

paper-matching system that will allow individuals to connect with others working on similar topics.

In addition to panels made up of paper submissions accepted as part of the thematic tracks, the Congress will also include special panels that take stock of some of the most important developments in Latin American studies today and reflect on the past 50 years. Some of these panels will reach across generations to engage the

very youngest, budding scholars and at the same time benefit from the wisdom and experience of seasoned scholars, activists, journalists, and others who have been eyewitnesses to and participants in these first 50 years of LASA's history. The city of New York itself—in so many ways, a Latin American city—will loom large in the planning of this conference. We are planning events that highlight and stimulate discussion on dimensions of this global city such as its Latin American

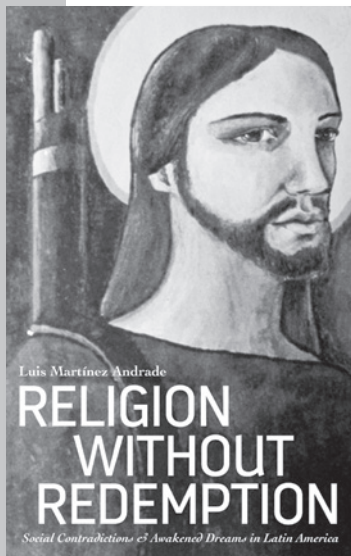
immigration and its debt to Latin American intellectual production. While these plans are not yet concrete enough to publish in this *Forum*, we ask that you stay tuned for exciting news in the months to come. ■

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