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Thursday 28 April

Registration 08.45 – 9.30 a.m.

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Welcoming Words, UCL Americas Research Network 9.30 – 9.45 a.m.

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Panel Session **One** | 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.

‘Women’s Movements’

Chair Cristina Perez (University College London)

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- Raúl Burgos Pinto (University College London) and Maria Fernanda Lanfranco (University of York), ‘Julieta Kirkwood ideas and the Chilean women’s movement in global perspective’
- Ricardo Gutiérrez Vargas (King’s College London), ‘Politics of motherhood: a visual sense of agency in the images produced by the mothers of the victims of *feminicidio* in Mexico’
- Dagmara Szczepańska (University of Warsaw), ‘Towards a comprehensive agenda - changing paradigms in Argentina’s women’s movements’

‘What to Remember’

Chair Maria De Vecchi Gerli (University College London)

UCL, Institute of the Americas, Room 105 (see number 2 in map)

- Isabela Gatti (University of Heidelberg), ‘Museum and Brazilian identity: The case of Museu Afro Brasil’
- Gisele Iecker de Almeida (King’s College London and UGent), ‘State-sponsored memory in contemporary Brazil’
- Jimena Perry (University of Texas, Austin), ‘It is Time to Remember: Museums and Memory Representations of Violence in Colombia, 2000-2014’

Coffee **Break** | 11.30 – 11.50 a.m.

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Panel Session **Two** | 11.50 – 1.20 p.m.

‘Projections of Power’

Chair Professor Iwan Morgan (University College London)

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- Sharon Betts (University College London), ‘Transforming Tropes: Hillary Clinton and the On-Screen Portrayal of Women in Modern Politics’
- Pablo G. Celis-Castillo (Elon University), ‘Poverty, Racism, and Disillusionment in Héctor Gálvez’s *Paraíso* (2009)’
- Mariana Ruggieri (University of São Paulo) ‘The Hyperwomen – an indigenous reading of gender and sex’

‘State Delegation’

Chair Dr Thomas Rath (University College London)

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- Andreia Carmo (King’s College London), ‘Corruption perception, social mobilization and corruption control: when and how is social mobilization determinant for accountability?’
- Alexander Curry (Institute of Latin American Studies, SAS, University of London) and Dr Leonie Ansems de Vries (King’s College London), ‘Violence, Governance and the Production of Legitimacy: Autodefensas in Latin America’
- Patricio Rodrigo Estévez Soto (University College London) ‘Repeat extortion victimisation of Mexican businesses’

‘Identity in the Americas’

Chair Dr Claire Lindsay (University College London)

Chadwick B05 LT (see number 3 in map)

- Grace Carrington (London School of Economics and Political Science), ‘Decolonisation Through Departmentalisation: The Importance of French Identity During the ‘Assimilation’ of the French Antilles in 1946’
- Emily Baker (University of Cambridge), ‘(R)evolutions: genetics and ethics in an era of technological transformations in *Las constelaciones oscuras* by Pola Oloixarac’
- Dr Simon Kroll (University of Vienna), ‘Narrating identities: Rulfo, Paz and Fuentes’

Lunch **Break** | 1.20 – 2.20 p.m.

Panel Session **Three** | 2.20 – 3.50 p.m.

‘Unheard Voices of the Caribbean’

Chair Dr Christian Høgsbjerg (University College London)

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- Nathan Buckley (University College London), ‘Pride and Dissonance: The Queer Politics of Belize’
- Rachel-Ann Charles (Birmingham City University), ‘Transforming “at-risk” youth males in Trinidad and Tobago through the use of community media projects’
- Geoffrey MacDonald (York University, Toronto), ‘Everything but the Kitchen Sink: Varying Resistance Literature Through Anglophone Caribbean and Indigenous North American Feminisms’

‘Changing Environments and Transformations’

Chair Dr David Sim (University College London)

