

Programme: Liberalism in the Americas, 21 March 2012

WORKSHOP: 'LIBERAL CONSTITUTIONALISM IN THE AMERICAS: THEORY AND PRACTICE'

Venue: Court Room, Senate House, London. **Places Limited:** Please register interest with deborah.toner@sas.ac.uk

Description: This workshop focuses a comparative perspective on constitutional traditions across the Americas since the late eighteenth century, as well as exploring the national and transnational influences upon constitution-making in the region. We seek to establish what liberal concepts and institutions were prioritized at different times and in different national constitutions, and what the intellectual, political, economic and other influences were that shaped these decisions and debates from the late eighteenth to the early twentieth century. Moreover, the workshop will explore how constitutional laws were interpreted and practiced in different contexts at different levels of government: executive, judicial, and legislative; national, state and local.

1.00-1.10pm WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1.10-2.40pm PANEL 1: SOUTH AMERICA. Chair: Paulo Drinot (ISA). Commentator: Dr Adrian Pearce (KCL)

PAPERS:

Dr Marta Irurozqui (CSIC-CCHS, Madrid), "La justicia del pueblo. Ciudadanía armada y movilización social."

Dr Natalia Sobrevilla Perea (Kent), "Liberalism and Constitution-Making in Peru, 1812-1860."

Dr Gabriel Negretto (CIDE, Mexico), "Between Shared Understandings and Strategic Conflicts: The Making of a Presidential Republic in Argentina, 1853-1860."

2.40-3.00pm TEA/COFFEE BREAK

3.00-4.30pm PANEL 2: US AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD. Chair: Deborah Toner (ISA). Commentator: Dr Erik Mathisen (Portsmouth).

PAPERS:

Dr Max Edling (Loughborough), "A More Perfect Union: The Framing and Ratification of the Constitution."

Prof. Kenneth Maxwell (Visiting Professor, Harvard), "The Influence of the Constitutions of the North American States (1776-1789): An Atlantic History."

Mr Tom Cutterham (St Hugh's College, Oxford), "Society and Property at the American Founding: The Role of Public Welfare in the Rhetoric of Liberalism."
