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## **International Congress of Americanists (ICA)**

### **World's Largest Congress of Americanists at University of Vienna This July**

**From 15 to 20 July 2012, the University of Vienna will host the 54 International Congress of Americanists (54 ICA). Around 4,500 academics from different fields of Humanities and Social Sciences are expected to gather here and present their latest research findings. The 54 ICA will be the largest congress to have ever taken place at the University of Vienna. Media accreditation is now open.**

The topics which will be discussed during the 54 International Congress of Americanists encompass the latest political, social and economic developments, environmental and resource politics, human rights, history, as well as gender studies. The regional focus is devoted to Latin America - a continent with remarkable economic growth which underlies its transition from the periphery to the center, whereby the importance of Latin America for Europe is also increasing.

### **4,500 Researchers – 470 Symposia – 4 Plenary Sessions in the Audimax**

In addition to 470 symposia, there will be 4 keynote speeches and roundtables in the Audimax of the University of Vienna. One such keynote speech will be held by the acclaimed Ecuadorian economist and former Minister of Energy and Mining, Alberto Acosta, who will speak about the concept of 'Good Life', which tries to establish alternatives to capitalist economic growth. The concept is increasingly starting to attract interest in Europe as well. Other plenary sessions are devoted to the 'Global South', the Austrian historian and ethnologist Friedrich Katz, as well as the 'Theatre for Living'.

### **Large Number of Experts from Latin America**

Around 60% of all participants are expected to come from Latin America. This is the first time such a large number of experts on (Latin) America will be gathering in Vienna and it is not likely to reoccur in the near future.

### **Media Services**

Media representatives are now able to register for the congress by filling out an online form, where they can indicate their interests in particular topics or experts. In addition to that, the congress organizers will gladly assist with arranging interviews.

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**Time:** Sunday, 15 July – Friday, 20 July 2012

**Place:** University of Vienna, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 1, 1010 Vienna

**Further information on plenary sessions and symposia:** <http://ica2012.univie.ac.at/>

**Media accreditation:** <http://ica2012.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=126993>

**Media materials:** <http://ica2012.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=126688>

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