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- Matthew Griffin (University College London), ‘The ‘Natural Limits’ of Slavery Reconsidered: The Wilmot Proviso Controversy’
- Sean Maunier (University of Calgary), ‘“Let Not the Left Hand Know”: The Russian-American Company, the Russian Orthodox Church, and the Nature of Non-state Sovereignty in Colonial Alaska’
- Alys Beverton (University College London), ‘“A Field of Past and Future Glory”: U.S. Memories of the Mexican War, 1874 – 1884’

‘Statehood in Transnational Perspective’

Chair Professor Anthony Pereira (King’s College London)

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- Anna Grimaldi (King’s College London), ‘Transnational Human Rights Networks and the Struggle for Human Rights in Brazil’
- Francisco Urdinez (University of São Paulo/King’s College London), ‘Latin American Public Opinion in Comparative Perspective. Collective Identity, Regional Perceptions, and Brazilian Leadership’
- Johanna Pérez Gómez (University College London), ‘Migration and Citizenship: A Reflection of Latin American Activists in London’

Coffee **Break** | 3.50 – 4.15 p.m.

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Panel Session **Four** | 4.15 – 5.45 p.m.

‘Transnationalism and Literature’

Chair William Sayers (University College London)

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- Masako Inoue (University of Tokyo), ‘Brazilian Connection in Nella Larsen’s *Passing* and Jessie Fauset’s *Plum Bun*’
- Lamia Touati Mokrane (University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis), ‘White and Black: The Construction of Racial Identity and Double Consciousness in Nella Larsen’s *Quicksand*’
- Héloïse Thomas-Cambonie (Université de Bordeaux Montaigne), ‘Crossing oceans and tropics: women’s voices and transnationality in North American literature’

‘Authoritarian Regimes in the Southern Cone’

Chair Dr Penny Miles (University of Bath)

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- Joseph Flórez (University of Cambridge), ‘Pentecostalism and Violence, la Misión Iglesia Pentecostal, and Military Authoritarianism in Chile, 1973-1990’
- Mara Gonzalez Souto (University of Cambridge), ‘INDIGNADOS: What does Nisman mean for Argentina?’
- Natasha Hakimi Zapata (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), ‘Female Embodiment and Exile in Alicia Borinsky’s Poetry’

‘Politics, Society and Community’

Chair Dr Thomas Grisaffi (University College London)

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- Gina Malagold Carranza (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), ‘The Jewish Community Conflict during the 20th century ‘Dirty War’ and Jacobo Timerman’s Testimony-The ‘Jewish Question’
- Penélope Plaza (City University London), ‘Myths of petrosocialism, a semiotic exploration of PDVSA La Estancia’s campaign *Transformamos el petroleo en un recurso renovable para ti*
- Hayley Jones (University of Oxford), ‘Segmented Policy, Segmented Outcomes? Young People’s Schooling and Long-term Poverty Reduction in Brazil’s Bolsa Família Programme’

Keynote **Lecture** | 6.00 – 7.00 p.m.

Animality, Domesticity and Enterprise in New Animal Media

Professor Diane Negra, University College Dublin

Introduction: Dr. Nick Witham

Chadwick B05 LT (see number 3 in map)

Evening **Reception** | 7.00 p.m.

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Friday 29 April

Registration 8.45 – 10.00 a.m.

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Panel Session **Five** | 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.

‘Social Movements’

Chair Nicolás Ortiz (University of Essex)

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- Camila González Ortiz (King’s College London), ‘Choreographing Meanings: Performance and The Student Movement in Chile’
- Ben Harvey Sporle (Canterbury Christ Church University), ‘We Hold the Rock...Seriously!’
- Thomas Lindner (Max Planck Institute for Human Development), ‘Global Marxism versus Indigenous Localism? Controversies and convergences of Latin American anti-imperialist thought during the 1920s’

‘Independence and Race’

Chair Dr Daniel Matlin (King’s College London)

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- Gareth Davis (University College London), ‘XANADA: African-Americans in Search of Freedom’
- Luis Madrid (University of Chile), ‘The Black loyal army in the Chilean Independence 1817 - 1820, A History of loyalty and crime’
- Dr Daniel Ritchie (University College Dublin), ‘Covenanter Antislavery and Patriotic Republicanism: Religious Doctrine and Political Ideology in Alexander McLeod’s Opposition to American Slavery’

Coffee **Break** | 11.30 – 11.50 a.m.

