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Detrás de nosotros no hay nada?: Revisiting Contemporary Uruguayan Culture and Politics

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The title of this symposium refers to a famous passage from Juan Carlos Onetti's novella *El pozo* (1939): "Detrás de nosotros no hay nada: un gaucho, dos gauchos, treinta y tres gauchos". By ironically merging two emblematic national symbols, the gaucho and the heroic insurrection for independence of the so-called "33 orientales" led by José Antonio Lavalleja in 1825, Onetti questioned the origins of Uruguayan national identity and history.

This interdisciplinary symposium aims to redress the little attention that Uruguay usually receives in Latin American Studies and to offer instead a forum to discuss current issues in contemporary Uruguay.

We invite colleagues to send a 300-word abstract for a 20-minute paper in either English or Spanish in any area of studies related to this country, including a brief biographical note by **28 February 2013** to Jordana Blejmar jordana.blejmar@sas.ac.uk and María Soledad Montañez maria.montanez@stir.ac.uk

If you have any questions regarding the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the organisers.