At the end of World War II, the General Assembly of the United Nations established the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which objective is to protect and seek permanent solutions to the situation of refugees. Its activities are based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and the four Geneva Conventions (1949) on international humanitarian law.

In commemoration of the 50 years of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the UN General Assembly proclaimed June 20 as World Refugee Day through Resolution 55/76, in December 2000, recognizing refugees as one of the most vulnerable sectors in the world.

This Convention, and its 1967 protocol, constitute the unique legal instrument that protect the international safety of refugees; it defines who is a refugee, as well as their rights and obligations towards their host country. Its cornerstone is the principle of non-refoulement: “a refugee should not be returned to a country where they face serious threats to their life or freedom.”

According to UNHCR statistics, in 2019, at least 79.5 million people worldwide were forced to flee their homes, and...
there are millions of stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, health, employment and freedom of movement.

In the American continent, organized crime, armed groups and internal conflicts are a risk for the population, especially in Central American countries such as El Salvador and Guatemala. In recent years, the Organization of American States (OAS) has worked to highlight the difficult situation of the affected citizens and to find common solutions to address this problem. The OAS has adopted resolutions to protect political asylum seekers, refugees, and denationalized persons in the Americas, and continues to work to contain the regional refugee crisis.

In 2020, António Guterres, UN Secretary General, noted: "the COVID-19 pandemic poses an additional threat to refugees and displaced people, who are among the most vulnerable." The theme of the campaign for this 2021 is "Every Action Counts".

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Achievements and challenges of the Scientific Journals of the History Commission

On May 27, 2021, the editors of the periodical publications of the History Commission made the presentation of each of the three magazines before the Pan-American network of historians.

The General Secretary of the PAIGH, César Rodríguez was in attendance and Rubén Ruiz Guerra served as moderator. Dr. Patricia Galeana, President of the Commission, gave a historical account of each publication. She recalled how Dr.
Silvio Zavala founded the Journal of History of the Americas in 1938 and headed it for 18 years. The American Anthropology Bulletin was also created by Dr. Zavala in 1980, and in 1990 the Journal of Archaeology of the Americas was founded by Dr. Óscar M. Fonseca Zamora from Costa Rica.

Dr. Alexandra Pita, current editor of the Journal of History of the Americas, said that the magazine’s indexes had been digitized from its first issues and that the publication is in the Scientific Electronic Library Online index, Mexico (SciELO).

On the other hand, Dr. Cristina Oehmichen, editor of the Journal of Anthropology of the Americas, recalled how the Bulletin became a Journal in 2016, preparing thematic issues such as the one dedicated to pandemics.

Finally, Dr. Mario Rivera, editor of the Journal of Archaeology of the Americas, joined the Open Journal System, like those of History of the Americas and Anthropology.

See the presentation at this link: 
https://www.facebook.com/IPGH.oficial/videos/820583921910783

To access the Journals, consult their electronic addresses:
History of the Americas: https://revistasipgh.org/index.php/rehiam
Anthropology of the Americas: https://revistasipgh.org/index.php/anam
Anthropology of the Americas: https://revistasipgh.org/index.php/rearam
The 2021 “Leopoldo Zea” Award

The History Commission of the PAIGH calls for applications to the 2021 “Leopoldo Zea” Award, to those whose trajectory is recognized as one of the most significant and important, constituting a relevant contribution to the development of the study of The Americas.

The call for applications is available at the following link: https://comisiones.ipgh.org/HISTORIA/assets/convocatoria-leopoldo-zea-2021.pdf
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For further information: comisiondehistoria.ipgh@gmail.com
The Journal of Anthropology of the Americas of the PAIGH invites academics to send thematic dossier proposals for consideration in upcoming editions.

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The member centers of Central America and the Executive Secretariat of CLACSO call for reflection from critical perspectives on the Bicentennial of the Independence of five of the seven countries that make up the region.

Deadline for submitting proposals: July 30, 2021.

