

# Mexico Weekend

## 16-18 May 2014



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During the weekend of 16-18 May there will be a number of events around Southampton celebrating Mexican culture, including music, dance and films. You are warmly invited to participate in all these events. For further details please see the MeXsu website: [www.southampton.ac.uk/mexsu](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/mexsu)

<b>Friday 16 May</b>	
10:30 – 19:30	Mexican Ambassador's Visit to Southampton University
10:30 – 12:00	Poster Presentation by Mexican Students Hartley Suite, Building 38, Highfield Campus
12:00 – 14:00	<b>Mariachi Fiesta!</b> SUSU Concourse, Building 42, Highfield Campus
17:30 – 19:00	Reception with the Mexican Ambassador to launch 'Mexico Weekend' – by invitation only

<b>Saturday 17 May</b>	
10:00 – 16:00	<b>Study Day: Mexico Today</b> Lecture Theatre A, Building 65, Avenue Campus Register at: <a href="mailto:lifelonglearning@southampton.ac.uk">lifelonglearning@southampton.ac.uk</a>
10:00 – 10.15	Introduction and welcome by Professor Clare Mar-Molinero (Director of MeXsu)
10:15 – 11.15	"Mexican Migration to the US: Remittances and Home Construction in Mexico" – Professor Laura A Lewis
11:30 – 12.30	Discussion and screening of extracts from the film <i>La Ciudad</i>
13:30 – 14:30	' <i>Volver</i> : Stories of return: Mexican returnee migrants from the US' – Professor Clare Mar-Molinero
14:45 – 16:00	<i>Danzón</i> Dance Workshop, led and presented by Dr Hettie Malcomson

## Saturday 17 May

20:00 – 23:00	<b>Noche de Banda</b> – Mexican <i>Banda</i> Party by MexSoc Bridge Bar, Building 42, Highfield Campus
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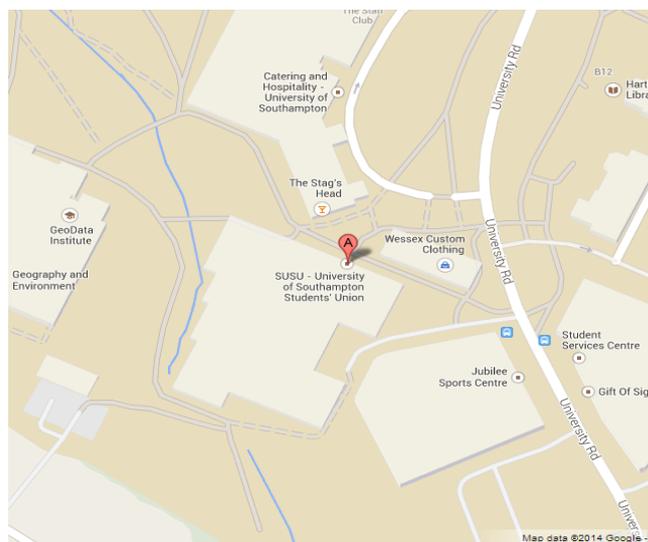
## Sunday 18 May

11:00 – 14:00	Mexican Brunch – La Baronía Restaurant, Portswood
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Free Film Showing</b> – <i>Sin Nombre</i> , SUSU Cinema

Map of Avenue Campus - Building 65



Map of Highfield Campus - Building 42



## Friday 16 May

### **Poster Presentation by Mexican Students**

Time: 10:30-12:00

Location: Hartley Suite, Building 38, Highfield Campus

Mexican students from the University of Southampton will be showcasing their work.

Participating departments: Biological Sciences, Education, ECS, Engineering and the Environment, Economics, Health Sciences, Law, Managements, Modern Languages, Ocean and Earth Sciences, NOC, ORC, Physics and Applied Sciences, and Social Sciences.

### **Mariachi Fiesta!**

Time 12:00-14:00

Location: SUSU Concourse, Building 42, Highfield Campus

Mariachi Fiesta will be presenting their repertoire of traditional and modern mariachi songs to give a lively start to our Mexico Weekend. Don't miss it!