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Panel Session **Six** | 11.50 – 1.20 p.m.

‘US Foreign Policy in Conflict’

Chair Dr Tony McCulloch (University College London)

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- Francesca Akhtar (University College London), ‘Canada and the Cuban Missile Crisis: standing shoulder to shoulder with the US?’
- Gabriella McGrogan (Goldsmiths, University of London) ‘Teju Cole and the Transformation of Conflict’
- Maria-Irina Popescu (University of Essex), ‘My flesh-and-blood twin: John Jude Parish versus John Walker Lindh in Pearl Abraham’s American Taliban (2010)’

‘Law and Inequality’

Chair Professor Jonathan Bell (University College London)

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- Ilaria Di Gioia (Birmingham City University), ‘Nullification of the ACA: A case study of contemporary state’s rights movements’
- Rebecca Smyth (University of Edinburgh), ‘Abortion and international human rights law: a comparative study of Ireland and El Salvador (2012 to the present)’
- Daniela Mendez (University of Nottingham) ‘Transitional Justice, socio-economic rights and inequalities in America Latina’

‘Symbolic Cohesions’

Chair Sofie Narbed (Royal Holloway, University of London)

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- Emily Choi (Independent Researcher), ‘Class, Region, and Ethnic Cohesion in Peruvian-American Immigrant Communities’
- Héctor Flores Franco (King’s College London), ‘Transmutations of Ecuador coat of arms in early twentieth century, from ideological symbols to ‘sacrosecular’ icons’
- María Gabriela López Yáñez (Goldsmiths, University of London), ‘Beyond the hips: The dance of “Bomba” in Chota-Mira Valley as a shared experience’

Lunch **Break** | 1.20 – 2.10 p.m.

Panel Session **Seven** | 2.10 – 3.40 p.m.

‘National State-Building’

Chair Thomas Maier (University College London)

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- Bhavik Doshi (University College London), ‘Uncovering the Socio-Politico Intricacies of the Arya Samaj in Suriname’
- Walter Franco Lopes da Silva (University of St. Andrews), ‘Catholic Challenge: Social, Political and Economic Transformations and the Emergence of Christian Evangelization Movements in Post-Modern Brazil’
- Bárbara Silva (Catholic University of Chile), ‘Revolution and reformism in the Chilean national identity. Ideas of change in the Popular Front and the Popular Unity’

‘Transnational Perspectives of the US’

Chair Dr Nick Witham (University College London)

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- Pete Millwood (University of Oxford) ‘From Foe to Friend? China Through the Eyes of American Visitors, 1971-78’
- Mark Power Smith (University College London) ‘A new role in Europe: perceptions of international law in the Northern United States after the European Revolutions of 1848’
- David Tiedemann (University College London) ‘“I AM AN AMERICAN!” Insecurities at the Great Exhibition’

‘Consumerism’

Chair Dr Francesca Zunino (University of Bath)

Chadwick B05 LT (see number 3 in map)

- Christopher Barton (King’s College London), ‘*Novelas*, the Governance of Consumption and the Construction of the Consumer in Twenty-First Century Brazil’
- Sara Kauko (Emory University), ‘Methodological approaches to exploring middle-classness in provincial Argentina’
- Wojciech Witkowski (University of Warsaw), ‘Impact of Competences of the Music Manager in the USA on the Development of the European Music Market after 1989’

Coffee **Break** | 3.40 – 4.00 p.m.

