The 38th ACIS Annual Conference took place at the Universidade Católica do Porto, Portugal, from 7 to 9 September 2016.

Oporto city has been described as “antique, highly noble, always loyal and unconquered” due to the courage, strength of character and determination of its people. Tested throughout history (the Discoveries and the nineteenth-century civil war) it is nowadays a dynamic, innovative and open city, where knowledge and creativity abound. From science to culture, arts and sports, from the warmth of its people to its architecture and natural resources, Oporto has become a truly world-class city. Cultural and leisure facilities such as Casa da Música, the Coliseu, the City Park, the Serralves Foundation - with its Museum of Contemporary Art and park - and of course the iconic Avenida dos Aliados are just some examples of the city’s heritage.

Located on the west side of the city, in Foz do Douro, the Universidade Católica do Porto was founded in 1978 and has, at the moment, eight academic units and eight research centres, providing a stimulating and multicultural academic environment for students and researchers throughout Portugal and around the world.

"A velhice feminina no cinema brasileiro", by Barbara Cabral.

"Pragmatic awareness in Spanish Language Teaching Materials", by Carlos de Pablos-Ortega.

Serralves Museum, Cultural event.

keynote speaker: Professor José Esteves Pereira, Emeritus Professor Universidade Nova Lisboa.
Conference dinner, Gaia.

Open session: Susana Relvas, Mark Gant, Jorge Teixeira da Cunha

Keynote speaker - Maria Gerlades - Agrupación Europea de Cooperación Territorial / Agrupamento Europeu de Cooperação Territorial Galicia-Norte de Portugal (GNP-AECT)

ACIS general meeting: Rikki Morgan- Tamosunas, Mark Gant, Susana Relvas, María Gómez Bedoya.

Keynote speaker: Sónia Izquierdo Merinero, Cervantes Institute, Lisbon.

The 38th Annual Conference of the Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies is organised by the Universidade Católica, Oporto, in collaboration with the University of Westminster and the University of East Anglia.

CALL FOR PAPERS

3rd EXTENSION  18th May 2016 (Wednesday)

Early bird extension: 5th June (Sunday)

PROPOSAL FOR PAPER OR PANEL
The Association will hold its 38th Conference, organised jointly by the Universidade Católica Porto, University of East Anglia and University of Westminster, from 7 to 9 September 2016. The conference will take place at the Universidade Católica Porto with accommodation available both at the renowned Hotel Boa Vista and Casa Diocesana – Seminário Vilar.

You are cordially invited to offer a paper, panel, or workshop presentation. Proposals for individual papers as well as panels on specific themes (max. four papers per panel) are encouraged. Any proposed panel should be organised by one convenor who will be responsible for inviting the speakers and chairing the session. You are also invited to suggest any speakers you think would be willing to offer a paper, but please note that ACIS does not normally offer a fee or expenses for speakers.

ACIS encourages proposals from postgraduate students and a small number of partial conference fee bursaries are available – please see application process details below and encourage your students to consider this.

Below are the suggested thematic areas for papers and panels, which must advance understanding of contemporary socio-cultural, economic and political issues and realities and relate primarily to Spain and/or Portugal. Both single-disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives are encouraged and the themes listed below are not exclusive.

- Politics, Government, International Relations, the EU, Nationalism, Regionalisms
- Economics, Business, Labour, Social and Welfare issues
- Cultural production in all its forms (e.g. film, television, journalism, literature, media, advertising, digital communication & social networking)
- Social and Cultural Studies (e.g. identity, gender, ethnicity, popular culture)
- Leisure, Tourism, Sport
- Contemporary history
- Language, Linguistics, Language Policy
- Education and Pedagogy

The selection of panels/papers will be made by the Conference programme convenors in consultation with the Executive Committee and these decisions will be final. Papers will be allocated 30 minutes on the programme (20 mins for the paper 10 mins for discussion).

We will shortly be announcing the keynote speakers for the conference on our ACIS website. Keynote speakers in previous years have included novelist Use Lahoz, journalist and writer Elvira Lindo, historian and diplomat Professor Angel Viñas and the Association’s President, historian Professor Paul Preston.

If you wish to offer a paper, please see the Guidelines for Papers and send your proposal to the ACIS 2016 Programme Convenor (Rikki Morgan-Tamosunas, University of Westminster and María Gómez-Bedoya, University of East Anglia) at the email address: m.gomez-bedoya@uea.ac.uk by Wednesday 18th May 2016. Informal enquiries concerning papers and topics are welcome before the deadlines. Details concerning conference registration will be made available in due course on the ACIS website www.iberianstudies.net. Please visit this site for further information about the Association.

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BOOKING FORM

(already available)

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Bursaries

The Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies is offering four postgraduate student bursaries of 150€ against the conference fee for the forthcoming ACIS Conference at Universidade Católica Porto, 7-9 September 2016.
These bursaries are available to postgraduate students whose research is related to an area of interest to ACIS members (see above Guidelines for Papers), and who are willing to offer a paper at the 2016 Conference. ACIS aims in this way to encourage postgraduate students to participate in the Association, which is concerned with the study of social, political and economic aspects of the Iberian area, as well as its languages and cultures.

N.B. These bursaries are intended for postgraduate students who are not in full-time or fractional academic posts; students who are employed to undertake small amounts of part-time teaching (less than 0.5 FTE timetable) will be eligible.

Applications should be made to the ACIS 2016 Conference Convenors (Professor Rikki Morgan-Tamosunas, University of Westminster and María Gómez-Bedoya, University of East Anglia) via the Conference email address (m.gomez-bedoya@uea.ac.uk), using the form below.

The completed application form must be accompanied by a supporting reference from the applicant’s supervisor; the reference is needed to help the Conference Convenors and ACIS Executive Committee decide which applications will be of most interest and value, and of sufficient quality to be included in the Conference programme.

Successful applicants will receive a 150€ reduction in the conference fee but please note that travel expenses and accommodation will not be covered by the bursary.

Successful applicants will also be invited to submit papers for consideration for publication in the International Journal of Iberian Studies (IJIS), on the understanding that publication is not guaranteed, as this is a refereed journal.

Final date for applications will be Wednesday 18th May 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE BURSERIES