For all those who are interested:

The Pasqual Maragall Chair announces the resolution of the 2016 research grants call.

The researcher awarded by the Chair is:

Maximilian Eric Holst.

Project title: "A Two-faced coin: Disentangling the Economic Effects of the War on Drugs in Mexico"

"Towards the end of Vicente Fox's administration, there was an important increase of homicides related to Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). The total number of homicides went from a low point of 9,329 homicides nationwide in 2004, up to 9,921 in 2005 and finally to 10,452 in 2006. Due to this new wave of homicides and the presence of DTOs in almost all Mexican states, President Felipe Calderón launched the 2007-2012 Guidance for the Integral Fight against Drug Trafficking (Directiva para el Combate Integral al Narcotráfico 2007-2012) as soon as he is sworn into office in December 2006. (...) In this article, we analyze the economic impact of the policy implemented during President Felipe Calderon's administration to fight drug trafficking organizations. The way we do it, is to study how GDP per capita at the state level reacts to violence and to the government efforts to fight that same violence".

Aid granted: 6.500€

We appreciate the participation of all researchers in the call and we encourage you to participate again in future editions.

Germà Bel Director de la Càtedra Pasqual Maragall



