

## Real Colegio Complutense Cambridge, MA (USA)



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Welcome to the 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](mailto:rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu) (Elizabeth Kline)

Angel Saenz-Badillos, Director



### Major Activities in July

Summer is in full swing here. The place is overflowing with researchers and seminar participants. Others come by to say hello.

During July and August, there are no public lectures or films. On Friday

nights, one of the researchers (Alejandra Bernabei, chooses a DVD to show to anyone from RCC who wants to watch.

### Current Researchers

#### Newcomers

Most of the members of the Advanced Research Group on Listed Corporations arrived in early July. Two more will come in August. The current researchers are: Carmen Alonso, Carmen Galán, Javier Arias, Francisco Garcimartín, José González Vázquez, Elena Pérez, Jorge Viera, and Javier Gutiérrez. Guillermo Guerra and Diana Sancho will arrive

in the next few days. They occupy the whole third floor of RCC. They do mix with the other researchers, at lunchtime outside by the picnic table, by the coffee machine, and in the hallways.

#### New RCC Researchers

**Jesús De Miguel**, Sociology, U. of Barcelona

**Carmen López Alonso**, European Studies, UCM

**Raquel Galindo**, Gobierno Corporativo, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

**Marisa del Pozo**, Communications, UCM

**M. Victoria Rivas López**, Business, UCM

**Pedro Alberto de Miguel Asensio**, Law, UCM

**José Manuel Cortés Martín**, Public Law, U. Pablo De Olavide de Sevilla

**Celia Martínez Escribano**, Law, U. de Valladolid (for one and a half months)

**Marisa Ruiz-Gálvez**, History, UCM (for one month)

#### Continuing Researchers

**María Frías**, African American Literature, U. of Coruña.

**Judit Targarona Borrás**, Hebrew and Medieval Literature Studies, UCM.

**Ferrán Rodà**, Ecology, Autònoma de Barcelona

**Ruth Ana Stoner Nieves**, Language and Literature, U. de Málaga.

**Joan Rosselló**, Economics, U. Illes Balears.

**Miguel Vázquez**, Linguist, UCM and Northeastern U.

**Paloma Díaz Soloaga**, Communications, UCM

**Maria Luisa Gómez Jiménez** Housing, U. de Málaga

**José Luis Ramos**, Economics, UCM

**Eva Botella Ordinas**, History, U. Autónoma de Madrid

**José María Morán**, Sociology, U. Pablo de Olavide

**Alejandra Bernabei**, Law, UCM

**Carlos Vargas Vasserot**, Law, U. Almeria

**Rafael Leal Arcas**, Law, Instituto Universitario Europeo

## Summer/Fall Courses

Real Colegio Complutense is hosting a number of courses this summer and fall for economists, accountants, lawyers, poets, managers, and political thinkers:

The first seminar (Fourth Executive Seminar) was held in May. Director: Marisa del Pozo.

The Third Seminar “Government restructuring: privatization, regulation and competition” Directors: Anton Comas; Germà Bel, UB. Was held at the end of June.

The Business Management Seminar took place at RCC from **July 10-19**. Director: Alvaro Cuervo; Coordinator: Mauro Guillén. For Program information: <http://www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu> (Go to conferences for a link)



Business Management Seminar Group  
July 17, 2006

Second Accounting Research Symposium: Current trends on Capital Markets, Corporate Governance, Public Sector and Managerial Accounting Research was also held in July (**July 24-28**). Director: Leandro Cañibano; Coordinator: Raquel Galindo. For Program information: <http://www.uam.es/otros/simposio/>

### Upcoming Seminars:

**August 2-9** For the second time, the annual Summer Seminar on Sociological and Political Research will be held at the Real Colegio Complutense. The main goal is to expose

faculty and researchers, mainly from Spain, to top quality academic social researchers who work in the Boston area (primarily from Harvard University and MIT). The small seminar format of 20 to 30 participants allows for an intense academic exchange in English, with the maximum personal and academic benefits.

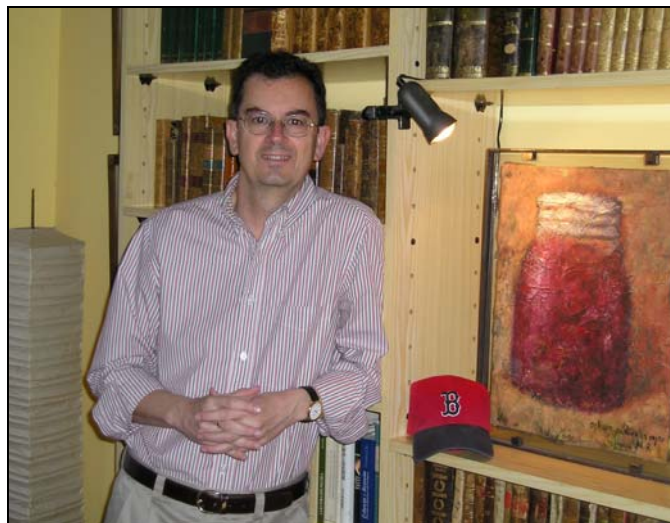
The seminar is directed by Jesús M. de Miguel (Professor at the University of Barcelona, Spain) and Emilio J. Castilla (from MIT). The seminar is sponsored by the Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, of the Presidency of the Spanish Government. Second Summer Seminar on Sociological and Political Research Director: Jesús de Miguel; Coordinator: Emilio Castilla. Program information: Website with final schedule: <http://www.mit.edu/~ecastill/2006seminar/>

**August 27-29** Hebrew Poetry Symposium

**October 2** (to be confirmed): Seminar on Commerce Law. Directors: David Kennedy, Juan Sánchez-Calero.

**October 23** Seminar on Finance Law. Director: Francisco Cabrillo.

## Interview with Juan Francisco Fuentes



RCC attracts a wide variety of visiting researchers. This month a Professor of Contemporary History at the Facultad de Ciencias de la Información at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid is our focus.

