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## **Ramapo College to Host Prestigious International Hispanistas Conference**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Nineteenth-Century Hispanistas XIX Network on March 2-3. **The event marks the first-ever time the prestigious conference will be held in the United States.**

“We are delighted to bring the conference to Ramapo College, as part of the Year of Europe initiatives,” said Natalia Santamaría Laorden, Associate Professor of Spanish. “With a wide range of scholars coming from Stanford, John Hopkins or Birmingham University, the conference promises to live to its reputation of intellectual rigor and stimulating debates.”

Previously held in universities such as York University (Toronto), University of Kent (Paris campus) and Ludwig Maximilian University (Munich), the network is gathering for the first time in the United States to share the research of scholars from Europe and the Americas on the literature and history of nineteenth century Spain and Latin America. This year’s conference will feature panels on transatlantic perspectives of Spain and Cuba, as well as on gender constructions in canonical writers like Benito Perez Galdós and lesser known writers like Eva Canel, said Santamaría Laorden.

Discussions will be held in English or Spanish, depending on the topic.

The Nineteenth-Century Hispanistas XIX Network was founded in 2011, and has more than 200 members in Europe and the Americas. It holds annual events internationally, sometimes in collaboration with other organizations. It aims to support work in nineteenth-century hispanic studies as regards Iberia, Latin America and beyond.

Supported by the Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies at Ramapo College and organized through the Office of International Education, the event is free and open to the public.