



Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies

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Dear ACIS Members,

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In this newsletter, you will find a short report about the 43rd ANNUAL ACIS CONFERENCE in Palma in September 2022, and we have great news: The 44th ANNUAL ACIS CONFERENCE in 2023 will be held in Porto. We are also providing some exciting CALL FOR PAPERS for upcoming conferences and journals. Please be aware that you always have the opportunity to publish in our journal: International Journal of Iberian Studies. Also note the interesting JOB OPPORTUNITIES we found for you. Last but not least, we had the idea that ACIS Members should get to know each other better, and that's why we included a WHO'S WHO section at the end of the newsletter, where we tell you about one of our last Bursary Awardees, who we also interviewed for our latest podcast episode.

Happy reading wishes your PG - Representative:

Sarah-Therese Mann



FLASHBACK: ANNUAL ACIS CONFERENCE (Palma, 2022)

The **43rd Annual ACIS Conference** in September 2022 was a great success, hosted by the **Facultat de Filosofia i Lletres** at the **Universitat de les Illes Balears**. For the first time, this conference was held in a hybrid format. It was a pleasure to enjoy the hot Mediterranean autumn weather, friendly Mallorquin hospitality and the fruitful exchange of innovative research.

Delicious conference Dinner



Papers and panels from scholars, students and fellow researchers focused on the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first centuries, particularly on the Iberian Peninsula and its relations with the wider Lusophone and Hispanic regions worldwide. ACIS promotes linguistic, educational and cultural diversity of Iberia in areas such as teaching, history, economics, politics and social change. This year, as the host was situated in a Catalan-speaking region, we were happy to report many talks, research findings and historical insights into Catalan-related studies regarding the Balearic Islands and other regions and contexts.

Our keynote speakers this year were the famous writer and journalist **Martín Caparrós**, who spoke about his experience from the beginnings of his profession and working with the NY Times. The most crucial trait this profession has to fight for, he says, is authenticity and integrity, as dependency on the reader threatens these values far too often in the 21st century.



Martín Caparrós (left) talking about his experience as a journalist.

Other keynote speakers came from the host university and highlighted the Balearics' history in



Prof. Francesc Vicens (left) and Prof. Eduard Moyà talking about the connection between the Balearics and Britain.

the post-Franco era and the archipelago's history with Britain. **Prof. Eduard Moyà** and **Prof. Francesc Vicens** explained the importance of the Balearic Islands for Britain via discourse in literature, travel diaries and images, as well as providing a short resumé about the famous Prof. Joan Mascaró.

Furthermore, historians **Prof. David Ginard Ferón** and **Elisabeth Ripoll Gil** told us about the Balearics becoming a democratic autonomous region and how, but also why, the memory of the Spanish Civil War should be integrated didactically into the school syllabus. For them, “Historians are the conscience of society”.



Historians Prof. Elisabeth Ripoll Gil (right) and Prof. David Ginard Ferón with their presentation about the Balearics democratic memory.

This year’s annual ACIS conference also awarded four bursaries to different students focusing on various topics. Congratulations to the awardees: **Liz Maria Teles** (Sá Almeida, Universidade de Évora), **Louise Evans** (University of Liverpool), **Maria Plamer i Clar** (Universitat de les Illes Balears) and **Míriam Gómez Vegas** (Universitat de les Illes Balears). You can read about our member and awardee **Louise Evans** in the WHO’S WHO section and find out more about her research via our podcast, which will be published on our website soon.

We would like to thank all the volunteers, members and the committee, as well as our hosts, for making this conference happen, providing good food for body and mind and giving their time and seamless efforts to organising this event. As the chair, Prof. Susana Rocha Relvas, noted so accurately during her opening speech: “Such conferences should be a place where international but also interdisciplinary connections are encouraged.”

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Porto next year. Find out more in our next section: **UPCOMING ANNUAL ACIS CONFERENCE (Porto, 2023)**.



ACIS members had a good time exploring Palma’s beautiful old town and its world known cathedral.

UPCOMING ANNUAL ACIS CONFERENCE (Porto, 2023)

Dear Members, you can already start packing your summer luggage for our next ANNUAL CONFERENCE as we have a location and date set! We are delighted that this year's turn is Portugal as a host country, and the **44th ANNUAL ACIS CONFERENCE** will be held at the **Faculdade de Letras** at the **Universidade do Porto** from **6th to 8th September 2023**.

We will hold this conference again in a hybrid format, and we are looking forward to meeting you there in person or online. This year's host organisers are **Dr Carla Sequeira** and **Dr Joana Lencart** from **CITCEM** – a **Transdisciplinary Research Centre on “Culture, Space and Memory”** (<https://www.citcem.org/>). This Research centre is an R&D Unit based at the FLUP that comprises over 400 researchers.

As we celebrate the centenary of Mário Cesariny, one of Portugal's most famous poets, we will prepare a round table dedicated to Iberian Poetry. There will be a book exposition and other related activities.

The **Call for Papers** for this conference will be shortly announced to all members and disclosed on ACIS social media.

We cordially invite researchers to send us their submissions for a paper, a panel or a workshop presentation. The suggested areas are topics related to the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century regarding sociocultural, economic and political issues concerning Spain and/or Portugal, as well as transnational issues and processes in the context of the Iberian Peninsula within the wider Lusophone and Hispanic world.