Juan Francisco Fuentes' main lines of research are the history of political and social concepts in the contemporary world and the study of the political and intellectual Spanish elites, from the Second Republic (1931-1936) to the Spanish Democratic

Transition (1975-1982). “My research project at Harvard (*The Language of Democracy in the U.S. and Western Europe: A Comparative History of Political Concepts in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*) was directly related with my first field of study.”

Juan Fran chose to come to RCC/Cambridge/Harvard because of “the possibility of having a break in my scholarly routine and in spending some months reading and learning. In a certain way, it was like when I went to Paris, long time ago, as a Ph. D. candidate starting my doctoral thesis. I thought that RCC was the perfect place for such a project: very close to the big libraries of Harvard (mainly the Widener Library) and very well-connected with the academic world of Harvard University. Moreover, I had excellent references about RCC and its Director, prof. Ángel Sáenz-Badillos, from some Spanish colleagues”.

“After spending four months at RCC, I can say that reality greatly exceeded my expectations.”

“The experience has been wonderful: very fruitful in terms of work and study and unforgettable as a personal experience. I carried out my work at Harvard in three different realms: the Widener Library provided me plenty of essential books and reviews for the development of my research, and the Center for European Studies, and particularly the Wednesday seminars for visiting scholars, gave me an environment of debate and discussion and the possibility to share with my colleagues the first results of my work.”

“Last, but not the least, RCC was the ideal place for my work of reading and for preparing papers and presentations related with my research, specifically, three lectures at Harvard (one at RCC and two at the Center for European Studies) and one at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

This process of reading, study, reflection and discussion was possible thanks to the privileged work conditions at RCC, not only in material terms (a good office and proximity to the Widener Library), but also the excellent work atmosphere and friendships that I enjoyed at RCC. I am convinced that these particular aspects of the life at RCC were very important for the success of my stay at Harvard.”

Now that Juan Fran has returned to Spain, what will this experience mean to him? “In the short run, I will have some opportunities to spread the results of my research. For example, I will give a lecture on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (Santander) on the concepts of nation, country and federalism in relationship to the origins of the Modern World. I am also writing an article on the concept of totalitarianism for a special issue (“Lenguaje, historia y política”) of *Revista de Estudios Políticos*. Probably the most elaborated version of my research will be an issue of *Revista de Occidente* coordinated by myself and entitled “El lenguaje de la democracia”. This topic corresponds almost literally with my research project at Harvard”.

“In addition, I hope to take advantage of the results of my research for my Doctoral Course at Fundación Ortega y Gasset in Madrid (*Terminología política de un mundo en conflicto: La globalización del lenguaje*) and for a Doctoral Course on the same topic at the Universidad de Córdoba (Argentina) in April 2007.”

“I am sure that everything that I have learned during my stay at Harvard will improve my work from now on, as a professor as well as a historian. But, there is a part of my stay that seems to me much more difficult to explain in terms of material and academic results: the human experience with the wonderful people of RCC, Harvard

University, Cambridge, and Boston. In my opinion, both cities are representative of the best of American values and traditions, especially, in a very particular way to understand and practice freedom and democracy. This is why, from now and forever I will feel Harvard, Cambridge and Boston as a small part of my own identity, and the Red Sox as the symbol of this wonderful spirit of community that I identify with the special things, places, and people that I enjoyed during my stay at RCC. Go Red Sox!”

### **What’s Happening at Harvard University/Square**

Harvard University and Harvard Square is full of summer students and tourists. Some of the street improvements have begun, which will eventually make it safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and bicyclists.

### **Bank of America Accounts**

Many RCC researchers open up temporary accounts at the Harvard Square Bank of America office. When they close the account to return to Spain, they sometimes forget to leave enough money to cover purchases that have been made and have not yet been processed by the bank. So, please check your records before closing out the account and be sure that all purchases have been cleared AND LEAVE A FORWARDING ADDRESS IN SPAIN (email is fine) so that any additional expenses can be paid from Spain. Otherwise, the account is re-opened and the charges are made along with large fees. If unpaid, your credit record will be a problem.

### **From Our Alumni/ae Association**

We encourage all RCC alums to email us information about their research projects, articles, books, and other related activities. For example, Matias Irigoyen Testa, a recent RCC researcher, just had a paper accepted at a conference. Specific details will follow in the next bulletin.



**Recent RCC Researchers at a Reunion in Spain**  
(Home of Juan Francisco Fuentes)