

# Call for Papers

## *Precariedades, exclusiones, emergencias*

Many of us, from our different locations and disciplines, have been thinking about precariousness and emergent practices a good deal lately, focusing on three large and very different realms: social and labor issues in Latin America; the academic workplace and education; and modalities of knowledge exchange (how our work and networks are evolving). Precariousness is often associated with exclusions of class, gender, race, age, and sexual identity and yet, in these times of permanent crisis and emergency, we also see some of the most exciting flowerings of emergent practices.

These are large questions that have a bearing on many forms of human and social expression. For example, the recent mobilization of millions of citizens in Brazil, the massive student manifestations of the past years in Chile or Puerto Rico, the growing environmental crisis and its effects on local communities across countries and regions, or the plight of 12 million undocumented immigrants in the United States are events that strike to the heart of how we think of democracy in a neoliberal hemispheric context. All of them also speak all at once on the three concepts that we would like to engage in the 2015 LASA Congress.

While the conditions of the academic workplace vary tremendously throughout the Americas, one of the huge shifts in higher education in the United States and many countries in Latin America has been to move away from the tenure system towards a system of contingent, contract labor. The recently released Delphi Project report, for example, confirms that approximately 70% of all instructors in U.S. colleges and universities are now contingent faculty. The squeeze on tenure line positions and their replacement by short-term contracts has made the job market very challenging for many of our young colleagues, who can now look forward to little more than poverty-level

income with no benefits. Even more precarious is the status of students from Latin America, who increasingly find green card or citizenship requirements as the bar they must meet for consideration. Likewise, in Latin America the structural reforms and the flexibilization of labor have affected the working conditions in academia. According to reports from members of the Federación de Colegios del Personal Académico de la UNAM, in the higher education system in Mexico, approximately 70% of the teaching is now under the responsibility of professors in part-time positions and under temporary contracts. “Tenured positions” (plazas con definitividad) are being substituted by temporary positions under partial contracts, leaving the new generations of Latin American academicians without any labor security. In the midst of these critical realities, academic communities seem to be facing not only their own internal issues but also a pressing need to imagine and establish other modes of linking the university to public life and scholarship to social service.

As part of this process, we experience the precariousness of our conventional concepts of knowledge production and sharing—the book, the academic article, the conference—as well as the challenge to old understandings of intellectual practice that are suggested by new forms of expression, often finding their homes on the vast world we call the internet. The new media—as well as broader material, technological, and ecological changes—have suggested to us new and unexpected forms of exchange, opening up exciting possibilities for the future. Moreover, new technologies have become central to linguistic, cultural, social, political, and economic subjects as tools to challenge existing exclusions, exercise new horizons of knowledge, and forge creative forms of emergence, visibility, and empowerment.

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You are invited to submit a paper or panel proposal addressing either the Congress theme or any topics related to the program tracks. LASA also invites requests for travel grants from proposers residing in Latin America or the Caribbean as well as from students. Visit the LASA website for eligibility criteria. All proposals for papers, panels, and travel grants must be submitted electronically to the LASA Secretariat via the online proposal system by **September 8, 2014, 5pm.**

## The deadline to submit proposals is September 8, 2014, 5pm.

Proposal forms and instructions will be available on the LASA website: <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu>.

No submissions by regular mail will be accepted. The Secretariat will send confirmation of the receipt of the proposal via e-mail.

*All participants will be required to pre-register for the Congress.*

## PROGRAM TRACKS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Select the most appropriate track for your proposal from the following list and enter it in the designated place on the form. Names of Program Committee members are provided for information only. Direct your correspondence to the LASA Secretariat ONLY.

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Sara Alicia Velásquez Nimatuj, Investigadora Maya K'iche  
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### **Agrarian and Rural Life**

Sara Ma. Flores, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México  
Cristobal Kay, Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands;  
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### **Art and Architecture**

Tatiana Flores, Rutgers University  
Ray Hernández-Durán, University of New Mexico

### **Biodiversity, Natural Resources, and Environment.**

Jonathan Ablard, Ithaca College  
Miguel Altieri, University of California, Berkeley

### **Cities, Planning, and Social Services**

Claudia Zamorano, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS  
Marcela Gonzalez Rivas, University of Pittsburgh

### **Civil Society and Social Movements**

Evelina Dagnino, Universidade Estadual de Campinas  
Maristella Svampa, Universidad Nacional de La Plata

### **Culture, Power, and Political Subjectivities**

Margara Millán, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México  
Juan Poblete, University of California, Santa Cruz

### **Democratization**

Juliet Hooker, The University of Texas at Austin  
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### **Defense, Violence, and, Insecurity**

Mariana Mora, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS  
María Clemencia Ramirez, Universidad de los Andes

### **Economics and Social Policies**

Mahrukh Doctor, University of Hull  
Marcelo Paixão, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

### **Educational Policies and Pedagogy**

Maria Bertely, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS  
Cecilia Pittelli, Universidad de Buenos Aires

### **Film Studies**

Miriam Haddu, Universidad de Cambridge  
Gabriela Copertari, Case Western Reserve University

### **Gender and Feminist Studies**

Pamela Calla, New York University  
Monica Szurmuk, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, CONICET

### **Health and Society**

Clara Han, John Hopkins University  
Graciela Freyermuth, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS

### **History and Historiography**

Silvia Alvarez Curbelo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras  
Eduardo Elena, University of Miami

### **Human Rights and Memories**

Carlos Aguirre, University of Oregon  
Alejandro Cerda García, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco

### **International Relations**

Gratzia Villarroel, Saint Norbert College  
Gustavo Flores Macias, Cornell University

### **Labor Studies and Class Relations**

Heidi Tinsman, University of California, Irvine  
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### **Latino(as) in the United States and Canada**

Raúl Coronado, University of California, Berkeley  
Yolanda Padilla, University of Washington-Bothell

### **Law, Rights, Citizenship, and Justice**

Rachel Sieder, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, CIESAS  
Cath Collins, Universidad Diego Portales

### **Linguistics, Languages and Language Policy**

Emiliana Cruz, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
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### **Literary Studies: Contemporary**

Estelle Tarica, University of California, Berkeley  
Mayra Santos-Febres, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

### **Literary Studies: Colonial and 19th Centuries**

Rocío Quispe-Agnoli, Michigan State University  
Juan Carlos González-Espitia, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

### **Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary Approaches**

Rubí Carreño, Universidad Católica de Chile  
Jerome Branche, University of Pittsburgh

### **Mass Media and Popular Culture**

Beatriz Jaguaribe, Universidade Federale do Rio de Janeiro  
Hilda Chacón, Nazareth College

### **Migration and Latin American diasporas**

Ana Morales Zeno, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Bayamón  
Sara Poggio, University of Maryland-Baltimore

### **Otros saberes: Collective Methods and the Politics of Research**

Maylei Blackwell, University of California, Los Angeles  
Shannon Speed, The University of Texas at Austin

### **Performance Studies**

Gabriela Vargas, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatan  
Jimmy Noriega, Wooster College

### **Political Institutions and Processes**

Carlos de la Torre, University of Kentucky  
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### **States, Markets, and Political Economy**

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