



# Call for Papers

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies invites you to its  
67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in St. Louis with the theme:

***Borders and Bridges:  
Culture, Politics, and Resistance in the Americas***  
***Fronteras y puentes: Cultura, política y resistencia en las Américas***

October 19 – 21, 2017

Webster University Gateway Campus

812 Olive Street  
St. Louis, Missouri

**MALAS** is interdisciplinary and welcomes papers on a variety of Latin American topics.  
Visit website for easy registration or call Jaime Torres at 314-440-0297.

<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!**

***Student Papers and Prizes***

## **MALAS Call for Paper 2017**

**Deadline: August 18, 2017**

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](mailto:jbowen5@slu.edu) or Orlando J. Pérez at [orlando.perez@millersville.edu](mailto:orlando.perez@millersville.edu)

*NOTE: To be included in the program, presenters must pre-register by September 15, 2017 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, **Borders and Bridges: Culture, Politics, and Resistance in the Americas** / *Fronteras y puentes: Cultura, política y resistencia en las Américas*.

The 2017 MALAS Conference will take place on October 19 – 21, 2017, in St. Louis, Missouri at Webster University's Gateway Campus.

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 2017 conference marks the 67<sup>th</sup> 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 Guillermo A. Rodríguez (e-mail [gmo.rodriguez100@gmail.com](mailto:gmo.rodriguez100@gmail.com); phone 314-269-7613). Inquiries regarding paper proposals may be addressed to J.D. Bowen (e-mail [jbowen5@slu.edu](mailto:jbowen5@slu.edu); phone 314-977-4239).

Guidelines for submitting papers, sessions and panels are set forth below.

## Proposal Deadline

The deadline for submission is Friday, August 18, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. But, we would appreciate receiving the papers much earlier than the deadline.

## Submission Format

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, 2017.
  - 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 18, 2017**. 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](mailto:jbowen5@slu.edu) or Orlando J. Pérez at [orlando.perez@millersville.edu](mailto:orlando.perez@millersville.edu).

## Audio-visual Matters

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

- Windows PC computers with Microsoft office
- Projector
- Speakers

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.

Speakers in the ceiling will allow you to have sound with your presentation.

## **2017 MALAS Conference Theme**

***Borders and Bridges:  
Culture, Politics, and Resistance in the Americas***

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***Fronteras y puentes:  
Cultura, política y resistencia en las Américas***

During the past year, several Latin American countries have revisited hardening their borders. Politicians have called for a Trump-like wall between Argentina and Bolivia, Colombia fears an influx of immigrants from Venezuela as the economy and political systems have collapsed. Recent rhetoric in the United States has emphasized building an impenetrable wall at the southern border and renegotiating NAFTA. The nationalist fervor in these countries has also been met with resistance from groups concerned about human rights and the economic consequences of hardening borders.

This call for papers solicits work that examines macro level policies related to immigration, border enforcement, trade, and national security. We seek research that examines the everyday experiences of immigrants and nationals in this time of investing in physical as well as symbolic borders. We are also interested in work that addresses efforts within the United States to support or deport Latin American immigrants.

The 2017 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 before August 18, 2017 addressing one or more of the topics suggested above, although other themes are also welcomed.



## **MIDWEST ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES 2017 CONFERENCE St. Louis, Missouri**

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies (MALAS) will hold its 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the Webster University Gateway Campus in downtown St. Louis, October 19 – 21, 2017. A block of rooms have been reserved at The Hotel Majestic St. Louis a short walk from the campus.

The theme for this MALAS Conference is:

**Borders and Bridges: Culture, Politics, and Resistance in the Americas**  
*Fronteras y puentes: Cultura, política y resistencia en las Américas*

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 member: \$125
- New MALAS lifetime member: \$125 + \$200 lifetime dues = \$325
- U.S. professional: \$150 (automatic membership; in good standing at business meeting)

#### *Discounted Conference Fees*

- Latin American nationals from outside the United States: \$50
- Students: \$50
- Students (no meals): \$25
- Significant other of registered participant: \$90

The above fees include attendance to all conference sessions, lunch on Friday (10/20/2017) and lunch on Saturday (10/21/2017) and the MALAS business meeting. They do not include special events.

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



## HOTEL INFORMATION

67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
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### The Hotel Majestic St. Louis

[Hotel Majestic St. Louis](#)  
1019 Pine Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

- Check-in: 4:00 p.m. / Check-out: 11:00 a.m.
- Hot breakfast buffet included in room rate
- Complimentary WIFI in every guest room
- Parking per night rates: \$25 at hotel side-lot or \$30 at hotel front /VIP lot
- Guest rooms are non-smoking (\$200 penalty per smoking incident)
- Only service animals are allowed at the hotel
- Room cancellation without penalty until 4:00 p.m. the day prior to arrival

You may book as follows:

- By phone: 314-436-2355 ext. 436 (April Callaway, Sales Coordinator)
  - By email: [april.calloway@hawkeyehotels.com](mailto:april.calloway@hawkeyehotels.com) (April Callaway)
- Online: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/The-Hotel-Majestic-St.-Louis/bookings.jsp?groupID=1958964&hotelID=99865>

Reservations must be made by Friday, September 29, 2017 to be included in the block of rooms. Rooms not reserved by that date will be released for general sale at available rates.

Rooms: \$119/night plus State and Occupancy taxes of 15.929 % (as of 4/20/2017)

*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.