery and abolition, independence movements, and contemporary economy, politics and society, and government official publications and statistics from Latin America, and recent academic publications in the humanities from the region. Highlights include:

- significant resources on contemporary economy, politics and society of interest to social scientists;
- e-resource collections that include official statistical databases, Hispanic American Periodical Index, Handbook of Latin American Studies and Latin American digitised newspapers 1805-1922;
- manuscripts on European Conquest, colonialism, indigenous languages, slavery and independence;
- the early printing of Latin America: religious materials, natural history and 19th- and 20th-century literature, travelogues and political writings;
- the maps includes some of the earliest representations, maps of colonial expansion, border conflicts, trade routes, and maps and statistical texts related to Latin America from the 18th / early 19th century;
- photographs and illustrations, predominantly of 19th-century archaeological sites;
- a sound archive with interviews, music and natural history recordings.

The Senate House Library (<http://www.senatehouselibrary.ac.uk/our-collections/research-collections/latin-american-studies> : *contact Laurence Byrne - Laurence.Byrne@london.ac.uk - for more details*)

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Collection cover most aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean, with an emphasis on material in the humanities and related social sciences: history, politics, economics, anthropology, sociology, gender studies, combined with literature, film and documentaries from or on Latin American and the Caribbean.

Geographically, the collection covers all the territories of Central and South America as well as the islands of the Caribbean (including the English-, Dutch- and French-speaking communities), the islands of the South Atlantic (the Falklands/Malvinas and South Georgia), the Galapagos Islands and the Antarctic territories administered by Chile and Argentina.

Of particular note is the Political Archives Collection, ninety boxes of pamphlets, posters, reports, miscellaneous journals and some ephemera, produced by political parties, pressure groups, NGOs, trade unions and governments, predominantly in Spanish and Portuguese, with some English language material. Every country in the region is represented, but there is a particularly rich collection of Chilean material.

Please let us know using the Google form any other archives you would like to cover, such as the People's History Museum's Chile Solidarity Campaign (1973-1991) or the Atlantic slavery archives and collections in Liverpool.
