



EUROPE MEETS LATIN AMERICA

Berlin from 12th - 17th September, 2010

“Emphasizing Commonalities or Differences: New Perspectives on European-Latin American Relations”

This seminar will explore the current relationship between Europe and Latin America, considering the political, economic and social dimensions of their interaction.

The program will consist of lectures, panel discussions and seminars, as well as cultural and social activities.

Issues to be discussed will include:

- EU-LAC Summits (May 2010, Summit Madrid)
- Opportunities faced by regional organisations in Latin America (MERCOSUR, UNASUR, CAN)
- Gender equality in Latin American countries in the political sphere
- The migration of Latin Americans to Europe
- Latin American literature as an instrument of cultural diplomacy

We look forward to welcoming you to the Weeklong Seminar!

The strong cultural and historical links between Europe and Latin America play an important role in determining the nature of contemporary relations between the two regions, and between individual countries within the regions. Recently, however, scholars and key stakeholders have emphasized the importance of treating the two regions as distinct entities, and highlighting the differences between the two. Doing so, it is argued, allows for a more pragmatic, forward thinking approach to foreign policies and regional agreements. In addition to looking at this history and development of cultural diplomacy and its application in bi-regional relations, the forthcoming EMLA Weeklong Seminar will consider these two approaches and the extent to which they might offer different perspectives on the future of European-Latin American relations.



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