



Call for Papers

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies invites you to its
69th Annual Conference in Springfield, Illinois

***Democracy, Human Rights, and Environmental Justice in
Latin America: Past, Present, and Future***
***Democracia, derechos humanos y justicia ambiental en
América Latina: pasado, presente y futuro***

October 10-12, 2019

University of Illinois Springfield

Springfield, Illinois 62703-5407

MALAS is interdisciplinary and welcomes papers on a variety of Latin American topics.
Visit website for easy registration or contact Adriana Piatti-Crocker at acroc2@uis.edu

<http://www.malasnet.org>

Political Change

Immigration

Environmental Studies

Sustainable Development

Gender Roles

Migration Topics

Social Justice & Human Rights

Caribbean Topics

Democratic Processes

Latinos in the U.S.

Culture and Identity

Free Trade Agreements

Economic Policies

Indigenous Peoples

Country Studies

Latin American Cinema

Natural Resources

US-Latin American Relations

International Relations

Literature, Art, Music

History & Landscape

New Technologies

Regional Economic Integration

Other paper topics welcome!

Prizes for Student Papers

MALAS Call for Paper 2019

Deadline: August 30, 2019

Please send by email title of paper, 150- to 200-word abstract and contact information (name, affiliation, address, phone and email) to J.D. Bowen at jbowen5@slu.edu or Gregory Schmidt at gdschmidt@utep.edu *NOTE: To be included in the program, presenters must pre-register by September 25, 2019 and have paid the corresponding fee.*

Proposal Guidelines

General Information

Thank you for your interest in submitting a session proposal for the Annual Midwest Association for Latin American Studies (MALAS) Conference titled, **Democracy, Human Rights, and Environmental Justice in Latin America: Past, Present, and Future / Democracia, derechos humanos y justicia ambiental en América Latina: pasado, presente y futuro.**

The 2019 MALAS Conference will take place on October 10-12, 2019, in Springfield, Illinois, at the campus of the University of Illinois Springfield.

The program will consist primarily of presentations selected through this open call for submissions. Depending on the topic to be discussed, the presentations may be in English or Spanish. In addition, there will be invited speakers and panel discussions.

The 2019 conference marks the 69th edition of the conferences. This conference provides an opportunity for scholars (faculty, researchers, students) in Latin American matters to contribute towards better understanding of all things Latin American, from literature to politics to human rights, and more.

General inquiries regarding the annual conference may be addressed to Adriana Piatti-Crocker (e-mail acroc2@uis.edu; phone 217-206-8329). Inquiries regarding paper proposals may be addressed to J.D. Bowen (e-mail jbowen5@slu.edu; phone 314-977-4239).

Proposal Deadline

The deadline for submission is Friday, August 30, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. But, we would appreciate receiving the papers much earlier than the deadline.

Submission Formats

Individual Papers: Individual papers may be submitted for consideration. The presenters will be included as part of a concurrent session according to topic.

Concurrent Session: Concurrent sessions may involve a minimum of two and up to four panelists in the presentation and should include discussion of content and materials. Concurrent sessions are 90 minutes and may address a multitude of topics about Latin America, as the MALAS conference is multidisciplinary in nature. Presenters are encouraged to collaborate with colleagues and professionals from different campus units/offices and/or with colleagues from other institutions for greater consideration. Potential presenters may submit their papers individually and not as part of a panel per se; the committee selecting the papers will determine in what session to place the presenter.

Workshop: A workshop provides an opportunity for the presenter(s) to involve participants in interaction including hands-on activities and discussions. Workshops are 90 minutes. These sessions should include the presentation of appropriate material and allow ample time for participant engagement, discussion, and action planning, as appropriate. Workshop submissions are expected to include a chair and have no more than four (4) total presenters (including the chair).

Keep in Mind

- Abstract word limits: The Papers and Sessions Committee may reject a submission without review if the abstract or description exceeds the word limits specified in the session submission application.
- Participation limits: To promote broad participation in the annual conference, an individual may not appear as primary presenter or chair on more than two submissions. An individual may not appear as a participating presenter on more than three submissions.
- Participation limits on session submissions: Session submissions for panel presentations are limited to four (4) participants per session. The number of participants includes the chair, presenters, and any panelists.
- If your session is accepted, the following apply:
 - All participants in a session (chairs and panelists where applicable) must register for the annual conference by the date indicated in the pre-registration form.
 - The registration must include full payment of the conference fee.
 - Participants that fail to register and do not pay the conference fee by the indicated date will not be included in the program booklet and will not be allowed to present, as well as to participate at other conference events, including attending sessions.
 - It is requested that Chairs/primary presenters submit any final presentation and materials to the MALAS Annual Conference Committee by October 1, 2019.
 - Presenters are expected to be in attendance at the Annual Conference to present at the scheduled session(s).

Application

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the MALAS Annual Conference.

Please submit an application no later than **August 30, 2019**. Acceptance and rejections notices will be sent no later than two weeks after abstracts are received.

If you have questions, please contact J.D. Bowen at jbowen5@slu.edu or Gregory D. Schmidt at gdschmidt@utep.edu

Audio-visual Matters

We will have the following equipment available for the concurrent sessions:

- Windows PC computers with Microsoft office
- Projector

These computers will have Video Graphics Array (VGA) connections, so if you wish to bring your own computer please be sure you have an adapter to VGA. There is High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) cables and monitor cables to use for laptop computers. If you do not have an HDMI port, you should bring the Mac adapter, if using an Apple computer. You may have your presentation on a Universal Serial Bus (USB) flash drive to use the computer in the session room. Regardless, there are available plugs for laptops or a computer to use.

