



Argentina in Focus

Upcoming Events:

- Talk by Alejandro Grimson 1/30
- Colloquium: Challenges of Inequality and Exclusion 2/1
- Conference: Federalism and Inequality in the Global South 5/22-23

From the Director

This semester we are pleased to welcome five visiting social scientists from Argentina to the Watson Institute and Brown University (see pages 2 and 3 for more information about these scholars). Their visits are made possible by funding from the CLACS Sarmiento Fellowship, and two Watson-based initiatives, the Graduate Program in Development (GPD) and Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI). We invite Brown faculty and students to attend a series of events featuring these visiting scholars starting with the anthropologist Alejandro

January 2013

Grimson's January 30 talk on "Culture and Identity: Two Different Notions" and the February 1 colloquium on "Challenges of Inequality and Exclusion: The Case of Argentina" (see below). We especially encourage students who have studied in Argentina or are interested in doing so to participate in these events and take this exciting opportunity to ask questions, learn more about the country and network by getting to know Argentine professors.


Cordially,
Richard Snyder

Colloquium on Inequality and Exclusion

Three Argentine social scientists who will join us for part of the Spring 2013 semester will participate in the colloquium "Challenges of Inequality and Exclusion: The Case of Argentina." Alejandro Grimson, an anthropologist at the Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Lorena Moscovich, a political scientist at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, and Julián Rebón, a sociologist also at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, will take part in the colloquium. The three scholars will share interdisciplinary perspectives on problems of inequality and social exclusion in contemporary Argentina. The event will take place in the Joukowsky Forum at the Watson Institute on February 1, 2013 at noon. Lunch will be served. The event is open to the public. Note that some of the discussion will be held in Spanish.


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Challenges of Inequality and Exclusion:
The Case of Argentina




Alejandro Grimson, Universidad Nacional de San Martín
Lorena Moscovich, Universidad de Buenos Aires
Julián Rebón, Universidad de Buenos Aires

Friday, February 1, 2013
12 Noon
Joukowsky Forum- Watson Institute
111 Thayer Street
Lunch will be provided.



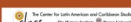
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Culture and Identity:
Two Different Notions



Alejandro Grimson
Institute for Advanced Social Studies
Universidad Nacional de San Martín- Argentina

Wednesday, January 30 2013
12 Noon
McKinney Conference Room- Watson Institute
111 Thayer Street
Lunch will be provided.



Grimson on Culture and Identity

Alejandro Grimson, a professor of Social Anthropology from the Universidad Nacional de San Martín, will speak at the Watson Institute at noon on January 30. The talk, which CLACS is co-sponsoring with the Graduate Program in Development, will take place in the McKinney Conference Room. It is entitled "Culture and Identity: Two Different Notions." The talk and discussion will be held in English.

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Sarmiento Fellow

Julián Rebón



Sociologist Julián Rebón will spend the month of February at Brown University as the Sarmiento Fellow (see below for more information about the fellowship). Rebón holds a doctorate in the Social Sciences from the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), a master's degree in Population Studies (FLACSO, Mexico), and an undergraduate degree in Sociology (UBA). He is currently the Director of the Gino Germani Institute at UBA's School of Social Sciences. In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Sociology and the Social Sciences, He is also a researcher for the National Council on Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina.

Rebón's most recent publications include the books *Las vías de la acción directa* (The Routes of Direct Action), *Gino Germani. La sociedad en cuestión* (Gino Germani: The Society in Question) and *Una década en movimiento. Luchas populares en el amanecer del siglo XXI* (A Decade in Movement: Popular Struggles at the Dawn of the 21st Century).

Rebón is a member of the Editorial Committee of CLACSO's OSAL Journal for the Social Observatory of Recovered and Self-Managed Factories and the Director of the journal *Argumentos: Revista de Crítica Social*.

Sarmiento Fellowship at Brown University

The Honorable Domingo Faustino Sarmiento Fund for Latin American Studies annually awards a short-term \$5,000 fellowship for a resident from a Spanish-speaking South American country to pursue pre-doctoral dissertation, post-doctoral, or independent research at Brown University. Established through the generous support of Alfredo C. Cassiet, M.D. and Maria-Elena Cassiet, the fellowship enables close collaboration with Brown scholars from a wide array of disciplines. The grant is designed to cover airfare, living expenses, and research expenditures for the visiting scholar, who is expected to be in residence in Providence, Rhode Island, for approximately one month during the 2013-2014 academic year. An applicant should send (1) a short *curriculum vitae* including contact information; (2) a brief project proposal outlining the scholarly work that s/he would like to carry out at Brown University and how it relates to her/his overall research agenda; (3) a letter of recommendation from a scholar familiar with the applicant's work; and (4) a letter from a faculty member, visiting scholar, or graduate student affiliated with Brown University, indicating that person's willingness to work with the applicant. The application material may be submitted in Spanish. The application deadline is March 1, 2013.

