

Monday 8 December 2008

17.00 – 18.15

BRITISH INFLUENCE IN THE INDEPENDENCE OF LATIN AMERICA AND COLOMBIA

In the context of the bicentenary of Latin-American independence, British and Colombian historians will be discussing the influence Britain had in the independence process.

ANTHONY McFARLANE, Warwick University

JUAN ESTEBAN CONSTAIN, *Universidad del Rosario* (Colombia); University of Venice.

Chair: **JEAN STUBBS**, Director Caribbean Studies Centre London Metropolitan University

18.30 – 20.00

PERSPECTIVES OF GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ

This panel presents the unique opportunity to listen to a discussion between three authors who have had unprecedented access to Gabriel Garcia Marquez. As the speakers share their opinions, experiences and stories of the Nobel Prize Winner, the conversation will offer intimate anecdotes and views of Garcia Marquez.

GERALD MARTIN, Author, *Gabriel Garcia Marquez:*

A Life

PLINIO APULEYO MENDOZA, Author, *El Olor de la Guayaba, conversaciones con Gabriel Garcia Marquez*

DASSO SALDÍVAR, Author, *Gabriel Garcia Marquez: El Viaje a la Semilla*

20.00 – 21.00 Reception

Henry Thomas Room, Tower Building, North Campus, London Metropolitan University, 166-220 Holloway Road, London N7 8DB

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/about/tower-building.cfm>

As places are limited, booking is essential

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The Embassy of Colombia in collaboration with the Caribbean Studies Centre at London Metropolitan University and Instituto Cervantes, cordially invite you to

COLOMBIA: HISTORY, NARRATIVE & POETRY

Thursday 11 December 2008

18.00 – 19.00

Poetry Reading

ALMA ABIERTA

By Angela Becerra

(in Spanish)

The successful Colombian author, Angela Becerra, presents her book of poems, *Alma Abierta*, which she recently re-launched in Germany and Spain. The audience will have the opportunity to listen to some of the author's favourite poems read by Angela herself.

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