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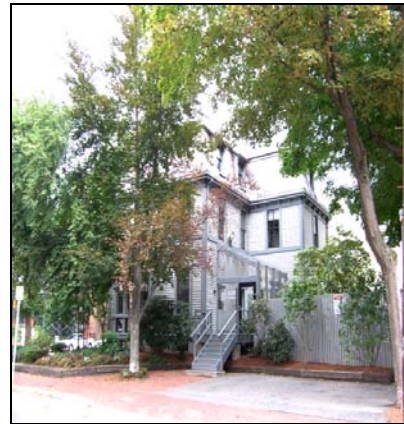


**November 2005
Bulletin #2**

Welcome to the second 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 November

Every Thursday evening, one of the researchers gave a talk and responded to questions. On November 3rd, Itziar Rodríguez de Rivera, from UCM and now a PhD candidate at Harvard University spoke about *Recovering the Past: Memory and Melancholy in the City of No Limits..* On November 10th, UCM Prof. Ana Rosado gave a presentation *The Theory of Industrial Organization: Harvard vs. Chicago* Prof. Milagros Álvarez from the University of Barcelona talked, on November 17th, on *Comparing U.S. and E.U. Strategies against Weapons of Mass Destruction: Some Legal Consequences.*

Every Friday evening, RCC hosted free films: *La flaqueza del Bolchevique (The Weakness of the Bolshevik)*; *La flor de mi secreto (The Flower of My Secret)*; *Soldados de Salamina (Soldiers of Salamina)*.

Thanksgiving Celebration



RCC Party

Approximately 20 researchers, graduate students, family, and friends came to the

Current Researchers

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

Many of the researchers in October continued to do their research at RCC in November. Eighteen 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 Coruña.

Angel Ignacio Laparte, Law, U. of Zaragoza.

Matías Irigoyen Testa, Punitive Law, UCM.

RCC on Thursday, November 24 to feast on traditional Thanksgiving food: turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, salad, sweets, and plenty of wine. People added their own creations, including a sweet cake typical of Argentina, several typical Spanish cheeses, and home-made brownies.

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.

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

Matias Irigoyen Testa came to the RCC in October 2004 to continue working on his PhD, "Economic Analysis of Punitive Damages" from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Economy and Institutions Program, Applied Economics IV, Department of Law Faculty). At the end of October, this Argentinian lawyer was appointed full professor in civil law at the Universidad del Sur in Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

With grant funds from the Fundación Rafael del Pino, Spain, Matias chose RCC because "a former fellow recommended it as a very friendly place and a good place to work." "I discovered that he was right. RCC is like a big family. For example, most of us were together on Thanksgiving day."



Matias is "very focused on work". He can often be found in his office space late into the night, sipping his favorite, Argentine drink (mate).

He is a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School's European Law Research Center. This year has been extremely busy. He gave three talks on topics related to his dissertation; attended three RCC summer seminar courses (on Law and Economics and on Business Management); took five regular courses and seminars at Harvard Law School;

and coordinated RCC's Thursday evening lectures; and worked hard on his dissertation.

RCC provides me with a "comfortable, safe, and friendly place to work." I have fast internet service on my office computer, easy access to a printer and copier, and am able to exchange ideas with fellow researchers."

"I've particularly enjoyed some of the activities that introduce me to other researchers' ideas, including those of Harvard professors." Also, I like seeing the large number of people coming to RCC's free Friday evening Spanish movies. I've noticed some people arriving 45 minutes early, just to be sure that they have seats."

"I'm very glad that I came here."

It is interesting to note that Matias competed for the full professor position while at RCC and was successful.

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

Lectures:

December 1: "*Clear and Present Danger Test and Democracy*", Abel Arias Castaño.

December 8: "*The Public's Right of Access to Documents: A Comparative Analysis between the Spanish and US. Legislations*", Prof. Leonor Rams, U Rey Juan Carlos.

December 14: "*Revisiting Ralph Miliband's Political Thought*", Prof.

Rafael Rodriguez Prieto, Universidad
Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla

Films

December 15: "*Institutional Investors*",
Daniel Parejo, Fundación Garrigues-
Garrigues Abogados.

Films:

December 2: *El dia de la Bestia*

December 9: *Valentina (Crónica del
Alba I)*

December 16: *1919. Valentina (Crónica
del Alba II)*

What's Happening at Harvard University/Square

Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers distributed a 12 page *Letter to the Community* in early November. He shared his “thoughts and hopes for the months ahead” and invited “your engagement on the things that matter most to our extraordinary community”. The key areas that President Summers identified as “areas of primary focus” are:

- “attracting the strongest students to all parts of Harvard;
- Strengthening our faculty and its diversity at all levels;
- Providing the best educational experience for students;
- Expanding our efforts in the sciences;
- Enhancing our support for the humanities and the arts;
- Extending the University’s international role;
- Advancing Allston planning;
- Identifying resource needs; and
- Completing important leadership transitions.”

From Our Alumni/ae Association

One of our recent researchers,
Virginia Rosales, was hired as an
assistant professor in the
Department of Applied Economics,
School of Economics and Business
at the University of Granada.