

## 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 October

The academic session at Harvard University is in full swing. Many of our researchers audit classes and meet with faculty and students. October is the time of year for harvest celebrations. Harvard Square held its annual October Fest on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

RCC's weekly film series began on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The weekly lectures began this month on October 5<sup>th</sup>. September 29<sup>th</sup> was the talk by Academic Council member David Kennedy at the Cambridge Forum and October 12<sup>th</sup> was the Spanish National Day party.

### Special Activities

RCC was honored to be asked by the Spanish Counsel in Boston to host its annual Spanish National Day, on October 12. A tent was provided and great Spanish food from Taberna de Haro.



RCC Fellows & Director Angel Saenz-Badillos  
Under the Tent Before the Party

RCC hosted the non-profit, non-governmental organization *Nexos Voluntarios* on October 10 at 7:30 PM. This NGO “provides unique opportunities for caring individuals to make a significant contribution to the development of Peru’s poorest communities by living and working as volunteers in the country. For more information, go to [www.nexosvoluntarios.org](http://www.nexosvoluntarios.org).

RCC celebrated Halloween (October 31) by carving a pumpkin. Arturo Prats, a fellow, carved the one in the photo below.



From **October 23-27**, a **Seminar on Law & Economics** was held.. Directors: Francisco Cabrillo, UCM, and Fernando Gómez, UPF. Coordinator: Rocío Albert. Sponsor: Fundación Rafael del Pino.



Law & Economics Seminar in the RCC Conference Room

On **October 30 and 31**, **The IV Seminar Harvard-Complutense on Commerce Law** took place. Directors: David Kennedy , HU, Juan Sánchez-Calero, UCM. Sponsor: ICO et al.

## Upcoming Activities

### **RCC Thursday evening lectures at 7:30 PM:**

November 2: Ricardo Mateo, U. of Navarra, *The relations between the Quality Management System and Health Care Management*

November 9: Carmen López Alonso, UCM, *Religion and Democracy: Some Questions*

November 16: Carlos Vargas Vasserot, U. Almería, *Application of IAS 32 in the European Union: operative social shares as elements of capital or debt instruments*

### **November 23: NO LECTURE (Thanksgiving Holiday)**

November 30: Guillermo Guerra Martin, U. Rey Juan Carlos, *The Implementation of the European Directive on Takeover Bids*

### **RCC Friday evening films at 7:30 PM:**

November 3: *7 Virgenes (7 Virgins)*, directed by Alberto Rodríguez (2005)

November 10: *Havana Blues*, directed by Benito Zambrano (2005)

November 17: *Entre el dictador y yo*, various directors (2005)

## Current Researchers

### Newcomers

**Pedro Chalmeta**, History/Law, UCM

**José Raúl Canay Pazos**, Education, U. of Santiago de Compostela

**Fernando Adolfo de Abel Vilela**, Law, U. of Santiago de Compostela

**José Fernández-Albertos**, Political Science, UCM

### Continuing Researchers

**Demetrio Castro Alfin**, History, U. Pública de Navarra

**Carmen Alba Pastor**, Education, UCM

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

**Guillermo Guerra Martín**, Commercial Law, U. Rey Juan Carlos

**Gloria Corpas Pastor**, English Philology, U. of Málaga

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

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

**Alejandra Bernabei**, Law, UCM

**Pablo Diaz Gridilla**, Law, ICADE/Garrigues

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

**Jésus Martín Ramírez**, Psychobiology, UCM

**Ricardo Mateo**, Business, U. of Navarra

**Arturo Prats Oliván**, Hebrew Literature, UCM

**José Fernández-Albertos**, Political Science, UCM

**Marina Aguilar Rubio**, Law, U. Almería

**Raúl Fernández Fraile**, Philosophy, Universidad Pontificia Comillas

## Interview with Guillermo Guerra Martín



“I decided to come here because I had a very good experience at RCC ten years ago. I was, then, a Visiting Researcher at the Harvard Law School. I had the opportunity, at that time, to study in-depth the corporate law system in the USA. That led me to write a book about corporate governance in the United States and its influence in European laws.

For Europeans, it is very useful to come to the US because we can anticipate the problems that we will face and avoid problems or find solutions. One example is in relation to listed corporations.

Initially, I came to RCC/Cambridge in August as a member of the Advanced Research Group, focused on listed corporations. I remained in the fall, as a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Law School.

This time my personal research topic is the basic same idea, though in relation to “take-overs”. The European Directive is being implemented during these months and I want to study the US experience with anti take-over measures. This has become one of the hot topics of the European Directive.

The main purpose of my stay is to do research – taking advantage of Harvard University’s libraries (its books, legal reviews, electronic resources). However, as important, for me, is to have the opportunity to attend some courses taught at Harvard Law School by prominent professors and judges. For example, I am taking a course co-taught by Robert Clark (former Dean of HLS) and Leo Strine (Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court).

By going to a class, you can not only learn about the topic but also see how your field is taught in the USA – what professors teach; how students prepare in advance by reading assigned materials; and how the professors try to teach not by lecturing, but through the mouths of students (the so-called “Socratic method”). This experience is especially important for Europeans because of the reform of the education system that is taking place in European countries according to the so-called “Bologna process”, that requires a more active role by professors.

Also, I get to communicate with HLS professors – especially with those who have written and researched about corporate legal issues that interest me. I have had meetings and discussions with these people. For example, I attend a bi-weekly lunch with professors dealing with corporate issues. I encourage future researchers coming to RCC to see the experience as more than doing research at RCC and in the libraries. Get involved in the whole Harvard community and in activities offered by the university and by the researcher’s affiliated department.

The social and cultural experiences add to the academic purpose of the stay. As contrasted with ten years ago, when I was single and came here alone, this time I have come with my wife and my two-year old daughter. I had no doubt that, for them, this would be a great experience because Cambridge and Boston are very liveable cities where adults and children can take advantage of different opportunities. You can visit several museums, the different neighborhoods, such as the Italian North End and Chinatown, enjoy with parks, the Children’s Museum, the Aquarium, and whale watching. With a rental car, you can visit Cape Cod, Salem, Plymouth, and Gloucester. Other places, such as New York City, Philadelphia, and Montreal are not too far away.

I will take with me back to Spain what I've learned through my research. I expect to write a book on the topic of corporate takeovers with all the information I got here. But it's funny, because as compared to ten years ago when I shipped home seven boxes of photocopies, this time I return with everything on my pen drive!

I will also take back in my memory memories of conversations with law professors who taught me about corporate issues and with my fellow RCC researchers who have helped me learn a lot about their academic fields as well. This exposure is not something that is easy in Spain where we are normally in touch only with professors from our own school. In this sense, the different activities that the RCC hosts (seminars, weekly lectures and films) are an outstanding opportunity to learn about many things.

From a more personal perspective, these five months in Cambridge have been a great experience for my family and me. We will always remember our times here.

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

We encourage all RCC alums to email us information about their research projects, articles, books, and other related activities. We really encourage former RCC researchers to view their contact information on our website, under "Antiguos Colegiales", ([www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu](http://www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu)) and email Elizabeth Kline of any desired changes ([rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu](mailto:rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu)). We also want to publicize any articles and/or books based on your research while at RCC. Email these references and they will appear in the next monthly bulletin.

There is an official **Asociación de Colegiales del Real Colegio Complutense en Harvard:**

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Tesorera: Elena Gallego

Vocales: José Luis de Castro, Emilio García Silvero, Tiscar Lara,

Esteban Moro, Judit Targarona

Matías Irigoyen Testa returned to RCC on October 14<sup>th</sup> for a month's stay.