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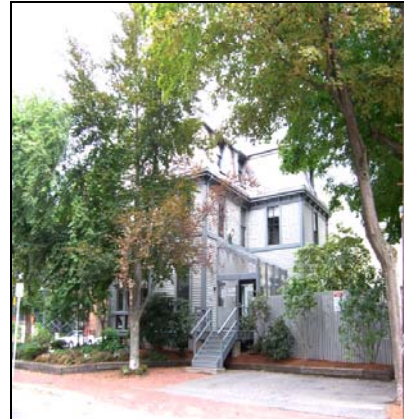


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Welcome to the first monthly electronic bulletin of the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University. Its purpose is to provide, past and future researchers and interested friends, a sense of what is going on at the RCC, and to maintain the contact with our Alumni.

We invite your comments and suggestions at rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu (Elizabeth Kline)

Angel Saenz-Badillos, Director



Major Activities in October

RCC co-sponsored a course on Law & Economics, with the Harvard Law School, from October 10-15, 2005.

On 11 October, RCC hosted an informal open house for its Cambridge neighbors. The Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association sent out several email invitations. In addition, Elisa Alonso, Cristina Martínez, Connie Manna, and Emmy Norris encouraged their friends and neighbors to come share wine and cheese, tour the RCC, and meet some of the current researchers, the director (Angel Saenz-Badillos), and the Program Coordinator (Elizabeth Kline). Many people came and said that they were pleased to see the inside of a building that they passed by many times.

Every Thursday evening, one of the researchers gave a talk and responded to questions. On 6 October, Virginia Rosales from the UCM spoke about “*Courts & economics: an economic approach to assessing court performance*”. On 13 October, UCM Prof. Judit Targarona Borrás gave a presentation “*The poetry of Solomon de Piera*”. Pedro Francés from the University of Granada talked, on 20 October, on “*Evolutionary game theory / morality*”. On 27 October, UCM Prof. Josep Puig discussed “*Alghani a case of religious disbelief*”.

Every Friday evening, RCC hosted free films: *Belle Epoque*, *Tiovio*, *Los Santos Inocentes*, and *Antes que anochezca*.

Current Researchers

The number of research fellows and associates varies during the year. We are the busiest during the summer months.

In October, 20 people had offices at the RCC. Their fields include economics, law, politics, romance languages, philosophy, North American literature, economics & literature, and Hebrew poetry.

Milagros Alvarez Verdugo, Law, U. of Barcelona.

Abel Arias Castaño, Law, U. of Oviedo.

Germa Bel, Political Economy, U. of Barcelona.

José Antonio Carrasco Gallego, Economics, U. Rey Juan Carlos.

Carme Fernández Pérez-Sanjulián, Romance Literature, U. of Coruña.

Yanna G. Franco, Law, UCM.

María Frías, North American Literature, U. of of Coruña.

Angel Ignacio Laparte, Law, U. of Zaragoza.

Matías Irigoyen Testa, Punitive Law, UCM.

Sheila Muñoz Muñoz, Law, U. of Valencia.

Daniel Parejo Ballestro, Corporate Law, UCM.

Josep Puig Montada, Islamic Philosophy, UCM.

Leonor Rams Ramos, Administrative Law, U. Rey Juan Carlos.

In November, there are 18 researchers who have office space at RCC:

Other Spanish students, funded through RCC scholarships, are studying in various Harvard University departments and come here for specific events.

Rafael Rodríguez Prieto, European Law, U. Pablo de Olvide de Sevilla.

Ana Rosado Cubero, Economics, UCM.

Manuel Santos Redondo, History of Economic Thought, UCM.

Judit Targarona Borrás, Hebrew and Arabic Studies, UCM.

Miguel Vázquez, Linguist, UCM.

Interview with a Visiting Scholar

One of the researchers, who gave a talk this month, is Pedro Francés. Before he returned to Spain he was interviewed about his experience at RCC.



*RCC Open House: Pedro Francés
with wife Virginia Rosales & Neighbors*

Pedro was a visiting scholar in the Department of Philosophy at Harvard University. His research project is to write an article for the general public on justice and morality.

“Normally, morality and justice aren’t mixed. Commonly, morality is used for personal norms and justice for social actions.” He believes, however, that the two are linked and he is taking up that challenge.

He cited several accomplishments during his stay at the RCC:

- “The case for my claim has become much clearer to me through discussions with
- Professor Cris Korsgaard at Harvard University and others;
- I made some progress in understanding what kinds of arguments need to be made to back up my points; and
- I made progress in drafting parts of the essay.”

When asked to describe his experience at RCC, Pedro smiled and said: “Amazing as it sounds, this kind of work cannot be done elsewhere. Being in another place, in another university, being able to focus all of my time, and the amenities of the Real Colegio Complutense helped me a lot. Honestly, this kind of progress couldn’t have been made in any other place.”

He was equally pleased with his Cambridge living experience. “This is an expensive place, but Boston/Cambridge is a very livable place -- although my wife Virginia Rosales, another RCC fellow, and I didn’t experience a winter. It is a place where you can imagine spending the rest of your life.” Highlights include: “Harvard Square book stores, cafes, street spectacles; the clean river banks of the Charles River; opportunities for outdoor sports; the public transportation system which allows people to get around without a car; and a beautiful city.”

Upcoming Events at 26 Trowbridge Street (7:30 pm)

Lectures:

November 3: “Recovering the past: memory and melancholy in the *City of no limits*”, Itziar Rodríguez de Rivera.

November 10: “The theory of industrial organization: Harvard vs. Chicago”, Ana Rosado, UCM.

November 17: “Comparing US & EU strategies against weapons of mass destruction”, Milagros Álvarez, U. of Barcelona.

Films:

November 4: *La flaqueza del Bolchevique*.

November 11: *La flor de mi secreto*.

November 18: *Soldados de Salamina*.

What's Happening at Harvard University/Square

October Fest was held in Harvard Square the first weekend in October. Under bright, sunny skies, many people ate foods from a variety of countries, bought items, and listened to live music.

The world-famous Head-of-the-Charles boat races took place October 22/23rd.

With school back in session, many activities were offered to students, faculty, visitors, and neighbors: movies, lectures, classes, dance performances, concerts, and art shows.

The Sackler Museum presents "Degas at Harvard" (through November 27th) displaying more than 60 works.

One big news item is the expansion of Harvard University to a large site across the Charles River in Boston. An informational Harvard in Allston exhibit recently opened in Holyoke Center (Harvard Square). A large table model outlines potential use of the 200 acres over the next 50 years.

From Our Alumni/ae Association

News about RCC alumni/ae will be included in future issues. Please email us with any information that you want to share with others.