



Call for Papers

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies invites you
to its **68th Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas**

***Bridges and Walls:
Perspectives on Unity and Diversity
from the U.S.-Mexico Border and the Americas***

***Puentes y Murallas:
Perspectivas sobre la unidad y diversidad
desde la frontera EE.UU.-México y las Américas***

November 15 – 17, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn

111 West University Avenue
El Paso, Texas, 79902

MALAS welcomes papers on a broad range of Latin American topics from any discipline.
Visit website for easy registration or call Jaime Torres at 314-440-0297.

<http://www.malasnet.org>

Political Change	Democratic Processes	Natural Resources
Immigration	Latinos in the U.S.	US-Latin American Relations
Environmental Studies	Culture and Identity	International Relations
Sustainable Development	Free Trade Agreements	Literature, Art, Music
Gender Roles	Economic Policies	History & Landscape
Migration Topics	Indigenous Peoples	New Technologies
Social Justice & Human Rights	Country Studies	Regional Economic
Creative Writing	Latin American Cinema	Border Studies

Other paper topics welcome!

Prizes for Undergraduate & Graduate Student Papers

MALAS Call for Paper 2018

Deadline: September 15, 2018

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

jb Bowen5@slu.edu

NOTE: To be included in the program, presenters must pre-register by October 15, 2018 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, **Bridges and Walls: Perspectives on Unity and Diversity from the U.S.- Mexico Border and the Americas / Puentes y Murallas: Perspectivas sobre la unidad y diversidad desde la frontera E.E.U.U – México y las Américas**

The 2018 MALAS Conference will take place on November 15 – 17, 2018, in El Paso, Texas at the Hilton Garden Inn on the campus of The University of Texas at El Paso.

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 2018 conference marks the 68th 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 Gregory D. Schmidt (e-mail gdschmidt@utep.edu; phone 915-747-7973, please leave voicemail). 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 Saturday, September 15, 2018 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, nor to participate at other conference events, including attending sessions.
 - It is requested that Chairs/primary presenters submit papers and any supporting materials to the MALAS Annual Conference Committee by October 15, 2018.
 - 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 15, 2018**. 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.

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.



**MIDWEST ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
2018 CONFERENCE
El Paso, Texas**

The Midwest Association for Latin American Studies (MALAS) will hold its 68th Annual Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn on the campus of The University of Texas at El Paso, November 15 – 17, 2018. A block of rooms have been reserved at the hotel.

The theme for this MALAS Conference is:

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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!!!

FULL CONFERENCE FEES (Includes Saturday lunch)

- ___ 2018 MALAS member in good standing: \$50
- ___ New MALAS lifetime member: \$50 + \$200 life membership = \$250
- ___ U.S. professional: \$75 (automatic 2018 membership; in good standing at business meeting)
- ___ Significant other of registered participant: \$50

OTHER CONFERENCE FEES

- ___ Friday sessions only: \$20
- ___ Saturday sessions only: \$20
- ___ Student: Registration for both days (no Saturday lunch): \$25
- ___ Latin American nationals coming from outside USA: \$50



HOTEL INFORMATION

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- Check-in: 3:00 p.m. / Check-out: 12:00 p.m.
- Complimentary in room wireless Internet
- Guest rooms are non-smoking (hefty penalty per smoking incident)
- Room cancellation without penalty 48 hours prior to scheduled check-in time
- Free shuttle from El Paso International Airport – 9 miles away
- Self-parking: Complimentary, some covered parking
- Fitness center, Whirlpool
- Only service animals are allowed at the hotel
- [Hilton Garden Inn - UTEP Campus](#)
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You may book as follows:

By phone: 915-351-2121 (Code: MALAS)
On website elpaso.stayhgi.com (Code: MALAS)

Reservations must be made by October 15, 2018 to be included in the block of rooms. Rooms not reserved by that date will be released for general sale at available rates.

Rooms: \$90/night plus taxes of 17.50 % (as of 3/30/2018)

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.