

Hofstra University (in collaboration with New York University)
invites you to a roundtable discussion on

Interrupted Enlightenment, Unfinished Independence:

A Discussion on the Reform of Hispanism

Friday, April 23, 2010

**Axinn Library, 10th Floor
Hofstra University**

11:45 Lunch buffet
1:00-5:00 p.m.: Round table discusión
Coffee and closing remarks

Participants include

LUNDEN MANN (Metropolitan State College of Denver)

CHRISTOPHER BRITT (George Washington University)

RONALD BRIGGS (Barnard College)

DANIELLE CARLO (New York University)

VICENTE LLEDÓ-GUILLEM (Hofstra University)

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Does 1492 still mark the “Great Divide” in Hispanism? Is the celebrated “multiculturalism” of Spain’s three historic castes truly an alternative to the mono-linguistic authoritarianism of imperial Spain? Might we consider Leon Ebreo the first modern Iberian philosopher, and not Suarez or Vitoria? Is it possible to understand Teresa of Avila’s mysticism without reference to the Iberian Jewish and Islamic mysticisms which precede it? Why does North American Hispanism deny the process of colonization, and the theology of colonization? Why is the Hispanist departmental label of “Spanish Enlightenment” an empty and nonsensical category? Why is the absence of a Spanish, and Spanish-American category of modernity such a well-kept secret? And why is the North American Independence movement of 1776 treated as if it were paradigmatic, whereas the 1810 independence movements of the Americas are not? Are Cultural Studies a camouflage or an alibi for an intellectually irrelevant Hispanism? Finally, is critical thinking possible among Hispanists? Co-sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at Hofstra University. For further details please contact Eduardo.subirats@nyu.edu or Benita.sampedro@hofstra.edu