The University of Leicester is delighted to invite proposals for the 2019 Society for Latin American Studies conference, to take place on Thursday April 4 and Friday April 5 2019 at College Court in Leicester (UK).

The society was founded 55 years ago, in 1964, and is one of the leading Latin American studies organizations in the world. Its annual conferences gather together scholars, journalists, artists, publishers, and intellectuals from the UK and around the world.

This year’s conference coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies at the University of Leicester, and we very much look forward to having you mark this milestone with us!

**Conference theme**

In line with previous conferences, SLAS2019 will be an opportunity for explorations of any aspect of Latin American Studies, from any theoretical and disciplinary perspective. We have an optional conference theme that speakers are invited to address, which focuses on the **Politics of Identity in Latin America**.

This choice of topic is inspired by the vibrant waves of feminist activism that have been gaining ground across Latin America in recent years; movements which, by giving voice to women’s concerns and demanding respect of their human rights, are also making important contributions to social acceptance of difference and diversity, to improving poverty, and facilitating peace – thus emphasising the interconnectedness of all aspects of identity politics....

Our theme therefore also invites discussions not only of gender, but of matters of sexuality, race and ethnicity, disability, ideological beliefs and political affiliations; of notions of marginalization and belonging, participation and oppression, cultural diversity and social and political agency; of distinct articulations of the individual and the national, the local and the global.

And in this current time of protest and pushes for sweeping social change, when the spirit of the long 1960s seems so clearly to be echoing throughout our own contemporary moment, our 2019 conference is a truly opportune moment for diverse intellectual engagement with all of those elements of lived experience to which the notion of ‘identity politics’ speaks in Latin America.
Keynote Speaker

We are extremely pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for the conference is the Argentine sociologist, writer and activist, Dr María Pía López, whose work with the Ni una menos movement makes her a truly fitting speaker for the conference theme.

SUBMISSIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PAPERS, PANELS, WORKSHOPS

We invite proposals for individual papers and panel sessions on diverse interpretations of the conference theme, and in relation to all areas of Latin American scholarship.

Presentations will take place in blocks of 90 minutes shared between 3-4 presenters and chaired either by a presenter or a moderator. Panels and workshops may be pre-constituted. Conveners of pre-constituted panels and workshops should coordinate their session to allow time for discussion, limiting individual contributions to 20 minutes.

- PANEL PROPOSALS: Conveners should submit a general outline of the whole event (max. 400 words) around well-defined critical, theoretical, cultural and/or historical topics, and they should also provide for each presenter:
  - A title and abstract for the presentation (max. 300 words)
  - An autobiographical blurb (max. 100 words)

- INDIVIDUAL PAPERS: Presenters will be grouped into panels by the Conference Committee. Individual proposals should include:
  - A title and abstract for the presentation (max. 300 words)
  - An autobiographical blurb (max. 100 words)

- WORKSHOP PROPOSALS: Pre-constituted workshops may include up to 6 presenters making short opening statements designed to generate interactions between themselves and the audience. Conveners are asked to submit a proposal that outlines the event as a whole (max. 400 words) and provide the name of each presenter and a title for the workshop.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission deadline for all individual papers, pre-arranged panels, and workshops: 1ST October 2018

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