

Dear ACIS members,

This is the first ACIS newsletter of 2017. The newsletter will be sent three times per year (October, January and April). We would like to thank all the participants and the organisers of the 2017 ACIS conference in Norwich. A special thank goes to the School of Politics, Philosophy, Language and Communication Studies of the University of East Anglia, represented by Alan Finlayson and to the keynote speakers, Cristina Pérez Valverde (Professor of Literature in Granada and writer) and Francisco Oda Ángel (Director of the Cervantes Institute in Manchester-Leeds) for their intriguing lectures. We also would like to remember that the 2018 Conference is going to be held in Barcelona. More details will be given next year with the call for papers. Please follow our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/iberianstudies/?ref=bookmarks>) and twitter account (<https://twitter.com/ACIS40th>) to see the updates. We would like to invite the ACIS postgraduate students to contact us for any advice on how we could improve the postgraduate community.

Furthermore, we would like to report some initiatives that may be of interest for the field of the Iberian studies:

1. A new important reference tool is available for researchers in the field of the Iberian studies. It is the IStReS - Iberian Studies Reference Site (<http://istres.letras.ulisboa.pt>). IStReS aims at offering different tools of reference to scholars working in the field of Iberian Studies:
  - A [database](#) that collects and systematizes a comprehensive, relational bibliography of publications produced in the last two decades in multiple languages—including every Iberian language—that deal with the polycentric relationships between the different cultures and literatures of the Peninsula throughout history;
  - A [Who is who](#) section, destined to highlight the most relevant scholars and their contribution to the field;
  - A [News](#) section that provides updated information related to the field of Iberian Studies such as conferences, symposia, calls for papers, recent publications, etc.
2. **The 56th International Congress of Americanists (ICA)** will be held in Salamanca from the 15th to the 20th of July of 2018. We received in particular a request from one of the participants to the ACIS conference in Norwich, Annarita Gori (University of Lisbon) for papers of transnational for the panel 08/37 entitled ‘Transnational Agents. Interwar intellectuals of the Right across Atlantic’. Please see all the information about the panels on the 2018 ICA website (<http://ica2018.es/cultural-studies/>). The deadline for submission in the 20th of October.
3. **The 49th Annual Conference of the ASPHS** will take place on April 5-7, 2018 at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center at Portland State University in Oregon. The theme is “Converge,” a word that evokes the contacts and intersections that make history happen, and that can serve as a reflection point for our conference. Our theme is intended to inspire rather than delimit submissions and, as in past years, the ASPHS invites session proposals for panels and/or individual presentations on any aspect of Iberian and Iberian-Atlantic history, art history, or literature. The deadline for submissions is 4 December 2017. Please submit proposals by email to the program coordinator, Gina Herrmann at [asphssubmissions2018@gmail.com](mailto:asphssubmissions2018@gmail.com). More information available in the website <https://asphs.net/conferences/>
4. **Appel à article / Chamada de artigo / Call for paper - Dossier LUSOTOPIE 2018/2 - "Sports & nationalismes / Desportos & nacionalismos / Sports & nationalisms"**, Nuno Domingos,

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<https://www.facebook.com/victor.pereira.35325/posts/10156373776698812>

Kind regards,

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