SALVADOR ALLENDE MEMORIAL LECTURE 2018
Human Rights in Latin America: Judges, Justice and State Responsibilities

Monday 29 January 15.00 – 18.30

Latin American Courts and the Politics of Fundamental Rights
Ezequiel González-Ocantos

Tea/coffee 16.15 – 16.45

The Politics of Absence: Finding Latin America’s Disappeared
Cath Collins

Discussant: Par Engstrom

Wine reception 18.30

Free event, please register for catering purposes at jac46@cam.ac.uk

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Par Engstrom (BA UCL, MSc London, DPhil Oxford) is Senior Lecturer in Human Rights at the Institute of the Americas, University College London. During 2017/18 he is a faculty member at the Paris School of International Affairs, at Sciences-Po. Dr. Engstrom has also been a Visiting Professor at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. Dr Engstrom holds a DPhil in International Relations from Oxford University, he studied Latin American politics and development (MSc) at the Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London; and Philosophy and Economics (BA) at University College London. He is the academic coordinator of an International Network on the Inter-American Human Rights System funded by the Leverhulme Trust (2014-16), and the co-chair of the London Transitional Justice Network. He has worked with a range of human rights organizations and as a consultant for the Association for the Prevention of Torture and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Prior to entering academia, Dr. Engstrom worked at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva.

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