The following is a list of suggestions, and other related topics will be considered:

- Politics, Government, International Relations, the EU, Nationalism, Regionalisms, Transnational issues and processes
- 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

If you wish to offer a paper, please see the Guidelines for Papers and send your proposal to the ACIS 2023 Programme Convenors, **Dr Carla Sequeira** and **Dr Joana Lencart**, at the email address: **44acis2023@gmail.com** by **SUNDAY, 16th April 2023**.

Informal enquiries concerning papers and topics are welcome before the deadlines. Conference booking can be made at ACIS registration 2023, and there is more information at: <https://www.iberianstudies.net/conferences>

CFPs for Conferences

We also have some other Call for Papers for Conferences, which might be of interest to you:

1. The conference "Relaciones culturales entre España y el mundo comunista durante la guerra fría" will be held in Bern on the **07-08/07/2023**
Call for Paper deadline: 31/12/22
More information: https://twitter.com/UCM_dhmyc/status/1598757343558238210
2. The "II Internacional Conference" with the topic "Banned Images. Exile, repression and censorship in artistic creation in the Iberian Space – 20th and 21st Centuries" will take place at the University of Alcalá in **Madrid** on the **27-28/4/2023**
Call for Paper deadline: 5/1/2023
More information: <https://congressoimagensinterditas.weebly.com/chamada-de-trabalhoscall-for-papers.html>
3. The Conference "Hispanophone Africa and beyond: colonial legacies, anti-colonial solidarities and postcolonial futures?" is an **online conference** hosted by Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK and will take place online on **12/7/2023**.
Call for Paper deadline: 1/2/2023
More information: <https://socialhistoryportal.org/news/articles/311244>
4. The international congress "Suicidio en la Literatura Hispánica" will be held at the **Universidad Complutense de Madrid** from the **25-27/04/2023**
Call for Paper deadline: 20/02/2023
More information: <https://eventos.ucm.es/87830/detail/suicidio-en-la-literatura-hispanica.html>

5. The **13th International Conference on Professional Communication and Translation Studies** will be held **online** and in **Timisoara, Romania**, between the **30-31/3/2023**
Call for Paper deadline: 01/03/2022
More information: <https://sc.upt.ro/ro/pcts13-2023>
6. The **7th International Conference on Linguistics and Literature (ICLL 2023)** will be held in **Vienna, Austria**, between the **25-27/7/2023**
Call for Paper deadline: 05/03/2022
More information: <http://www.icll.org>

CFPs for Journals and Books:

“Rocinante. Revista di filosofia iberica, iberoamericana e interculturale” invites you to participate in the Call for Papers for the 2023 issue.

Call for Paper deadline: 31/12/2022

More information: http://www.rocinante.it/call-for-papers?fbclid=IwAR3CB0mNgPM-I_md7sIIAnUQ6oHh-Bo763dGU5LVJ4U9EjOFn5DNZ2vbxY

The **Acta Philologica vol. 60** invites researchers to submit their original and unpublished research papers and book reviews from disciplines including literary and cultural studies.

Call for Paper deadline: 15/01/2023

More information: <https://acta.wn.uw.edu.pl/resources/html/newsDetails?id=1079>

Call for chapter proposals: "Hispanidad, arte y deporte. El deporte hispano en los medios audiovisuales y la literatura"

Call for Chapter deadline: 15/01/2023

More information:

https://vernonpress.com/proposal/215/55f679bc9fcdd24ee5b34504f564145d?fbclid=IwAR21Eh-vU6pY4KW4A1rzkcC5AUwD5G0GRvDQ97epMMo0v0NshHpOk_pHDtc

The Journal **Cuadernos de Aleph** invites all interested persons to participate in its sixteenth issue dedicated to: “Imaginaris, discursos y narrativas de las violencias en las literaturas y culturas hispanas”.

Call for Paper deadline: 01/03/2023

More information: <http://bit.ly/3nhIKJk>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Assistant Professor in the field of Hispanic Linguistics at Queens College (CUNY), New York (USA)

Application deadline: 17/1/2023

More information: <https://cuny.jobs/queens-ny/assistant-professor-hispanic-languages-and-literatures/37C8F87473514B5E9A3739AA977EC02C/job/>

- 2) Post-Doctoral position in Natural Language Processing (1.0 FTE) at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands)

Application deadline: 02/01/23

More information: <https://www.rug.nl/about-ug/work-with-us/job-opportunities/?details=00347-02S0009QSP&cat=phd>

- 3) Post-Doctoral Researcher in the Arts, Data Literacy and Diversity (Specific Purpose Contract) at the University of Limerick (Ireland)

Application deadline: 09/01/2022

More information:

https://my.corehr.com/pls/ulrecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.display_form

- 4) Lecturer/ Senior Lecturer in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at London Senate House, University of London (UK)

Application deadline: 13/01/2023

More information: <https://www.jobs.london.ac.uk/displayjob.aspx?jobid=2325>

ACIS MEMBERS - WHO'S WHO

Today we want to present **Louise Evans** and her research in *Spanish Instagram Poetry*, also called *Instapoésía*. Louise was always interested in Hispanic Studies and Literature. Being the first of her family to pursue an academic career, she pioneers the research on how the particular medium Instagram is changing the face of contemporary literature in the context of



Louise Evans presenting her research at the 43rd Annual Acis Meeting

linguistics and visualisations. Find out more about Louise's research in our latest Podcast episode on our website.

If you would like to contact her directly, just send her an email:

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Closing remarks

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and found the information useful. Please do not hesitate to write to us if you have any suggestions or comments. Please let us know if you would like to be featured with your research in our newsletter and/or our podcast as we continuously work to strengthen the ACIS network and foster collaborations.

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