Call for Papers

Democracy & Memory

September 11, 2013, marks the fortieth anniversary of the violent coup that toppled a long-existing democratic regime in Chile. This country was not alone in experiencing repressive military rule. Indeed, during the 1960s and 1970s, democracies in Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil were replaced by military governments. Moreover, during the same period, and extending to the 1990s, authoritarian regimes held power in numerous other countries—Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Peru, and Paraguay among them.

Many of these authoritarian regimes made systematic use of violence, repression, disappearances, and fear to suppress resistance, protest, and human rights. They targeted enemies of the state broadly and used exile, torture, and executions as instruments of state power. Resistance to state repression was also widespread.

Beginning in the 1980s, democratic processes of government were reestablished throughout Latin America and new constitutions were written and introduced against a backdrop of public memories of past political experiences of repression and injustice, many of them constructed under years of authoritarian rule. Sufficient time has now passed for scholars to assess the longer term consequences of collective memory and institutional development and to reflect on a number of major questions:

- Does this past, shaped by collective memories that are themselves constructed of narratives, shared experiences, and interpretations of everyday life, as well as of violence, repression, and resistance, affect how new institutions are discussed, devised, and developed?
- Does the collective experience of violence and oppression contribute significantly to collective commitment to “new rules of the game” that are expected to result in widespread political participation, peaceful conflict resolution, and the generation of consensus about broad lines of public policy?
- What are the enduring tensions and conflicts that result from collective memories of political pasts?
- How have conflicting views of the past shaped public recognition of historical events through art, museums, public spaces, and school curricula?
- How do collective memories survive and how are they transmitted across generations?
- What is the obligation of current and future generations to honor past struggles and to engage in conflicts and discussions about differing interpretations of the past?

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2013  see next page for instructions.
You are invited to submit a paper or panel proposal addressing either the Congress theme or any topics related to the program tracks. LASA also invites requests for travel grants from proposers residing in Latin America or the Caribbean as well as from students. Visit the LASA website for eligibility criteria. All proposals for papers, panels, and travel grants must be submitted electronically to the LASA Secretariat via the online proposal system by September 3, 2013.

The deadline to submit proposals is September 3, 2013.

Proposal forms and instructions will be available on the LASA website: http://lasa.international.pitt.edu.

No submissions by regular mail will be accepted. The Secretariat will send confirmation of the receipt of the proposal via e-mail.

All participants will be required to pre-register for the Congress.

**PROGRAM TRACKS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Select the most appropriate track for your proposal from the following list and enter it in the designated place on the form. Names of Program Committee members are provided for information only. Direct your correspondence to the LASA Secretariat ONLY.

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Gregory Weeks, U North Carolina–Charlotte

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Alejandra Vazquez, Princeton
Lázaro Lima, U Richmond

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Jeffrey Staton, Emory U

**Literary Studies: Colonial and 19th Century**
Agnes Lugo Ortiz, U Chicago
Pablo Ansolabehere, Universidad de San Andrés

**Literary Studies: Contemporary**
Hector Hoyos, Stanford
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**Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary Approaches**
Juan Carlos Quintero Herencia, U Maryland
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**Mass Media and Popular Culture**
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Clarisa Pérez Amendizá, Bates College
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Alessandra Russo, Columbia

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