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INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics Foundation

In May 1973 the National Congress of Brazil modified the organizational structure of the Fundação IBGE. All autonomous units of the Foundation were abolished, and their respective responsibilities were assigned to Directorates, Superintendencies, and Departments, with a separation of technical and administrative functions. The stated goal of this structural change is to provide the entity with greater autonomy and flexibility of action. For details and clarification write: Isaac Kerstenetzky, President, Fundação IBGE, Av. Franklin Roosevelt, 166, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil.

University of California, Los Angeles

Latin American Social History was a new, innovative, and experimental course offered in the Department of History, UCLA, during the Winter Quarter of 1973. The goals of this course were: to indicate sources for the study of history other than conventional archival documents; to focus on the film, both commercial and documentary, as a legitimate means of better understanding the past; and to use the film to study in both historical and contemporary perspective the status of the ordinary people within Latin American society. The disciplines of sociology and anthropology were utilized as fully as possible to enrich the historical approach. Commercial films from Latin America illustrated the theme of each weekly meeting. For additional information write: E. Bradford Burns, Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90024.

Caribbean Studies Association

Considerable interest has been expressed in the formation of a Caribbean Studies Association—an interdisciplinary professional society of scholars concentrating on the Caribbean region. Several Caribbeanists have decided to proceed with the formation of such an association and to seek a place within the structure of the Latin

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American Studies Association. Anyone who might have an interest in joining such an association should contact: Roland I. Perusse, Director of Inter-American Studies at Inter American University of Puerto Rico, P. O. Box 3255, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

Conference on Latin American History

The Committee on Andean Studies of CLAH launched two important projects to facilitate historical research on Chile, Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador during 1972–73. The Committee has established a research clearing house to compile and publicize current research activities of the members. A committee consisting of Leon Campbell, California, Riverside, Jaime Rodríguez, Irvine, William Sater, Long Beach, John TePaske, Duke, and James Wilkie, UCLA, has begun preparation of a Field Research Guide for the Andean area.

Council of the Americas

As a result of recent Council of the Americas “task force” visits to Andean Pact countries, a great deal of in-depth and up-to-date information was developed and made available to its members in the form of workshop seminars. These workshop seminars were planned on the topic: Interpreting the New Developments in the Andean Pact Countries—Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. The seminars were held in four cities during September 1973. For additional information write, Council of the Americas, 680 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

University of Essex

In October 1972 a new department was formed in the School of Comparative Studies of the University of Essex, the Department of History. The new Department of History has declared a major interest in the Latin American area and has resulted in major expansion of the Latin American studies program.

The Latin American program is not an area studies program as such. The primary aim of the Program is to train specialists in a particular discipline (or disciplines), but to allow the student to include the specialized study of a foreign area as an integral aspect of this process. Further information from: M. Christian Anglade, Director, Latin American Centre, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ, England.

Universidad de las Americas

The Education Department of the University of the Americas will offer a Summer Education Institute in Intercultural Studies, from July 1–August 9, 1974, which will fill a gap in the professional training of teachers who work in multi-ethnic classrooms. This course will be a six-week, twelve graduate credit quarter hour

program. The program is designed to provide elementary, secondary, and university level teachers who work with non-anglo heritage students with an intensive exposure to Mexico and the traditional folkways of its people. The cost of the six-week program is less than \$750.00 plus travel to and from the Universidad. More information may be requested from: John Dobson Ingram, Coordinator, Summer Education Institute, University of the Americas, P. O. Box 507, Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation has established a new program (Latin American Cooperative Science Program) to foster and support mutually beneficial scientific and technological cooperation between the United States and Latin America. The Program encourages collaboration and exchange of information between scientists, engineers, scholars, and institutions of research and higher learning of the United States and the cooperating countries. The present on-going programs with Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico will become part of this new effort. Other countries in Latin America may also be considered.

The Program provides financial support for cooperative research projects, joint seminars, and scientific visits. The principal of shared support will be observed: the U.S. side and the foreign side which contribute funds, manpower, and facilities on an equitable basis, although precise matching of contributions is not required.

Submission of preliminary proposals of NSF for comment and guidance, before conclusion of understandings with foreign colleagues, is encouraged. Applications or proposals for support of scientific visits, and preliminary proposals for cooperative research and joint seminars should be submitted in five copies. Inquiries and requests for further information should be addressed to: Latin American Cooperative Science Program, Office of International Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550.

Overseas Development Council

The Charles F. Kettering Foundation is cooperating with the Overseas Development Council on a joint project, World Development: A Dialogue between North and South. The main purposes of this project are to promote a clearer understanding in developed countries of the politico-economic concerns of developing countries in the 1970s and to contribute to a greater awareness in developing countries of their strengths and weaknesses with relation to international economic systems and developed countries.

The project will consist of the commissioning of six papers on the politico-economic issues between "North" and "South"; a small conference of specialists to discuss the papers and to identify and analyze the major issues; and the design of a program of international activities for 1974 which will aim at a better understanding of politico-economic relations among rich and poor countries and improvements in

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the positions of the different countries of the "South" in the international economic systems.

The conference is scheduled to take place in early 1974. The summary report of the discussions of the conference will be the counterpart to the ODC's *The United States and the Developing World: Agenda for Action*. For additional information contact the project director, Guy F. Erb, Overseas Development Council, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

University of Texas

During the spring of 1974 the University of Texas will offer a course in the sociology of development, a special field within the general area of social change. The course concerns those factors affecting the transition from less industrialized societies to those characterized by sustained industrial growth and more flexible social structures. The sociology of development studies the internal dynamics of less developed, or Third World societies and their external relationships with the developed industrial "centers."

The first seminar was structured around major theories, from economic and political classics, such as Weber, Hobson, and Lenin, to contemporary approaches. The major analytic exercise will consist in identifying in the theories the major recurrent issues, proposed interpretations and strategies, and possible ways for examining them empirically. The Sociology of Development Program was recently approved by the Sociology Department and will be officially launched in 1974-75.

University of West Florida

Fostering International Understanding Through Cooperative Education in Selected Nations is a new program funded by the U.S. Office of Education at the University of West Florida, fall 1973. The program is designed to provide a student with career professional study in his area of interest and, in addition, the necessary skills and background to enable him to function in a foreign society. Students will study the target culture through appropriate courses and seminars, undergo a one-quarter intensive total language immersion experience to make them functional in Spanish, French, or Portuguese, and then spent two quarters (or longer) in any of several target countries in cooperative education activities.

Upon return from the overseas experience, the student will participate in interdisciplinary seminars to test and integrate classroom and real world experiences. Individuals with majors which provide immediately marketable skills such as those in accounting, finance, systems science, vocational-technical education, and education will be given priority in selecting participants. The program will be directed by Jacques M. P. Wilson, Assistant to the Provost for International Programs and Chairman of the Latin American Interdisciplinary Studies Program. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Professor Wilson at the University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.