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Panel Session **Eight** | 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

‘Ideology in the US’

Chair Dr Adam Smith (University College London)

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- Marvin Menniken (Max Planck Institute for Human Development), ‘Between Conservatism, Cold War and Counterculture – The American Legion in California, 1950 – 1980’
- Christopher Hoekstra (University College London), ‘Obama’s Small Wars and Kennedy’s Big Ideas: A Historical Case Study on US Special Forces Doctrine in Vietnam, 1961-65’
- James Hillyer (University College London), ‘The Fiscal Revolution in America: A Reinterpretation’

‘Local Participation’

Chair Dr Graham Woodgate (University College London)

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- Jaskiran Chohan (University College London), ‘Norgaard’s Model Adapted: Explaining the Dominance of the Corporate Food Regime and Local Paradigms of Resistance in Colombia’
- Verónica Ramírez Montenegro (University College London), ‘Participatory democracy in the middle of war: Victims’ boards and municipal planning of post conflict in Colombia’
- Antonio Peña (Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana) ‘Some soup with juicy chunks of participation? Community strengthening through feeding at a university in Mexico City’

‘Aspects of Neoliberalism’

Chair Dr Nestor Castañeda (University College London)

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- Cristina Bastidas Redin (Center for Latin American Research and Documentation), ‘Post-neoliberal educational reforms in Bolivia and Ecuador’
- Sören Brandes (Max Planck Institute for Human Development), ‘The Rise of Market Populism. Milton Friedman and the Media History of Neoliberalism, 1960–1980’
- Hugo Goeury (University College London), ‘Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) and neo-liberal ideology in Latin America’

Keynote **Lecture** | 5.50 – 6.50 p.m.

What light can a focus on women's rights cast on the character of Latin America's "21st Century Socialism"?

Professor Maxine Molyneux, University College London

Introduction: Professor Jonathan Bell

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Evening **Reception** | 7.00 p.m.

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Keynote Speakers

Professor Diane Negra



Professor Diane Negra serves as Professor of Film Studies and Screen Culture and Head of Film Studies at University College Dublin. She is author, editor or co-editor of nine books including *Off-White Hollywood: American Culture and Ethnic Female Stardom* (2001), *A Feminist Reader in Early Cinema* (2002), *Interrogating Postfeminism: Gender and the Politics of Popular Culture* (2007), *What A Girl Wants?: Fantasizing the Reclamation of Self in Postfeminism* (2008) and *Gendering the Recession: Media and Culture in an Age of Austerity* (2014). Her current project is *The Aesthetics and Affects of Cuteness* (forthcoming 2017). Professor Negra is Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Television and New Media*.

Professor Negra's research in media, gender and cultural studies has been widely influential and recognized with a range of research awards and fellowships. A former member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies, she serves on the Board of the Console-ing Passions International Conference on Television, Video, Audio, New Media and Feminism. In 2014-2015 she served as Commissioner on the Commission on Gender Inequality and Power in the UK. She is a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

Professor Maxine Molyneux



Professor Maxine Molyneux is Professor of Sociology and was Director of the UCL Institute of the Americas until April 2014. Prior to joining UCL in 2012 she was Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas at the School of Advanced Study, London University. She previously held full time posts at the Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) at the University of London, also at the Politics and Sociology Department of Birkbeck College and the Sociology Department of Essex University from where she gained her PhD in 1983.

Professor Molyneux has written extensively in the fields of political sociology, gender and development, human rights and social policy, and has authored books on Latin America, Ethiopia and South Yemen. She has also acted as a senior adviser, consultant and researcher to UNRISD, IDRC (Canada), UNIFEM, and Oxfam, and has undertaken and led research for the UK's Department for International Development, CARE International and others. Her current research is on citizen participation in social protection in Latin America. She serves on the Editorial Board of *Economy and Society* and the *Journal of Latin American Studies*.

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