Please send application material to: Sarmiento Fellowship Committee, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, PO Box 1866, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912 or email them to susan_hirsch@brown.edu.

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BIARI Alumni Residents

Lorena Moscovich

Lorena Moscovich will visit Brown University with a fellowship from the Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI). She is a researcher and adjunct professor of Political Science at the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). She is also a post-doctoral fellow with the National Council on Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET) at the Universidad de San Martín and an Alumni Resident of Brown University with a BIARI. Moscovich will participate in the CLACS conference this May on “Subnational Research in Comparative Politics,” and she is the co-organizer, with CLACS Director Richard Snyder, of the Federalism and Inequality Research Initiative, which will hold a conference at Brown in May to explore how federal political systems in Africa, Asia, and the Americas have tackled problems of inequality. Her research focuses on the sub-national consequences of federal coalition building strategies in Latin America. She also works on issues of economic inequality and sub-national politics in the countries of the Southern Hemisphere. In addition to her teaching and research, She has worked as a political consultant for various public and private institutions, including the federal government of Argentina and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).



Mariana Prats

Mariana Prats will spend two months at Brown during the Spring semester through the Watson-based Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI). She will participate in two CLACS conferences to be held in May, one on “Subnational Research in Comparative Politics” and the other on “Federalism and Inequality in the Global South.” Prats holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and is a doctoral candidate in the field of Social Sciences at the same institution. She also earned a master’s degree in Political Science from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella. Her research is focused on political parties and sub-national political systems in Argentina. She has been awarded a doctoral grant by the National Council on Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET) and is a researcher and teaching assistant at the Universidad de Buenos Aires for the courses Comparative Political Systems (Department of Political Science) and State Theory (Law School). Mariana has served as an advisor to the Ministry of Defense and liaison between it and the Ministry of Foreign Relations. She has taken part in varied activities organized by NGOs. Her work has been presented and published in Argentina and abroad.



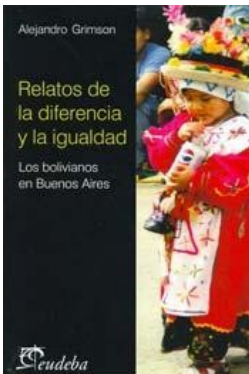
Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) is a junior faculty development initiative for early-career scholars from the Global South, which aims to build transnational scholarly networks while also providing opportunities for professional development. BIARI brings promising young faculty from the Global South together with leading scholars in their fields for two-week intensive residential institutes every summer, and supports collaborative research initiatives among its alumni. A collaboration between Brown University and Santander Universities, BIARI is overseen by the Vice President of International Affairs and is housed at the Watson Institute. For more information, please visit the [BIARI Website](#).



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Graduate Program in Development Visitors

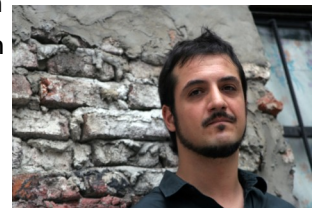
Alejandro Grimson



Alejandro Grimson is professor of Social Anthropology at the Universidad Nacional de San Martín. Since his early studies in the field of Communications at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and his work as a PhD candidate in Anthropology at the Universidade de Brasília, he has focused on migration processes, border zones, social movements, political cultures, identities, and interculturality. His first book, *Relatos de la diferencia y la igualdad* (Tales of Difference and Equality), won the FELAFACS prize for the best thesis in Communications in Latin America. After publishing edited volumes such as *La cultura en las crisis latinoamericanas* (The Role of Culture in Latin American Crises), he was awarded the Bernardo Houssay Prize by the government of Argentina. His book *La nación en sus límites: Interculturalidad y comunicación* (The Limits of the Nation: Interculturality and Communication) won the LASA Iberoamericano Prize in 2012. He is a researcher at the National Council on Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET) and Dean of the Institute for Social Studies at the Universidad Nacional de San Martín.

