

## CLAS Events - Lent Term 2025

Thursday 06 March - 12:30pm | Lunchtime Seminar

Room S1 - First Floor, Alison Richard Building

*Developments in Argentina in Milei's First Year: Chronicle of a Failure Foretold*

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### Abstract:

Understanding developments in Argentine politics and economics during the first 14 months of President Milei's mandate, requires that the failures of the previous incumbent should be addressed, along with the role of other relevant political and social actors. It is crucial to dwell on the suggestive explanatory conceptual framework set out by two of the 2024 Nobel Prize for Economics, Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robertson, to grasp the meaning of "success", deploying the ideas on the role of Extractive institutions and Inclusive ones. In addition, figures on economic indicators but grounded on trustworthy sources given the propaganda from traditional and social media will be analysed.

**Guillermo Makin** is an Argentine political scientist. His Ph. D. (1984, Cambridge), looks into the 1955 and 1976 regime breakdowns in Argentina. His research was based on interviews to politicians involved and was updated for a book in Spanish "Las crisis políticas Argentinas: estructura institucional y patrones de comportamiento", Buenos Aires 2019. He regularly travels to Argentina, following political and economic developments in lectures and seminars in UBA, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella and Universidad del Salvador. Makin was asked to brief the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee about the 1982 South Atlantic conflict. His report proposing a leaseback, coupled with international guarantees, was published in the Report of the said Committee. Given that the issue remains unresolved his research is ongoing. Makin has commented on UK politics and European affairs for Deutsche Welle and other TV and radio stations. He has written for the Argentine news agency Télam and Argentine dailies Clarín and Página 12. Makin has lectured for the Cambridge University Board of Extramural Studies, Anglia Ruskin University, Bologna University in Buenos Aires and University of Belgrano. The latter awarded him a professorship. For CLAS Makin organised several conferences and given seminars on Argentine politics and economics over the last decades. All these events have been very well attended.

