



america invertida

MALAS Conference 2023 73rd Annual Meeting

Hybrid Event - in Alabama and Online

Dates: November 10-11, 2023

Location: Birmingham, Alabama, USA

Host: Samford University

Submit your Abstract by September 15, 2023

Conference Registration

MALAS Conference Rate: \$200

Lifetime Member Rate & Latin American

Resident Rate: \$150 Student Rate: \$25

Scholarships are available for students

Online Registration and Contact Information

Website: www.malasnet.org

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Conference Theme: Inverted America

In 1943, Joaquín Torres-García, the Uruguayan artist drew a curious illustration that has come to be known as 'Inverted America'. He sought to challenge the traditional understanding of the Americas and upend traditional hierarchical structures by proposing to reorient the idea of what is north and what is south. In so doing, he promoted the idea that South American art should be created, experienced, and understood on its own terms rather than in relation to other centers of power. The 73rd Annual MALAS Conference seeks to be a platform to explore and discuss Latin America on its own terms. We invite scholars to their share narratives of Latin America. The content of this conference is multidisciplinary and submissions may address a wide variety of topics, such as social, cultural, historical, and political aspects of Latin America.

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Call for Abstracts

The 2023 conference marks the 73rd edition of the MALAS conferences. This conference will take place November 10-11, 2023, in Birmingham, Alabama and will provide an opportunity for scholars (faculty, researchers, students) in Latin American matters to contribute towards a better understanding of all things Latin American, from literature to politics to human rights, and more.

You are invited to submit a proposal for the Annual Midwest Association for the Latin American Studies (MALAS) Conference titled, *America Invertida*. The program will consist 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.

Format of Submission

Abstracts should define the subject and outline the argument to be presented at the conference. The content of the presentation should be the product of original research related to Latin America.

Submissions will be made through the MALAS website. You will be prompted to submit a title, a 250-word abstract, specify the type of participation (Individual Paper, Panel, or Workshop), and contact information.

Link: www.malasnet.org/

Important Dates

Proposals are due by September 15th, 2023

- *Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis.*

Authors will receive a response by October 1st

Deadline to Register: October 15th

Conference Schedule Released: November 4th

Conference: November 10-11, 2023

Topics/Tracks

MALAS is an interdisciplinary organization and welcomes papers on a variety of Latin American topics, such as Regional Organizations, Immigration, Environmental Studies, Sustainable Development, Gender Policy, Migration, Caribbean Affairs, Social Justice & Human Rights, Democratic Processes, Latinos in the U.S., Culture and Identity, Free Trade Agreements, Economic Policies, Indigenous Peoples, Latin American Cinema, Political Science, Country Studies, Natural Resources, US-Latin American Relations, International Relations, Literature, Art, Music, Contemporary History & Landscape, New Technologies, Architecture and Urban Studies, and Regional Economic Integration.

Types of Participation

Individual Papers: Abstracts may be submitted to be considered for an individual presentation. The selected presenters will be grouped into a concurrent session by the conference organizers.

Panel 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.

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