



Society for Irish Latin American Studies

Information about 2017 SILAS Conference in Havana

Thank you all for your patience in waiting for information from SILAS in relation to accommodation, conference programme, etc. Organising a conference in Cuba is new territory for us and we have great partners on the ground in Havana. The conference venue is located in the historic centre of Old Havana or Havana Vieja. All of the panels and round tables will take place in the [Palacio Segundo Cabo](#) and the larger plenary and public events will move to [el Colegio Universitario San Geronimo](#) just a block away.

The timing of the conference coincides with the first Irish presidential visit to Cuba.

As part of the programme for the official visit we envisage that Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland and the Patron of SILAS will give the keynote address.

The annual Havana International Book Fair runs from 14-19 February. The Irish Embassy has invited a number of Irish writers to the event and they have also agreed to participate in the SILAS conference.

Confirmed speakers also include:

Prof. Jane Ohlmeyer, TCD

Colm Toibin

Joseph O'Connor

Orsola Casagrande

Lisa McInerney

Pura López Colome

Michael McCaughan

Dermot Keogh, Emeritus Professor UCC

Accommodation

The general advice is that hotels which are all state run can be uneven in the services they provide. Hotel names listed below are chosen because they are close to the conference venue. These hotels are reviewed on TripAdvisor. Otherwise casas particulares (Bed and Breakfast) are privately run and are often more comfortable and offer better value for money. Contacts on the list below are all in the vicinity of the conference location.

List of Private Houses

- Apartamento Lamparilla (cerca de Obispo) (4-5 personas).

<http://www.alojamientosencuba.com/apartamento-lamparilla-habana-vieja.htm>



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- 2 Apartamentos Marivela (Al lado de Bodeguita del Medio) (4 personas).
<http://www.alojamientosencuba.com/apartamento-1-marivela-habana-vieja.htm>
- Casa Imperio (Plaza Vieja) (2-3 personas).
<http://www.alojamientoenlahabana.com/casa-imperio-habana.htm>
- Casa Ana (al lado de San Gerónimo) (2-3 personas). Dir. O'Reilly entre Mercaderes y San Ignacio. Tel: 7864-4021, 78017221.
- Casa Odalys (esquina de San Gerónimo) (hasta 10 personas). Dir. San Ignacio entre O'Reilly y Callejón del Chorro. Tel: 7860-2225
- Casa Quin (media cuadra de San Gerónimo) (4-6 personas). Dir. O'Reilly 208 entre Cuba y San Ignacio. Tel: +53 52815866
- Casa Sonia (tres cuadras de San Gerónimo) (hasta 5 personas). Dir. Aguiar 301-303 entre Obispo y O'Reilly. Tel: 78602286; cel: +53 53338077
- Casa Bolsa de La Habana (cerca de Obispo) (5 personas). Obrapia #257 entre Aguiar y Cuba. Cel. +53 58139298; +53 53687501
- Casa Vieja 1840 (Cerca de Plaza Vieja). (3 personas) Dir. Tte Rey # 110 (altos) entre San Ignacio y Cuba. Tel: +53 7 8620477.

The prices range between 20 and 60 CUC a night. In high season that can change.

LOS PRECIOS OSCILAN ENTRE 30 Y 60 CUC POR NOCHE. EN TEMPORADA ALTA (FEBRERO) PUEDEN VARIAR.

Airbnb is also an option for booking accommodation anywhere in Cuba.

Hotels close to the conference venue.

Hotel Los Frailes

Hostal Conde de Villanueva

Hotel Palacio del Marques de San Felipe y Santiago de Bejucal

Hotel Raquel

Hotel Santa Isabel

Hotel Florida

Hostal Valencia

Hotel Beltrán de la Santa Cruz

Hotel Ambos Mundos

Hotel Habana 612