



Call for Papers

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies
invites you to its **70th Annual Conference in**

Ballston, Arlington, Virginia
Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area

Inter-American Cooperation in Times of Uncertainty ***Cooperación Interamericana en Tiempos de Incertidumbre***

October 29-November 1, 2020
Holiday Inn, Ballston

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>

Regional Organizations

Immigration

Environmental Studies

Sustainable Development

Gender Policy

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 Papers 2020

Deadline: Thursday September 10, 2020

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 jbowen@slu.edu and Gregory Schmidt at gdschmidt@utep.edu **NOTE: To be included in the program, presenters must pre-register by October 8, 2020 and have paid the corresponding fees.**

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, *Inter-American Cooperation in Times of Uncertainty- Cooperación Interamericana en Tiempos de Incertidumbre*

The 2020 MALAS Conference will take place on October 29-November 1, 2020, in Washington D.C.

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 2020 conference marks the 70th 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 **Thursday, September 10, 2020 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 presenters submit any final presentation and materials to the MALAS Annual Conference **by September 10, 2020**.
 - 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 **September 10, 2020**. 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:

Projector, Screen, Cables to projector, podium, and microphone will be provided (panelists will need to bring a personal computer if projector is needed for presentations).

20220 MALAS Conference Theme

Inter-American Cooperation in Times of Uncertainty *Cooperación Interamericana en Tiempos de Incertidumbre*

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

Conference and Membership Fees:

- 2020 MALAS member in good standing: \$100 + Annual Membership= \$125
- MALAS lifetime member: pre-registration \$100 + \$200 NEW life membership = \$250
- Students: \$25 + Annual Membership= \$50
- Latin American nationals coming from outside USA: \$75 + Annual Membership=\$100

The above fees include attendance to all conference sessions. **Note:** *On-site registration fee is \$15 additional to above fees.*

ABOUT THE THEME

The region is facing major social, political, and economic challenges, requiring regional rather than national solutions. Violent crime and populist governments with authoritarian tendencies have been a problem in the region. Democracy has collapsed in Venezuela, and several other Latin American countries are facing serious political challenges. Regional patterns of migration are placing significant strains on the economic and social welfare of numerous Latin American countries, and the recent coronavirus pandemic has put substantive pressure on precarious healthcare systems throughout the region. Most (if not all) of these challenges require global or regional rather than national solutions and regional inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) have been critical in dealing with them. For example, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) gathers regional information and provides healthcare advice regarding the coronavirus pandemic that is currently affecting much of the region; the Inter-American Bank of Development (IBD) is helping finance responses and support policies to ameliorate the pandemic's economic impacts; and the Organization of American States is helping deal with political turmoil and human rights issues in the region. In a world where many political, social, and economic crises move beyond national borders, IGOs have become significant actors in promoting regional collaboration and in helping prevent or provide responses to these crises across regional borders.

The 2020 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

**70th Annual Conference
October 29-31, 2020**

HOLIDAY INN, BALLSTON ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

4610 N. Fairfax Dr
Arlington, Virginia, 22203
(866) 876-4238 (toll-free for MALAS group)

- Check-in: 3:00 p.m. / Check-out: 12:00 a.m.
- In room wireless Internet (complimentary)
- Parking (complimentary)
- Fitness center
- No pets allowed at the hotel

You may book as follows:

The block of rooms is listed under Midwest Association for Latin American Studies.

Booking Website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50099079>

Guests may also call 1-866-876-4238, 24 hours a day and let the operator know they are booking for the MALAS room block if they prefer to make reservation over the phone.

The room rate before taxes is \$79 a night

Reservations must be made by **Tuesday, October 8, 2020** 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.