**First International Congress**

**Modes of production, revolution and transition to capitalism in Latin America**

**Economic structures, classes, networks, communities, ethnicities and languages**

**Pablo de Olavide University, Seville**

**7 - 9 February 2018**

Between the fifteenth and the twentieth centuries, the Americas experienced dramatic change. Colonial conquest, war, imperialism and social revolution mark the long period of transition to global capitalism. With reference to Latin America, the conference aims to reconsider the key components in this process which eventually gave rise to the contemporary world. The conference will reprise debates on colonialism, the transition from feudalism to capitalism, and modes of production in Latin America in order to analyse this long-term historical process from an interdisciplinary perspective. It will focus on the significance of the revolutions in Latin America, the resulting social change and state formation, and the influence of global powers, primarily Great Britain and Spain. The analysis will take into account the economic, political, cultural and linguistic factors at play in the formation of classes, networks and communities at the local, regional and global levels. Ultimately, the objective is to re-examine the debate around the relation between social subjects, historical consciousness and material structures in Latin America. In this sense we propose a holistic view of historical process organised into three broad axes operating in dialogue with each other:

1. **Structural:** modes of production and social relations, finance and commerce.
2. **Political and social:** social revolutions, their limitations and achievements; the transformation of the environment; class struggle; corporate, political and military conflict.
3. **Cultural:** the activities of men and women in different social classes, their forms of alliance, communication and association, political parties, the press, social and cultural organisations, language use and terminologies, and the significance of local and global languages in this historical process.

The conference will comprise plenaries delivered by invited specialists in their respective fields and open sessions to which researchers may contribute, especially young researchers who will be given the opportunity to present their findings and receive feedback from the specialists at their session. It is hoped this will be the first of a series of conferences on this broad research area, to be held in Buenos Aires (2019), London (2020) y Castellón (2021).

**Plenaries**

Heraclio Bonilla (Universidad Nacional de Colombia)

Marcello Carmagnani (Fundación Enaudi / El Colegio de México)

Manuel Chust (Universitat Jaume I, Castellón)

Catherine Davies (SAS, Universidad de Londres)

Juan Marchena Fernández (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)

María Alejandra Irigoin (London School of Economics)

Carlos Martínez-Shaw (UNED, Madrid)

David Mayer (IISG, Amsterdam)

Mariano Schlez (Universidad Nacional del Sur, CONICET)

José Antonio Serrano Ortega (El Colegio de Michoacán)

Hernán A. Silva (Universidad Nacional del Sur, CONICET)

Tristan Platt (University of St. Andrews)

Michael Zeuske (Universität zu Köln)

**Open sessions**

Panel 1: Modes of production. Coordinator: José Luis Belmonte Postigo (UPO)

Panel 2: Social revolution. Coordinator: Justo Cuño Bonito (UPO)

Panel 3: Social subjects: languages, communities, networks, classes and ethnicities. Coordinator: Catherine Davies (SAS, University of London)

Presentation proposals should include: title, author, affiliation and abstract (300 words max.), and three keywords. Also please indicate whether the paper (revised where appropriate) may be published in conference proceedings following the conference.

**Deadline: 15 December 2017.**

The proposals must be sent to [congresomodosdeproduccion@gmail.com](mailto:congresomodosdeproduccion@gmail.com)

The conference will be in Spanish and Portuguese.

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