



Jesús T. Piñero Center for Social Research

In the document *Visión estratégica SUAGM 2020*, the Ana G. Méndez University System has established that by the year 2020 AGMUS “will be recognized as an institution of excellence in learning, in research and in service”. In order to achieve this goal, the System has identified four principal vectors. One of these is precisely that of academic and scientific investigation. The Universidad del Este, as an integral part of this system, shares this commitment to research and has established as one of its main goals “Increase research and creative work within the faculty and among students, contributing to the cultural, social, political and economic development of

society”. The Jesús T. Piñero Center for Social Research, a unit of the Jesús t. Piñero Library, will contribute to the achievement of this goal. The Center will include a team of four professors with a solid academic preparation in various areas of the humanities and social sciences including political science, history, sociology, literature, economics and law. The members of the Center’s team are Jaime Rodríguez Cancel, Guillermo Rebollo, Elizabeth Santiago and Manuel Almeida. Each of these professors carries out research in their respective fields. In addition, they offer courses, seminars, conferences, are active in social media through publications in blogs and webpages and also collaborate with important projects of the Universidad del Este such as the television program “UNEvisión”, the internet program “Utopística” and the University’s academic journal *Ámbito de encuentros*. In our next edition we will present in detail some of the projects of the Center for Social Research and its staff.



**Future area of the
Social Research Center**

INVITATION

Seminar on Democratic Theory

Director of the Seminar on Democratic Theory:

Dr. Manuel S. Almeida

Initial Group Session 2015-2016

Topic: Democracy: A Critical Historical Perspective

General Description

This inaugural group session of the Seminar will include an historical and critical vision of the theoretical components and the central debates and topics related to the political project that we associate with the term “democracy”. A wide historical perspective will be utilized which will include the diverse developments, continuities and changes in the development of the democratic project. Primary texts of fundamental political thought along with critical essays will serve to create the historical context and to highlight essential elements of the topics under discussion. There will be a chronological perspective although this will not imply a strict lineal discourse without other discussions.

Among the topics and concepts to be considered are: the direct democracy of the classics, the distinctions between the freedom of the classics and the modern age, political liberalism, the connections between democracy and liberalism, politics vs the political, justice, power in democracy, citizenship, the political state, sovereignty, consent, modern representative democracy, deliberative democracy, radical democracy, the impact of globalization on democracy and other topics. The seminar will revolve around the discussion of the assigned texts.

In later seminar sessions specific authors and texts will receive particular attention. The seminar is free of cost and faculty, associates and students are invited.

The sessions will meet two Tuesdays of each month (every other week), from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, September 29th. The Seminar will initially meet in the Piñero Reading Room of the UNE Library and later, once the new Piñero Library is inaugurated, in one of the available areas of the new structure. Anyone interested in participating should write to malmeida@suagm.edu.



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24, 25 y 26
de septiembre de 2015

**Nuevas tendencias
historiográficas
en el siglo XXI:
retos y desafíos**

24 de septiembre de 2015:
Archivo General de Puerto Rico/ 6:00 PM

25 y 26 de septiembre de 2015:
Centro de Estudios Avanzados
de Puerto Rico y el Caribe/ 8:00 AM



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Programing for the month of September

Thursday, September 4:

Invited guest: David Caleb Acevedo, writer

Thursday, September 11:

Invited guest: Guillermo Rebollo Gil
Professor, writer and member of the
Jesús T. Piñero Center for Social Research

Thursday, September 18:

Invited guest: Alejandra Reuhel
Professor, writer, cultural director

Thursday, September 25:

Invited guest: Elizabeth Rodríguez
Member of the Jesús T. Piñero Center
for Social Research

All of the past editions of *Utopística* are available
on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and at
www.utopistica.com.

Piñero House Museum

Activities for the month of September:

Creative Writing Workshops
September 12th and 19th
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Grammar Workshop
September 26th
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

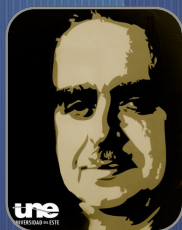
Museum visiting hours:

Wednesday through Sunday
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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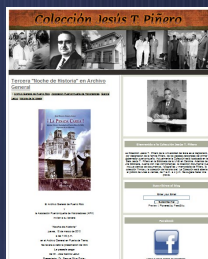
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