

The topic of the 5th Doctoral Seminar on American Studies of the Instituto Franklin of Universidad de Alcalá is "Cultural approaches to American Studies" The seminar will focus on current trends in the field of American Studies, with doctoral students presenting their dissertation research, two practical research workshops and guest lecture as well as a working lunch where students and faculty mingle and discuss their research from different perspectives.

The objective of the seminar is to strengthen the research community around American Studies, to further develop different research areas and new trends in American Studies and apply them to doctoral theses in progress and also to familiarize students with different research methodologies

This seminar is recognized by the Doctoral School as a specific activity of this branch of knowledge, open to all students of the field of Humanities.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Seminar on American Studies

*"Cultural Approaches to American Studies"*

Alcalá de Henares, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019



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# Program

## Morning Session

- **10:00 – 12:00 Introductory workshop:** “La entrevista como técnica de investigación en Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades” Dr. Héctor del Castillo & Dr. Alejandro Iborra.
- **12:00 – 12:30 Coffee Break**
- **12:30 – 13:30 Introductory workshop:** “La investigación en archivos: fuentes documentales en el AGA” Dr. Alberto Lázaro

**13:30 – 15:00 Working lunch** and professor-student discussions. (*Seminario 1, Colegio de Trinitarios*)

## Afternoon Session

- **15:00 – 16:30** Doctoral students presentations 2nd year.
  - **Miguel Benito Lázaro:** “*Historical Roots of US National Security Ethos*”
  - **Daniel Bustillo Hurtado:** “*The Spanish-American Cold War: Hegemony or survival*”
  - **Carlos Herrero Martínez:** “*Mater dolorosa. Spanish identity through American imaginary*”
  - **Beatriz Lindo Mañas:** “*The Magic in Nature: Magical Realism (and Ecofeminism) in Linda Hogan’s Novels*”
  - **Joaquín Saravia:** “*The Argentine American Experience: A State of the Art*”
- **16:30 – 17:30 Plenary lecture:** Dr. Antonio Ballesteros (UNED) “*From Gothic Nightmares to Disenchantment: American Vampires*”.
- **17:30 – 18:00** First-year students round table. Eduardo Fort, Iulia Marcela Vescan, María Sánchez Castellanos.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3

**Hour:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:**

- **Morning session.** Room 4 Colegio de Caracciolos
- **Working Lunch:** Seminario 1 Colegio de Trinitarios
- **Afternoon Session:** Room 8 Colegio de Caracciolos



## PhD in American Studies Program

The PhD Program in American Studies, organized and promoted by the Instituto Franklin-UAH, is integrated in the Escuela de Doctorado de la Universidad de Alcalá. It aims to foster original research on the subject of American Studies.

The Instituto Franklin-UAH is the only research University Institute in Spain dedicated to the study of the United States. It aims to contribute to the understanding of the reality of North America. Due to the wide variety of fields of knowledge related to North America and the United States, the PhD Program in American Studies includes an interdisciplinary approach.