**‘Crossroads of Empire’: Latin America, the South Atlantic and the British Empire in the long nineteenth century**

**University of Southampton, 30 November 2013**

**Room 1177, James Parkes Building (65), Avenue Campus**

*9.50: Registration and welcome*

Professor Kendrick Oliver, Director, Centre for Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies,University of Southampton

*10.00:*

Matthew Brown (University of Bristol)

‘Sporting connections: The British Empire, the South Atlantic and the first footballers in South America’

*10.45: Coffee*

*11.00: Panel 1. Imperial agents*

Mark Thurner (University of Florida), ‘Englishmen in Ingaland: British dreams of empire among the Incas, from Raleigh to Markham’

Deborah Besseghini (Trieste University), ‘Unofficial Consul: the case of Robert Staples in South America, 1811–24’

Andrés Baeza (University of Bristol), ‘Thomas Cochrane and James Thomson in Chile, 1818–23: Britons in the service of the new-born republic or agents of the British informal empire?’

*12.30: Lunch*

*13.30: Panel 2. Seapower*

Anyaa Anim-Addo (University of Sheffield), ‘“Thence to the River Plate”: steamship mobilities in the South Atlantic, 1851–1914’

Trevor Boyns (Cardiff University) and Steven Gray (University of Warwick), ‘British coal and South America: 1830–1913’

John McAleer (University of Southampton), ‘Looking east: South America, St Helena and Britain’s Indian Ocean world’

*15.00: Tea*

*15.15: Panel 3. Informal empire*

### Emerson Hirmas Fernández (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), ‘The Guano conflict: British merchants and Chilean workers at an undefined frontier’

Olivia Saunders (University of South Wales), ‘From rupture to restoration: British relations with Bolivia, 1853–1912’

Itzel Toledo García (University of Essex), ‘The decline of British hegemony in Mexico, 1867–84’

Helen Cowie (University of York), ‘From the Andes to the outback: alpaca smuggling in nineteenth-century Peru’

*16.45: Close*