For further information: https://www.clacso.org/coleccion-bicentenario-de-centroamerica-historias-comunes-luchas-y-transformaciones/

Queries and registration: bicentenario@clacso.edu.ar

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Salamanca University

When: June 23, 24 and 25, 2021


Contact: indusal@usal.es
Tercer Encuentro Internacional de Educación Histórica e Historia de la Educación

Organized by: INEHRM, Instituto Ibérico e Iberoamericano de Historia, Observatorio de la Historia y su enseñanza (México)

When: from June 23 to 25 2021.

For further information: https://inehrm.gob.mx/es/inehrm/TercerEncuentroIntEducHistorica

Podcast “Las cosas tienen vida”

In this podcast in Spanish, José Araneda, Master of History graduated from the University of Chile, and Kate Mills (Harvard University) explore Latin American objects throughout history.

For further information: http://historia.uc.cl/Noticias/las-cosas-tienen-vida-el-podcast-del-egresado-de-magister-jose-araneda-que-explora-los-objetos-latinoamericanos-a-lo-largo-de-la-historia.html

Seventh International Congress on Construction History

Location: Lisboa, Portugal,

Date: July 12-16, 2021

For further information: http://www.7icch.org/
**Upcoming Anniversaries In The American Continent**

**June 1st**
1533, Colombia
Foundation of Cartagena de Indias

**June 3rd**
1913, Dominican Republic
The writer Pedro Mir is born. He was recognized as the National Poet in 1984.

**June 5th**
1895, Ecuador
The liberal Revolution initiates in Guayaquil

**June 9th**
1817, Chile
The first coin of the independent era is minted.

**June 7th**
1915, El Salvador
A Legislative Decree establishes the official name of “El Salvador”, replacing the Republic of Salvador to signify that its formation as a State covers both the Province of San Salvador and Sonsonate.

**June 3rd**
2009
Cuba declines its re-entry into the Organization of American States
**JUNE 9TH**
International Archives Day.

**JUNE 12TH**
1935
Bolivia and Paraguay sign the Peace Protocol that ends the Chaco War.

**JUNE 14TH**
1777, United States
The flag with stars and stripes is adopted. The original version had 13 stars, while the current one has 50. Flag Day is commemorated.

**JUNE 15TH**
Peru
Andean Song Day recognized as the “most genuine, ancestral, traditional, and predominantly anonymous testimonial wealth that the Andean peoples have bequeathed to generations.”

**JUNE 17TH**
1821, Argentina
General Martín Miguel de Güemes, who stood out in the War of Independence, dies. The National Day of Latin American Freedom is commemorated.

**JUNE 20TH**
1895
El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua sign the Amapala Treaty for the creation of the Greater Republic of Central America.

**JUNE 20TH**
1949, Costa Rica
The Constituent Assembly approves women’s right to vote. This date is commemorated as the National Day of Recognition of the Political Rights of Costa Rican Women.

**JUNE 22ND**
1826, Panama
The Amphictyonic Congress is installed, summoned by Simón Bolívar, with the aim of creating the union of the Hispanic-American Republics. Delegates from Colombia, Peru, Mexico and Central America were in attendance.

**JUNE 24TH**
1821, Venezuela
Battle of Carabobo: the patriot army commanded by Simón Bolívar defeats the royalists. The Venezuelan Army Day is commemorated.

**JUNIO 25TH**
1993, Canada
Kim Campbell becomes the first woman to take office as Prime Minister in her country.

**JUNE 28TH**
2009, Honduras
A coup d’État overthrows President Manuel Zelaya. The OAS suspends its membership in the country until democratic government is restored, which took place in July of the same year.

**JUNE 30TH**
1912, Mexico
The philosopher Leopoldo Zea is born; he defended the idea of a united Latin America. He was president of the "Committee for the History of Ideas" of the History Commission of the PAIGH, from 1947 until his death in 2004.