

Victoria Huerta Visits LERC with her Thesis on Lebanese Immigration to Mexico (1880-1914)

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On January 2013, Victoria B. Huerta finished her Masters in Economic Development and International Cooperation at the Center for Studies on Economic and Social Development at the University of Puebla, Mexico. After seven-months research at LERC, she has finished and presented the thesis named "Lebanese Immigration to Mexico (1880-1914) a trans-cultural process, Case study: Puebla".

The thesis is divided to four chapters. The first chapter explains the theoretical and methodological framework, including qualitative and biographical research tools as well as discourse analysis. The second chapter describes the Lebanese history from the late 1500's until 1880, this by allocating the social, economic and political facts in a three ring scheme: international, regional and local. The transatlantic journey and the reorientation of the Lebanese migrant waves to Latin America are included in chapter three. It also includes an overview about the economical, social and political aspects of Mexico for the period of interest. Mexico's immigration policy is described and analyzed as well. The fourth chapter goes over the history, economy and politics of Zgharta and Hadath al Joubbe -as the two towns that expelled the Lebanese who established themselves in Puebla- and the city of Puebla itself. It ends with a deep analysis that attempts to answer the question "integration, acculturation, assimilation or transculturation?"



From Right: Mrs. Lilianne Haddad, Ms. Victoria Huerta, Dr. Guita Hourani

She visited LERC to contribute to its library by donating a hard and electronic copy of her thesis and 3 other books concerning the Lebanese migration to Puebla and the development of this Mexican city.