Human Rights in Latin America
Fifty Years after the Chilean Coup

Welcome speech and introductions - David Lehmann and Marcela Ríos

Towards a Global History of the Unidad Popular and the Chilean coup of 1973 - Tanya Harmer

Chile since the coup. Keeping the sociopolitical cleavages alive - Claudio Fuentes

Lunch

Justice Developments in Chile 25 years after the Pinochet case - Cath Collins

Chile and Operation Condor: Old Secrets and New Developments - Francesca Lessa

Break


Drinks reception and screening of the documentary *Hora chilena* by Camila Iturra

Event chaired by David Lehmann and Marcela Ríos
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Leonardo Castillo

Leonardo Castillo was a Professor at the Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Nacional (CEREN) of the Catholic University of Chile from 1969 until the coup when he was dismissed on political grounds. He came to England as a refugee on a World University Service scholarship to do a PhD at Cambridge which he completed in 1982. Thereafter he was Lecturer and later Head in the History Department at Anglia Polytechnic University until his retirement.

Cath Collins

Cath Collins has coordinated the Transitional Justice Observatory at the Universidad Diego Portales, Chile since 2008, and has been Professor of Transitional Justice at Ulster University, Belfast since 2013. She has been involved with truth and justice developments in Chile since 1996, including organising exchange and training events with Chilean relatives’ associations and their regional counterparts in Uruguay and Argentina, justice system staff including judges, state human rights lawyers, and forensic personnel. She is a member of the international advisory committee to Colombia’s state unit for the search for the disappeared and has been working since 2016 on efforts to strengthen state responses to disappearance in Latin America and the North of Ireland. She is a political scientist and a member of the Royal Irish Academy’s Standing Committee on International Affairs. She currently splits her time between Chile and the North of Ireland.

Claudio Fuentes

Claudio A. Fuentes is professor at the School of Political Science at the Universidad Diego Portales in Santiago, Chile. He received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2003). He is Harvard Luksic Fellow at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University (2011) and Visiting Scholar at UNC – Chapel Hill (2023). His most recent books are the edited volume El Proceso Fallido (The failed process) (Catalonia 2023), La Transición Inacabada (The Unfinished Transition) (Catalonia, 2021), and La erosión de la Democracia (The Erosion of Democracy) (Catalonia, 2019). His current research agenda involves studying dynamics of constitutional change in Chile and Latin America. His work, Contesting the Iron Fist (Routledge, 2005), received the 2003 Best Dissertation Award from the American Political Science Association (APSA-Human Rights Section). He is a former President of the Chilean Political Science Association (2004-2006) and former member of the Presidential Anti-corruption Commission (2015).
Tanya Harmer

**Tanya Harmer** is an Associate Professor in International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her first book, Allende’s Chile and the Inter-American Cold War (UNC, 2011), won LASA’s Luciano Tomassini prize. She is the co-editor with Alfredo Riquelme of Chile y la guerra fría global (RIL, 2014) and with Alberto Martín of Towards a Global History of Latin America’s Revolutionary Left (University Press of Florida, 2021). Her most recent monograph, Beatriz Allende: A Revolutionary Life in Cold War Latin America (UNC, 2020) will be translated and published in Spanish by LOM in 2024. In addition to teaching at LSE since 2007, Dr Harmer has held visiting teaching positions at Columbia University in New York (2012-13) and the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (2010, 2013 & 2023). She sits on the editorial boards of Cold War History and the Journal of Latin American Studies.

Francesca Lessa

**Francesca Lessa** is Associate Professor in International Relations of the Americas at University College London (UCL). She is also the Honorary President of the Observatorio Luz Ibarburu, Uruguay. Prior to joining UCL, she was a lecturer and researcher at the University of Oxford between 2011 and 2023. Her research interests encompass human rights, transitional justice, impunity, memory, international relations, and Operation Condor, with a regional expertise in South America. She has published extensively on these topics in peer-reviewed journals including Human Rights Quarterly and Latin American Research Review. Her most recent book, The Condor Trials: Transnational Repression and Human Rights in South America (Yale University Press, 2022), won the 2023 Juan Méndez Book Award for Human Rights in Latin America (Duke University) and received an honourable mention for the 2023 Bryce Wood Book Award of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). The Condor Trials has been published in Spanish and Italian, and a French version is scheduled for release in 2024.

David Lehmann

**David Lehmann** is Emeritus Professor in Social Science in the Department of Sociology where he taught until his retirement in 2012. He was Director of the Centre of Latin American Studies (1990-2000, 2010-11). His PhD research was on the Land Reform in Chile From 1968 to 1973. He later worked on peasant economies in Ecuador and on religious movements, Catholic and Evangelical, particularly in Brazil. From 2000 he began to work on multiculturalism in the region as a whole, and on affirmative action in Brazil. He is currently writing a book about neo-Pentecostalism in Brazil and worldwide.
Hora Chilena (Chilean Time), 2013
Timed to mark the fortieth anniversary of the 1973 Chilean coup that led to the death or disappearance of thousands and forced hundreds of thousands more to flee the country, Hora Chilena is the story of those who sought refuge in Cambridge. With few language skills and no friends or family, the Chileans worked tirelessly to make ends meet and build a new life for their young families, aided by a small band of sympathetic Cambridge citizens.

Film Makers:
Camila Iturra was a baby when her family escaped the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile. Her father Raul had been taken prisoner soon after the coup on 11th September 1973 and released days later thanks to the integrity of the Chief of Police who was fearful of the ‘Caravan of Death’ that was making its way to the detention centre where Raul was held. Camila's father made it to safety in the UK thanks to friends at the University of Cambridge. He was joined by his wife Gloria, in April 1974 with a new-born Camila and 6 year old daughter Paula, to rebuild their lives with nothing more than what they had in their cases. Camila has remained in Cambridge where she now works for a nature conservation charity. Prompted to make this film by the hostility she witnessed towards Syrian refugees in 2012 she aimed to explore why attitudes towards refugees had changed so drastically over the years, and to celebrate the Chilean community and British friends of Cambridge who became her adopted extended family.

Kip Loades is a documentary filmmaker and photographer from Cambridge, interested in social and environmental stories, often about exclusion. His films have covered prisoners, refugees, people with HIV, people with disabilities and long-term health conditions, gay people, transgender people and anyone designated an ‘other’.

Lautaro Vargas was born in Chile, but fled the Pinochet regime to Argentina with his mother and father in 1973, where they were subsequently jailed by the military dictatorship. Released two years later and exiled to the UK, Lautaro, his brothers and parents were able to rebuild their lives thanks in a large part to the massive efforts of local residents. It was this model of compassion and integration that seemed to have been lost in more recent discussions about people seeking sanctuary from persecution, torture and death that motivated Lautaro to make Hora Chilena.