The Malcolm Deas Fund

PROJECTS SUPPORTED

The Malcolm Deas Fund has been with much excitement from former students and friends of the Latin American Centre, and in particular from those who were supervised by Malcolm Deas. Below is a list of projects so far supported by the fund, with the budget of each project given.

The Malcolm Deas Annual Seminar

*Budget: £2,000*

This will fund a seminar on the History of Colombia for two years, and will be an integral part of the successful and well attended ‘History of Latin America’ seminar series that Eduardo Posada-Carbó has been overseeing. The first seminar was delivered by James Robinson (Professor of Public Policy at University of Chicago) and was a great success.

The Andean Conference

*Budget: £400*

In May 2016 the Andean Conference met to compare recent economic and political trajectories and future challenges in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador. The plenary session’s talk was delivered by Martin Tanaka (Senior Fellow at Institute of Peruvian Studies and Professor of Social Sciences at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru).

New History Working Paper Series

*Budget: £796.95*

The LAC has a working paper series devoted to Political Economy, but desired greatly to create a series devoted to History to be produced by the CAF Bank Fellows, visiting scholars and guest-speakers to the History Seminar. The funding would support the first year’s publications, whilst subsequent work would be supported by more sustainable income.
DPhil Latin American Centre Seminar

Budget: £600

The LAC’s DPhil seminar is a proud staple of the research output of the centre and allows doctoral students working on Latin America to present their work and receive feedback from LAC Fellows as well as visiting academics. Funding will be used to support refreshments and dinner for speakers for the next two years.

Guest Event: ‘Gender in Latin America’

Budget: £2,000

Dr Marcela Rios is the current director of the Governability Programme at the UNDP in Santiago, Chile. She has served on the Presidential Commission for President Bachelet on Women in recognition of her doctoral and post-doctoral research on quota laws and feminism in Latin America. She is currently serving on a corruption investigation commission. She is on the board of a number of top Chilean think tanks and foundations. The Malcolm Deas Fund will be proudly used to support a week-long series of events on Gender in Latin America in Trinity Term.

Planned activities so far include:

• Book presentation on her manuscript on women in Latin America. This project fits the teaching on Sociology and Gender as well as other classes and thus fits with the revision sessions being run in Trinity Term

• Workshop on women in Latin America: presentation by students of their thesis or other projects with feedback from Dr Rios

• Lecture at the Latin American Centre seminar series on contemporary issues in Chilean politics

The aim of the visit is to strengthen the LAC’s teaching and supervision on gender-related topics in history, sociology, politics, and economics.