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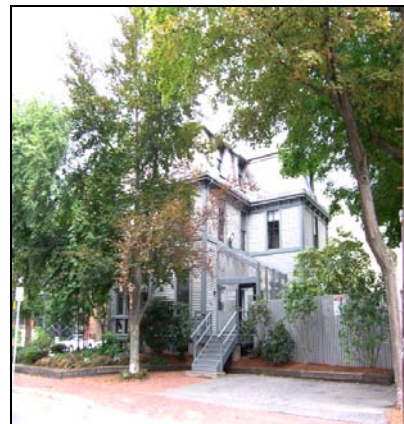


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Welcome to the monthly electronic bulletin of the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University. Its purpose is to provide, past and future researchers and interested friends, a sense of what is going on at the RCC, and to maintain the contact with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

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

Ángel Saenz-Badillos, Director



**Major Activities in January**

*Happy New Year.* It has been a very snowy and cold month of January. Fortunately, the sun is often out all day and the sky is a bright blue color. This time of year is quiet for RCC. We have fewer researchers here than during the warmer months.

A recent researcher emailed the photo below taken this month in **Madrid!**



On January 20, 2009 at 12 NOON, **Barack Obama** took the oath of office as president of the United States. Here is his official photo, taken shortly before his inauguration:



On January 23, 2009, RCC hosted Miguel Sanz, President of Navarra government and Yolanda Barcina, Mayor of Pamplona. Both were participating in the annual Hispanic Leadership Forum at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. This year the focus was on: "Navarra, Spain: World Leader in Alternative Energies" and "Pamplona: A Sustainable City." The photo below includes these two political leaders, the Spanish Consul of Boston (Carlos Robles), and RCC Fellows.



## Upcoming Events

**All lectures and films take place at the RCC (26 Trowbridge Street in Cambridge, in the conference room. They begin at 7:30 PM. The lectures are in English and the films are in Spanish with English subtitles. They are free and open to the public.**

### **Lectures:**

**February 5:** Jorge Leiva, *Towards a Characterization of Business English for the Translation of Economic Texts (English-Spanish)*

**February 12:** Rosa María Rodríguez Izquierdo, *Schooling Immigrants' children and multicultural education in Spain*

**February 19:** Alvaro Santana-Acuña, *What Can Adam Smith Teach Us about the (Economic) Crisis? The Theory of Moral Sentiments Turns 250.*

**February 26:** Daniel Mielgo Bregazzi, *Liberalism/Libertarianism: A reasonable encounter.*

### **Films:**

**February 6:** *Oscar, una pasión surrealista*, directed by Lucas Fernández, 2008.

**February 13:** *3 días*, directed by Francisco Javier Gutiérrez, 2008.

**February 20:** *Muerte de un ciclista*, directed by Juan Antonio Bardem, 1995.

**February 27:** *Flamenco*, directed by Carlos Saura, 1995.

**The Program Coordinator, Elizabeth Kline, will be on vacation (in Senegal) from February 5-21, 2009.**

## **Current Researchers**

### Continuing Researchers (with Offices at RCC)

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

**Florentino Rodao**, Contemporary History, UCM.

**Jorge Jesús Leiva Rojo**, Translation and Interpreting, U. of Málaga

**Rosa María Rodríguez Izquierdo**, Multicultural Education, U. Pablo de Olavido

**Juan Pablo Sánchez Hernández**, Classics, UCM

**Ludmilla Ortega**, International Relations, UCM.

**Nirian Martín**, Statistics, UCM

**Eukene Lacarra**, Medieval Literature, U. del Pais Vasco.

### New Researchers

**Isidoro Casanueva Sánchez**, Law, U. de Extremadura

**María R. Callejón**, Economics, U. of Barcelona.

**Carolina Rodríguez López**, History, UCM.

**María Victoria Rivas**, Financial Mathematics, CES, Felipe II.

**Neringa Kalpokaite**, Political Psychology, UCM.

## **Interview with Lola Gadea**



María Dolores (Lola) Gadea Rivas' two month stay at the Real Colegio Complutense in the fall of 2008 was extremely productive. Her Harvard sponsor, world renowned Economics professor Pol Antrás, wrote that she took "full advantage of her stay by auditing several courses and attending seminars regularly. Lola followed my advice and, as far as I can see, she had a terrific experience."

Professor of Applied Economics at the University of Zaragoza María Dolores (Lola) Gadea Rivas spent her time here in constant motion. She audited two Harvard courses: an undergraduate course on International Trade and a PhD course on Econometrics of Time Series. She also audited a graduate course on Econometrics at Boston University and MIT; attended the International Workshop on International Econometrics; and participated in some seminars of Professor Antrás' group. She found time to prepare a paper with Professor Laura Mayor of CSIC (Spain) about the persistence of the real exchange rate at a disaggregate level and did research for several other papers.

Furthermore, she finished a paper with a co-author from the Cardiff Business School entitled *The single monetary policy and domestic macro-fundamental: evidence from Spain*, which was used as a Discussion Paper in the Cardiff Business School and was submitted for publication.

She even had time to socialize with her colleagues at RCC – going out to lunch or dinner with some of them on a regular basis.

When asked why she chose to spend her time the way she did, Lola commented that she took the International Trade Class to find out how the Harvard professor teaches the same course that she teaches in Spain. She discovered that the textbook and syllabus were more or less the same, but the teaching methods are quite different. At Harvard, students are expected to read materials in advance of the class and then participate in discussions during the class. “My students take notes, copying down what I say to them. They are unlikely to read in advance of the class and be comfortable discussing ideas. I will try gradually to encourage some interactions but do not expect to use the same teaching method as the one used at Harvard.”

“I took the graduate course to help in my research. The professors whose courses I audited (take not for credit) are the top in their professions in the world. I've read their articles. It was a special experience for me to meet them and hear them talk about their frontier ideas. I was surprised that someone like Professor Stock, Director of Harvard's Department of Economics, has no teaching assistant. Although he is a very busy person, he teaches. I was also fascinated that he uses the blackboard to write out complicated formulas.”

Many of the fellow students in the courses come from countries other than the United States. “In Pol Antrás' class, more than half of the students were immigrants. It makes for very interesting discussions.”

Like so many RCC researchers, Lola Gadea Rivas hopes to return soon.

## Interview with Fernando González Botija



1. *Your university title:* Doctor of Law
2. *When were you at RCC?* I was at RCC from June 1 – July 30, 2008
3. *What have you done since then?* I continue working at the University Complutense as a professor
4. *How has your RCC/Harvard/Cambridge experience influenced what happened to you?*  
My RCC/Harvard/Cambridge experience has influenced my research work a lot at the University (in a very, very positive way). Actually, I would like to go back to the RCC next summer to continue the research begun last year. The organizations of the RCC and Harvard are excellent places to work and to do research... and the people were very nice

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