### **Reception, by invitation only, with the Mexican Ambassador to launch Mexico Weekend**

Time: 18:00-19:30

The Mexican Ambassador to the United Kingdom, His Excellency Diego Gomez Pickering, will formally launch the Mexico Weekend at a reception attended by the Mayor of Southampton and senior members of the University and City.

# Saturday 17 May

## Study Day: Mexico Today

One of the most defining features of Mexico today is the impact of migration, almost entirely to the US, on contemporary Mexican society, both in terms of outward emigration, and, increasingly, with the impact of returning migrants to their 'home' country. Migration is of course a global phenomenon characterising our current world, as well as a historical reality which has left its mark in crossings of every sort, from people to artistic genres. This study day will explore some of the ways that contemporary migration and cultural imports impact on Mexico today.

To book your place and for more information please visit:

[http://www.southampton.ac.uk/lifelonglearning/news/events/2014/05/17\\_mexico.page](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/lifelonglearning/news/events/2014/05/17_mexico.page)

### **10:15 – ‘Mexican Migration to the US: Remittances and Home Construction in Mexico’ – Professor Laura A Lewis**

This talk examines the practice of building houses in Mexico with wages Mexican migrants earn in the U.S. focusing on a single rural community and on the symbolic significance especially of its boxy, unadorned cinder block structures. These are constructed from a distance over many years and bit by bit, by individuals who have no immediate plans to return to Mexico but whose sentiments are nevertheless there. Houses thus speak to community, history, kin and place.



**11:30 – Discussion and screening of extracts from the film *La Ciudad* (*The City* with subtitles)**



*La Ciudad*, directed by David Riker, focuses on the experience of migrants arriving in the US from Mexico and other parts of Latin America. It is an example of the many artistic explorations of the migrant condition, negative and positive, on arrival in a foreign land. A panel of specialists will discuss the insights of the film and the impact of artistic representations of these experiences with the participants.

**13.30 – ‘*Volver: Stories of return: Mexican returnee migrants from the US*’ Professor Clare Mar-Molinero**

Interviews and observations over a period of time in the Mexican city of San Luís Potosí will be used to describe the life stories that migrants tell of the experience of crossing the border to 'El Norte' and returning. I shall look especially at the impact on their language practices, and take the case study of one particular family's narrative.



**14:45 – Danzón Dance Workshop, led and presented by Dr Hettie Malcomson**



Danzón started as a popular Cuban music- dance form but which is now performed daily in many public plazas in Mexico. It is a precursor to genres such as mambo, cha-cha-chá and “salsa” and is often played by saxophones, trumpets, trombone, bass, güiro and a virtuosic timpanist. There will be a short talk followed by a participatory dance workshop, for those who wish to take part.

**Saturday 17 May**  
**Evening – *Noche de Banda***



**NOCHE  
DE BANDA**  
**Mexican Party, Northern style**

**Time:**  
20:00 – until late!

**Location:**  
Bridge Bar, Building  
42, Highfield Campus



Jose Guadalupe Posada (1852-1913)

# Sunday 18 May

## Mexican Brunch

Time: 11:00-14:00

Location: Restaurant La Baronia

29-31 Portswood Road  
Southampton  
SO17 2ET



Join us for a delicious Mexican Brunch at *La Baronia* restaurant in Portswood. Enjoy traditional huevos rancheros, chilaquiles and breakfast burritos, among others, in this typical Mexican Restaurant.

All Study Day participants will receive a voucher for a free drink to use at the brunch on this day.

## Free Film Showing: *Sin Nombre* (2009) by Cary Fukunaga

Time: 15:00

Location: SUSU Cinema, Building 42,  
Highfield Campus

Join us to see this film about the trials of migration in Central America, gang culture and human survival.

Winner of two awards at the Sundance Film Festival, including Best Director and Best Cinematography, as well as Skillset New Directors Award at the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