Álvaro del Águila

Brown also will welcome Álvaro del Águila to campus this semester. Álvaro, a recipient of a doctoral fellowship from the National Council on Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET), will spend several weeks at the Watson Institute through the Graduate Program in Development. Del Águila holds a degree in Anthropology from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and studied Hygiene and Job Safety at the Universidad de Morón. He taught the seminar “Anthropology and International Migration” and coordinated the Migration Team for the Center for Innovation and Development for Community Action at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. He is currently a researcher with the Social Research Group on Paraguay and coordinator of the Buenos Aires office of the Migratory Studies Space. Del Águila is the author of several articles that have appeared in Argentine and international publications. He is the author of the book *Migrantes paraguayos en la industria de la construcción de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires* (Paraguayan Migrants in the Construction Industry in the City of Buenos Aires) and has conducted ethnographic fieldwork at construction sites in Buenos Aires.



Both Grimson and del Águila will come to Brown University through the Watson Institute’s **Graduate Program in Development (GPD)**. GPD is an interdisciplinary initiative sponsored by the Watson Institute and supported by an Integrated Graduate Education Research and Training (IGERT) grant from the National Science Foundation. Working with partner institutions in Brazil, China, India, and South Africa, GPD promotes social science research and training on social, political, and economic transformation in the developing world, with a focus on inequality.

For more information, please see the [Program Website](#).



Globalized Area Studies: CLACS Launches Cross-Regional Research Initiative on Federalism and Inequality in the Global South

CLACS is pleased to announce that the Center's Director, Richard Snyder, and Lorena Moscovich, a political scientist at the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina, were recently awarded funding from the LASA/Mellon seminar program, an initiative made possible through a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The funds will be used to kick off a new collaborative research initiative on "Federalism and Inequality in the Global South" with an international conference at Brown University's Watson Institute in May 2013. Participants will include early-career scholars from Argentina, Brazil, India, Nigeria and South Africa, most of whom are alumni of the Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), which provided seed funding for the initiative. In its cross-regional and comparative focus on inequality, the project will advance the Center's agenda of Globalized Area Studies, which aims to produce knowledge about humanly important questions that is broad and deep, alert to cross-regional patterns and commonalities yet also carefully attuned to contextual specificities.

CLACS Director Richard Snyder and Universidad de Buenos Aires political scientist and BIARI alumna Lorena Moscovich submitted a proposal entitled "Federalism and Inequality in the Global South: Latin America in Comparative Perspective."

The funding that LASA/Mellon has provided will be used to hold a conference at Brown and to support the publication of a book drawing on a cross-country set of the papers presented at the conference. Participants will also present their work at the 2013 LASA Congress in Washington, D.C.. The conference will be held at the Watson Institute at Brown University on May 22 and 23, 2013.

Members of the Federalism and Inequality in the Global South Research Group

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[Madalitso Phiri](#), Human Sciences Research Council,
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[Nathaniel Umukoro](#), Delta State University, Nigeria



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Goals of the Project on Federalism and Inequality in the Global South

The project explores the institutional foundations of political, social and economic inequalities in federal countries across the Global South, including Argentina, Brazil, India and Nigeria, identifying formal and informal mechanisms that deepen or, alternatively, reduce those forms of inequalities. In the workshop to be held at Brown and the panel at LASA, the relationship between federalism and inequality will be discussed in order to compare emerging trends and identify cross-country patterns of success and failure at reducing inequality. These exchanges will not only facilitate mutual learning among participants. They will also strengthen cross-regional collaboration among scholars and help produce public policy recommendations for the reduction of political, social and economic inequality in federal settings.

The specific goals of this project are:

- To enrich academic production on the relationship between federalism and inequality, two fields of research deeply studied but seldom explored in conjunction, and to promote original research that contributes to the identification of factors influencing the persistence of political, social and economic inequality in the Global South, with particular emphasis on Latin America.
- To develop a common framework of analysis to conduct cross-country and cross-regional comparisons by drawing on different methodological approaches (i.e., subnational and cross-national comparisons, historical analysis, and quantitative cross-national research).
- To develop a cross-regional network of academic collaboration among emerging scholars.
- To foster intergenerational discussion and ties between young and senior scholars working on federalism and inequality.
- To disseminate the results of research in a book and in articles in academic journals.



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