2019 MALAS Conference Theme

Democracy, Human Rights, and Environmental Justice in Latin America: Past, Present, and Future ***Democracia, derechos humanos y justicia ambiental en América Latina: pasado, presente y futuro***

The MALAS Conference will, as in the past, provide opportunities for faculty, graduate and undergraduate students to present papers in many fields related to Latin America, and thus hone their academic/professional skills.

Please register today!!!

Conference Fees: Pre-registration

Full Conference Fees:

- MALAS members in good standing: \$100
- New MALAS lifetime member: \$100 + \$200 lifetime dues = \$300
- U.S. professional: \$125 (automatic 2019 membership; in good standing at business meeting)
- Significant other of registered participant: \$50

Discounted Conference Fees

- Friday sessions only: \$50
- Saturday sessions only: \$25
- Student: Registration for both days (no Saturday lunch): \$25
- Latin American nationals coming from outside USA: \$75 Latin American nationals from outside the United States: \$50

The above fees include attendance to all conference sessions, meal on Friday (10/11/2019) and lunch on Saturday (10/12/2019) and the MALAS business meeting. They do not include special events.

Note: *On-site registration fee is \$15 additional to above fees.*

ABOUT THE THEME

According to Freedom House, the Americas are second only to Western Europe in levels of freedom and respect for human rights. This shows major progress, particularly if compared to Latin America of the Cold War era when 17 of 20 countries in the region were ruled by military regimes or other authoritarian systems. Nonetheless and despite the overwhelming number of electoral democracies (19 of 20 at the turn of the millennium), the quality of Latin American democracies is still in question. Indeed, violent crime and populist governments with authoritarian tendencies have been a problem more recently. Democracy has collapsed in Venezuela and Nicaragua and is in serious trouble in countries such as Bolivia and Honduras. In El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Brazil, criminal organizations are threatening the rule of law and weakening democracy (Freedom House 2018). In 2017, more environmental activists were killed in Latin America than anywhere else in the world (Parker Asmann 2018). This tragic statistic emphasizes just one of the multitude of environmental inequalities linked to decades of neoliberal environmental management and development processes in the region. In some cases, such as the recent attacks against environmental defenders, pervasive global patterns of consumption and territorialization are linked directly to state violence (Hanson 2019). In addition, parts of the region lack such basic human rights as freedoms of association, assembly, and the press, and suffer from violence against journalists (Freedom House 2018). Despite these troubles, almost everywhere in the region, citizens are organizing and mobilizing to defend civic freedoms, fight for social justice and equality, defend democratic values, and demand environmental action. It still remains to be seen whether democracy, human rights, and environmental justice will prevail over authoritarianism and demagoguery in 21st century Latin America.

The 2019 conference theme may be addressed through social sciences, as well as literature, history, arts, and popular cultures, among many other disciplinary or interdisciplinary approaches.

MALAS invites scholars, students and researchers from different areas of the social sciences to submit a 150 to 200-word abstract in English or Spanish addressing one or more of the topics suggested above, although other themes are also welcomed.



HOTEL INFORMATION

69th Annual Conference
October 10-12, 2019

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPRINGFIELD A DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

701 East Adam Street
Springfield, Illinois, 62701
1-217-544-8800

- Check-in: 3:00 p.m. / Check-out: 12:00 a.m.
- Complimentary in room wireless Internet
- Guest rooms are non-smoking (hefty penalty per smoking incident)
- Room cancellation without penalty until 4:00 p.m. the day prior to arrival
- Self-parking: Complimentary
- Valet Parking
- Fitness center
- Only service animals are allowed at the hotel

You may book as follows:

The block of rooms is listed under Midwest Association for Latin American Studies. Guests may call (217) 544-8800, ask for Reservations and the group code is MAL. The cutoff date for reservations is September 19, 2019.

These are the rates before taxes:

Single occupancy \$85; double \$100; triple \$115; quadruple \$130

Reservations must be made by Thursday, September 19, 2019 to be included in the block of rooms. Rooms not reserved by that date will be released for general sale at available rates.

More information at: <http://www.malasnet.org/>



About MALAS

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies (MALAS) was organized to foster an interdisciplinary, collaborative approach to education and research on Latin America.

The Association purposes are:

- (a) To stimulate public interest in and understanding of the area of Latin America;
 - (b) To promote the study of the area in institutions of education;
 - (c) To encourage research in the area by scholars of all disciplines;
 - (d) To serve as a forum for the exchanges and dissemination of information relative to the area;
- and
- (e) To cooperate with the Latin American Studies Association and regional associations, the Organization of American States, and institutions and individuals within Latin America and elsewhere, for the achievement of these purposes.

To accomplish these objectives, MALAS organizes national and international conferences that address the myriad themes reflected in the diverse interests of the membership.

MALAS welcomes the participation of social and natural scientists, artists, and humanists from all disciplines at its meetings and in its publications. MALAS also presents several awards each year to recognize outstanding student papers presented at the annual MALAS conference.

MALAS is a Missouri not-for-profit organization.