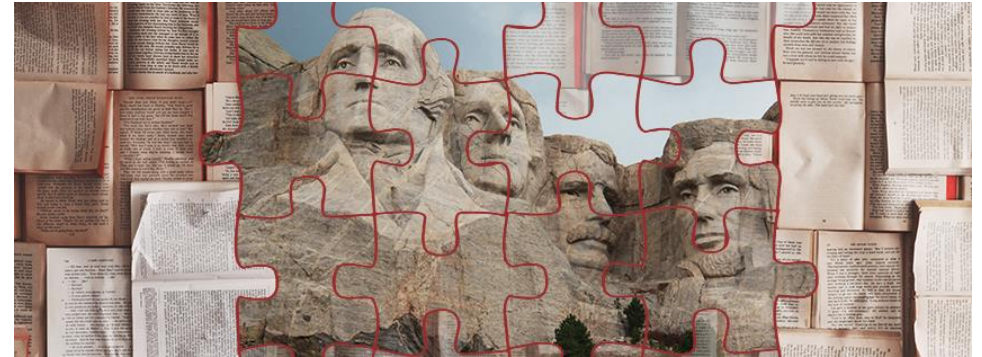


The topic of the III Doctoral Seminar on American Studies of the Instituto Franklin of Universidad de Alcalá is “The Relevance of American Studies Today”. The seminar will focus on the current trends in the field of American Studies, with doctoral students presenting their dissertation research, faculty members giving short presentations, and a working lunch where students and faculty mingle and discuss “The Challenge and Wealth of Multidisciplinary Approaches.”

The objective of the seminar is to stimulate debate on different aspects of American Studies and to broaden students’ view of the field, both MA and PhD candidates. It will also serve to provide practice for doctoral students on presenting their research and an opportunity for them to get feedback on their work.



3rd Seminar on American Studies

The Relevance of American Studies Today

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Program

Morning session. Colegio Trinitarios. Room: Luis Rosales

9.00-10.00am Graduate Student Orientation (Master's and PhD):
Graduate study, resources, and grants

10.00-11.00am Lecture by **Dr. Francisco Sáez de Adana** "The Relevance
of American Comic Strips"

11.00-11.30am Coffee break

11.30-12.00am Round Table Session with Doctoral Students

- **Beatriz Lindo, Ainur Ospanova y Marcos Todeschini**

12.00-13.00am Doctoral Students' Presentations

- **Sarah Mackin:** "Promoting Social Justice through Intercultural Studies"
- **Jean Paul Lerea:** "Margaret Fuller: A Proto Ecofeminist"
- **Jing Hu:** "Environmental Justice: A Common Theme in Indigenous Peoples' Narratives in the United States, Mexico and China"

13.00-14.00am Lecture by **Dr. José Manuel Estévez-Saá** "USA and
Spain: An Effective and Strategic Cooperation"

Afternoon session. Colegio Trinitarios. Room: Seminario 1

2.00-3.30pm Workshop lunch Professors and Students: "The Challenge
and Wealth of Multidisciplinary Approaches"

3.30-5.00pm Doctoral students' presentations

- **Laura Álvarez Trigo:** "Audiences and Screens: Mass Communication in Don DeLillo"
- **Elena Serrano:** "The Image of Native Americans in recent American cinema"
- **Juan Ignacio Gallego:** "Silver City: Environment, Immigration and Politics"

5.00pm Closing and Conclusions

Speakers

Francisco Sáez de Adana is the Deputy Director of Instituto Franklin-UAH and a full Professor at the Universidad de Alcalá, in the department of Computer Science. He works in the field of history of science and technology, within which he directs a project funded by the Instituto Franklin-UAH to study the history of radar in Spain and its relationship with the United States. He also works on issues related to the comic and American popular culture.

José Manuel Estévez-Sáa is an Associate Professor at the Universidad de A Coruña, essayist and columnist. His field of research focuses on Anglo-American and European Studies, and he is an International Relationships analyst. He is the Director of the International Policy and Transcultural Relations Observatory (OPIRET-UDC).



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