



SAAS FÉLIX MARTÍN DOCTORAL SEMINAR

Complutense University of Madrid

March 12-13, 2026

The Spanish Association for American Studies invites Ph.D. candidates to participate in the Félix Martín Doctoral Seminar, held every two years in alternation with the SAAS Conference. The seminar aims to provide a space for Ph.D. students to present and discuss their research in a more relaxed setting than a full conference panel and in dialogue with peers in a highly stimulating and collaborative environment. Participating students must be enrolled in a doctoral program and, preferably, beyond the initial year of their research. MA students and first-year doctoral students are welcome to submit their proposal to the “Morning Song” session (after Sylvia Plath’s poem), where more preliminary research will be discussed.

Presentations should focus on the issues addressed and hypotheses tested in the dissertation, the results obtained so far, and, above all, the methodology applied, with the aim of receiving feedback from peers and established scholars in the field. Each presentation will last 10-15 minutes, followed by discussion. Presentation at the seminar will not exclude participation in the SAAS Conference the following year.

Proposals should be sent to saasyoungscholars@gmail.com by **December 15, 2025** and must include:

1. A summary of the project (up to 350 words), indicating the thesis and topics addressed, the methodology (theoretical tools), the corpus under consideration, and the results so far obtained.
2. A short bio note (up to 150 words) including institutional affiliation and contact information.

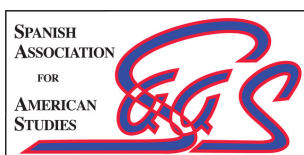
Applicants will be notified of acceptance by **January 15, 2026**. MA and first-year Ph.D. students should indicate “SAAS YS’ Félix Martín Doctoral Seminar - Morning Song session” in the subject line and follow the same guidelines mentioned above.

A registration fee will be required from accepted participants and attendees. Please note that you must be a member of SAAS to be able to register for this event:

- Speakers: 25€ (Early bird, January 31st) / 35€ (Late registration, February 15th)
- Attendees: 10€ (Early bird, January 31st) / 15€ (Late registration, February 15th)

For further information, please contact us at saasyoungscholars@gmail.com. Updates will also be posted on the seminar’s website: <https://saasyoungscholars.wordpress.com/2026-felix-martin-doctoral-seminar/>

This seminar honors the memory of Prof. Félix Martín, paying tribute to his immense academic and pedagogical contributions. Prof. Martín was a pioneer in the field of American Studies in Spain and will be dearly missed.



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