



Latin American Archives and Collections in the British Library, Senate House Library and the People's History Museum

PILAS, the British Library, Senate House Library and the People's History Museum are pleased to announce a free interactive (bring laptops and tablets) workshop on their Latin American archives and collections. Register at: <https://pilas-latin-american-archives.eventbrite.co.uk>

The workshop will be held in **Manchester** on **March 14th 2018** from 10.30 to 17.00 at the People's History Museum (PHM, 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. ****Bring your laptops and tablets****

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 and lunch costs. Priority will be given to those who cannot claim travel bursaries from other sources. You can apply for a flat-rate travel and lunch bursary here: <https://goo.gl/forms/K9DEpUv3rX9PZzbz1>.

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| 10.30 | Welcome to the People's History Museum
<i>Richard Smith, PILAS</i> | The Coal Store |
| 10.35 – 12.30 | Introduction to PHM's Latin American archives
<i>Darren Treadwell, PHM</i> | Archive and Study Centre |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch Break
<i>Lunch is not provided but the PHM's Left Bank café bar offers a range of food and drinks (http://www.phm.org.uk/visit-us/cafe-bar/)</i> | |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | The Latin American and Caribbean Archives and Collections of the British Library and Senate House Library
<i>Dr Elizabeth Cooper, Curator, Latin America and the Caribbean, The British Library and Laurence Byrne, Research Librarian, Latin American and Commonwealth Studies, Senate House Library</i> | The Coal Store |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | An introduction to the John Rylands Research Institute for postgraduate researchers and early career academics
<i>Dr Sarah May, Manager of the The John Rylands Research Institute</i> | The Coal Store |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | Discussion followed by networking with the PILAS committee in a local pub. | |

PILAS would like to thank the Advisory Council on Latin American and Iberian Information Resources (ACLAIIR; <http://aclaiir.org.uk>) for the tea and biscuits during the afternoon session.



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.

Senate House Library (<http://www.senatehouselibrary.ac.uk/our-collections/research-collections/latin-american-studies>)

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.

The People's History Museum (<http://www.phm.org.uk/archive-study-centre/>)

In addition to extensive archives on the Chilean and Nicaraguan solidarity campaigns, the museum holds collections of British Labour Party, Communist Party of Great Britain and Socialist International papers covering much of the twentieth century, and in particular, papers and correspondence concerning Latin America from the Labour Party's International Department and key figures such as Michael Foot, Judith Hart, Denis Healy and David Ennals.
