

Announcement of Leverhulme Trust International Network award: *The Inter-American Human Rights System: Assessing its Development and Impact*

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UCL Institute of the Americas is pleased to announce the award for an international Network grant by the Leverhulme Trust (IN-2014-013) for a two-year research project entitled 'The Inter-American Human Rights System: Assessing its Development and Impact'. The Principal Investigator, [Dr Par Engstrom](#), Lecturer in Human Rights at UCL-IA, commented on the award: "We are thrilled to have been offered this generous award by the Leverhulme Trust to foster collaborative research on the Inter-American Human Rights System with a truly exceptional group of scholars from universities in Latin America, Europe and the UK. We believe that this is a critical moment for the Inter-American System and one of our principal aims in the years ahead is to contribute with practical insights into how the regional human rights system can be genuinely strengthened."

The Network brings together a multi-disciplinary group of scholars from the University of São Paulo (Brazil), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (US), University of Essex (UK), Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (Mexico), Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia), Ghent University (Belgium), and UCL-IA.

The Network will examine the development and impact of the Inter-American Human Rights System (IAHRS) on human rights outcomes in the Americas. This international collaborative project on the Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court that jointly make up the IAHRS will not only seek to feed into contemporary policy discussions. It also aims to make important scholarly contributions by providing new theoretical perspectives for understanding the success and failure of the IAHRS in shaping human rights outcomes, and by coupling these theoretical innovations with rich empirical analysis by leading and emerging scholars from the UK and overseas. The Network will foster and disseminate research through workshops, policy seminars, peer-reviewed academic publications, and a website.

The Network's core team of researchers incorporate leading scholars from the fields of international relations, international law, political science, and human rights, and include [Dr Sandra Borda](#) (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia), [Bruno Boti Bernardi](#) (University of São Paulo, Brazil), [Dr Clara Burbano Herrera](#) (Ghent University, Belgium), [Dr Silvia Dutrénit](#) (Instituto Mora, Mexico), [Dr Par Engstrom](#) (UCL Institute of the Americas, UK), [Prof. Yves Haeck](#) (Ghent University, Belgium), [Dr Courtney Hillebrecht](#) (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, U.S.), [Dr Alexandra Huneeus](#) (University of Wisconsin, U.S.), [Dr Cristiane Lucena Carneiro](#) (University of São Paulo, Brazil), [Dr Thomas Pegram](#) (UCL Institute of Global Governance), [Dr Rossana Rocha Reis](#) (University of São Paulo, Brazil), [Dr Pedro Salazar](#) (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), [Dr Natalia Saltalamacchia](#) (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), [Dr Clara Sandoval](#) (University of Essex, School of Law), [Marcelo Torelly](#) (University of Brasilia), and [Dr Gonzalo Varela](#) (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico).

UCL-IA is currently seeking to appoint a Network Facilitator who will assist with the administration of the Network. For further details see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/jobs/>.

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