UCLA Center for Argentina, Chile and the Southern Cone
Latin American Institute
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Pioneering Southern Cone Studies

Signaling its commitment to lead interdisciplinary studies of an economically dynamic, culturally rich and socially complex region, in 2008 the UCLA Latin American Institute established the first-of-its-kind Center for Argentina, Chile and the Southern Cone. An expansion of UCLA’s former Program on Argentina, the Center fosters comparative and collaborative research by faculty members and graduate students, builds ties with Southern Cone institutions, and sponsors public lectures, conferences and cultural events in Los Angeles. We are committed to strengthening UCLA’s position as a world leader in the study of this region and to equipping graduates with language skills and practical experience abroad.

More than 20 UCLA faculty members teach courses and conduct research related to the Southern Cone. These scholars have longstanding research interests in economic development, social movements, human rights and the rule of law, and multiple forms of cultural expression by writers, filmmakers, artists, activists and indigenous groups. They work broadly across such academic and professional disciplines as economics and management, law, political science, history, film and television, geography, literature, language and linguistics, public health, and medicine. The Center brings together specialists from many departments for collaborative research and public programs that produce new forms of understanding of the region’s past and present.

In addition to academic conferences, the Center sponsors public events, often in collaboration with other UCLA area studies centers and local cultural institutions. Recent lectures and cultural events have featured internationally acclaimed activists and jurists such as Chilean lawyer Fabiola Letelier and Argentine Supreme Court Justice Carmen Argibay Molina, filmmakers such as Fernando “Pino” Solanas, Lucrecia Martel and Alberto Fuguet, and economists such as Ricardo López Murphy, Sebastián Claro and Beatriz Nofal, among other distinguished visitors from the region. Additional events involving the region’s film production have been organized with the Los Angeles Film Festival, the UCLA Film & Television Archive and the UCLA Human Rights Film Series. The Center invites international scholars to participate in public events as well as its research and teaching agendas.

The UCLA Center for Argentina, Chile and the Southern Cone is the first academic center in the English-speaking world dedicated to this important region of the Americas. We sponsor interdisciplinary study and public education about Southern Cone societies, economies, arts, cultures, laws and languages.

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The Southern Cone and the World

The Center’s comparative studies produce knowledge not only about the Southern Cone, but also about processes that are taking place all over the globe. Though often viewed as isolated geographically and as exceptional within Latin America, the Southern Cone is thoroughly enmeshed in the global economy and geopolitical realities. With the United States, it shares histories of European and more recent Asian immigration, large middle classes, and features of climate, ecology and agricultural production. The Center promotes dialogue between its own experts and scholars of other regions, near and far, to examine issues of globalization and world affairs.

The Center supports campus-wide and University of California–wide efforts to increase collaboration and exchange with educational institutions in the Southern Cone. As part of a long-term push to internationalize higher education in our state, for example, the UC system has expanded a formal partnership with Chile that provides fellowships for students and encourages cooperation on research. UCLA undergraduates study abroad in the region, and the Anderson School of Management has developed a Global Executive MBA Program for the Americas jointly with a Chilean university. The Center will work to ensure that the Southern Cone remains a key region for new partnerships forged in all fields of expertise.

Support the UCLA Center for Argentina, Chile and the Southern Cone

We encourage you to participate in our events and support our efforts to promote understanding of Southern Cone societies in all of their complexity.

Private philanthropy is critical to the health and vitality of our program. There are many ways to give, including outright gifts, pledges payable over time, and permanent endowments. All gifts are tax-deductible and may be directed to the area of greatest interest to you.

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