



Master Degree in Barranquilla



The new Master's Degree on Communication, with emphasis in culture and social change, is finally off the ground by the end of March 2007 at the Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia.

The Communication for Social Change Consortium is supporting the Masters in Communication with seed funds for research projects, exchanges of international faculty and partial scholarships for Latin American students that are willing to travel to Colombia to take the Masters degree. The amount of each scholarship is US \$4,000 dollars, which covers most of the cost of tuition.

The objective of the Masters degree, which focuses on Communication, Culture and Social Change, plans to prepare strong researchers who will generate theoretical and applied research, aiming to find, through communication, solutions to the problems that the region faces.

The research programme of the master's degree covers three areas: Communication, Citizenship and Social participation; Communication, Cities and Local development; and Communication and Health. The master's degree will gather faculty from Colombia and visiting professors. Among them: Mario Mosquera, Jair Vega, Rafael Obregon, Pamela Flores, Clemencia Rodriguez, and Thomas Tufte.

Those students from Latin American countries that have limited resources and a good background in development programmes may apply for the partial scholarships.

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Our Media 6 is on



OurMedia 6th Conference (OM6) next April 13-19, aims at building strategies and collaborations among academics, non-governmental organizations, practitioners, artists and advocates for the promotion of communication rights, effective access to ICT, community and citizen participation in the media and community engagements that foster social change, women's participation in the sector and cultural revitalization.

The Communication for Social Change Consortium, represented by Alfonso Gumucio-Dagron, will be facilitating along with Jethro Pettit from IDS (Sussex), Stream 2 on "Communication and Social Change".

The conference general theme aims to explore the cultural and social significance of independent community and alternative media and the major challenges in the decades lying ahead. In this regard, OM6 positions itself as a unique event that bridges the work being done by action researchers, engaged academics, community practitioners and artists in order to promote and defend the spaces of alternative media for social justice, equality and inclusion as factors of social change and cultural development.

The OM6 Conference Organizing Committee received close to 200 proposals, from over 35 countries, including academics, activists, community media practitioners, artists, media and social researchers. Participants will represent over 60 universities and research centers worldwide (including 11 from Australia) and over 50 community media organizations, NGO's and alternative media/arts collectives.

The OM6 Conference is bringing together international and national experts, researchers, policy makers, activists and local community development practitioners to discuss ways to ensure a sustainable future for building participatory community, alternative and citizen's media. The conference is hosted by the [School of Communication Arts](#), University of Western Sydney in association with the [Centre for Cultural Research](#) at UWS, and the [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#), University of Technology, Sydney. Our community partner organization is [Information and Cultural Exchange \(ICE\)](#), an organization based in Granville, Sydney.

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Nancy multiplies herself by three

Our colleague and member of the University Network, Nancy Díaz Larrañaga, who heads PLANGESCO -the master degree on Planning and Management of Communication at the Universidad Nacional de La Plata, in Argentina, is moving... She has been recently appointed Dean of Communication at the Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, not very



far from La Plata. Actually, she will be commuting back and forth, since she will continue supporting PLANGESCO and also advising the Ministry of Education in the Province. Three simultaneous challenges for the very energetic and ubiquitous Nancy, to whom we wish the best in her new endeavours.

It is important to note that both academic institutions are national public universities, which in the context of privatisation of education in Latin America, remains something very important.

The studies on Social Communication at Quilmes have two main emphases at the moment: communication and culture, and journalism. Nancy is already working in her plan to train professors in social communication, and to reform the curricula to include areas such as social change. In the medium term, she is also looking at strengthening the master degree.



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...man Rights; 5. Global Public
...guistic and Cultural Diversity; and 7.

<http://lac.derechos.apc.org/wsis/cdocs.shtml?x=10445>

The current issue includes various articles on the situation of media and communication in Brazil: on the regulatory framework for communication (by Adilson Cabral), on digital radio, television and civil society (by Eula D. Taveira). Also, New ICTs and gender in Venezuela (Morelis Gonzalo), and social appropriation of ICTs (Sara Sousa Gomes).

More detail at: <http://www.comunicacao.pro.br/setepontos>

GDN Funding Opportunities



The Global Development Network (or GDNNet) supports researchers working in developing countries by providing a range of funding information services carrying up-to-date news of grants, fellowships and other funding opportunities, specially selected for relevance to social science researchers.

A specialized service provided free by GDN to researchers in low and middle income countries, the fortnightly Funding Opportunities Newsletter carries details of relevant funding opportunities from the biggest database of funding information worldwide, the Community of Science. Issue # 105, April 2007, is circulating now among subscribers.

Opportunities will include research grants, scholarships, subsidized conference and workshop attendance and calls for project proposals. Each issue of the newsletter will include the latest information from all the major funders as well as information from lesser known, regional and more specific funders.

More information here: <http://www.gdnet.org/middle.php?oid=250>

New Network of Intercultural Universities

Twenty-five universities of Latin America decided to create the Latin-American Network of Intercultural, Indigenous and Bi-lingual Universities, with the objective of promoting intercultural studies and to contribute to democracy by facilitating a dialogue with indigenous people. This is the foremost result of a recent meeting of universities and seminar of experts that took place in Tepoztlán, Morelos (Mexico), on 12-14 March 2007.



The creation of the network responds to various lines of action that were identified, among which the increasing demand of higher education from indigenous people, and the need to create and strengthen the existing programmes and projects of bilingual and intercultural education.

For more information search the website of the Fondo Indígena, the Latin American & Caribbean Fund for Indigenous People, an organisation that became in 2006 the first iberoamerican international organisation. The headquarters of Fondo Indígena are in La Paz (Bolivia).

http://www.fondoindigena.org/notiteca_notas.shtml?x=11002

We would like to receive more information on the activities that other universities in the network are conducting: events, publications, agreements, etc. Please send it to: Gumucio@cfsc.org