

**1ST LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE COMMONS**

**THE FUTURE OF THE COMMONS IN LATIN AMERICA**

Hosted by the Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones  
and the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales at the National Autonomous University of  
Mexico (SUSMAI-IIS, UNAM)  
June 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2021

**CALL FOR PANEL PROPOSALS AND INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS**

The International Association for the Study of the Commons for Latin America (IASC) invites all its members to participate as organizers of discussion panels within the framework of the First Latin American Congress of the IASC entitled "The future of the commons in Latin America". Interested parties must submit their panel proposals no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The main objective of this event is to strengthen the networks of researchers in the region and promote the creation of links between researchers and other actors involved in the use and management of common goods in Latin America. Proposals that address the complexity of the social, political, economic and cultural dynamics around the institutions of governance of common use resources in Latin America are welcome, as well as those that address emerging issues and future challenges. **The priority thematic axes include: 1) social and gender inequality; 2) the (neo) extractivist model and the energy transition; 3) common goods in urban areas; and 4) the impact of Covid-19 on collective action.** Likewise, proposals are sought to encourage the participation of a diverse audience (researchers with different backgrounds, leaders of grassroots organizations, individuals involved in governance, etc.), with speakers from different countries in the region.

The future of natural resources in Latin America is closely linked to the survival of indigenous peoples and communities and their government institutions. Maintaining and raising the debate against the challenge of Latin American countries in this matter is one of the great responsibilities of researchers, academics and other actors with experience in the use and management of common goods. Another task is to promote the development and adoption of strategies for collaboration between these groups of actors. Therefore, in addition to expanding academic knowledge, this First Latin American Congress of the IASC will focus on promoting spaces for dialogue and networking.

## **Proposal guidelines**

The host for the IASC First Latin American Congress "The future of the commons in Latin America" is the University Seminar on Society, Environment and Institutions, at the Institute of Social Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (SUSMAI - IIS, UNAM), who has made the virtual space available for June 1, 2, 3 and 4. During these four days there will be keynote talks, panel discussions and individual presentation sessions, as well as other events. Through this call, we invite those who wish to contribute to the congress by sending their proposals for: a) Discussion panels and b) Individual presentations. Of obligatory nature, the presenters of individual presentations, proponents, and panelists within the discussion panels must be active members of the IASC (see the information on memberships at: <https://latinamerica.iasc-commons.org/inicio/>). A limited number of sponsored memberships will be provided to presenters of individual presentations. Please specify in your proposal if you would like to apply for the sponsorship.

The requirements and criteria for the selection of proposals in both categories are described below, as well as the important dates of this call. For discussion panels only, a description of the available panel modalities is included below.

### **Selection criteria**

The proposal must be in Spanish or Portuguese, as well as the talks proposed for the presentation session. Proposals or presentations in other languages will not be accepted.

The proposed discussion panel must not exceed a maximum time of one hour and a half, which must be distributed between a space for presentations, led by invited panelists, and a space for participation by the other attendees. In order to maximize the interaction between attendees and panelists, the time allocated to the discussion space may not be less than 30 minutes. Individual presentations must be a maximum of 20 minutes.

Preference will be given to proposals for discussion panels that present a mixture of countries and institutions, those that consider panelists with diverse profiles; such as students, young researchers, academics, leaders of grassroots organizations and other individuals with experience in the governance of common use resources; those that encourage participation and dialogue among attendees. For both categories (discussion panels and individual presentations), preference will be given to proposals that address issues of great impact for the future of the commons in Latin America.

## Proposal format

For individual presentation proposals, the proponent must include the name, affiliation and contact information of the person who will make the presentation, the title of the work in Spanish and Portuguese and the summary of the work (300 words).

The proposal for the panel discussion must include at least the elements listed below:

- a) Name of the proposing entity or person, affiliation and full contact information.
- b) Title of the panel or individual presentation in Spanish and Portuguese.
- c) Topic: there are no restrictions on the topic to be discussed, however, it is preferable that it be framed in one of the 4 thematic axes indicated in the introduction.
- d) Audience: audience to whom the panel is directed.
- e) Panel mode (see the section on Available modes and tools).
- f) Introductory text (up to 300 words): context of the topic and its impact on the region.
- g) List of panelists: names, affiliations, email, title of the talk in Spanish and Portuguese and the language in which the talk will be given.
- h) Moderator (s): name (s), affiliation and email.
- i) Detailed description of how the panel will be held (in the event of a panel proposal):
  - Schedule of the panel detailing how the organizers intend to develop the panel. Include the times assigned to the introduction, each of the presentations, the discussion and dialogue between participants (minimum 30 minutes), and the panel conclusions. Please note that in the case where dialogue between attendees and panelists extends beyond the initially planned time, as a courtesy to the public, panelists will be asked to be available to answer questions. It is advisable to alert the panelists so that they have an hour and a half (90 minutes) counted from the beginning of the panel.
  - Description of the mechanics of the discussion in which it is explained how the organizers visualize its development. For example, group discussion sessions will be held (type “breakout rooms” in zoom) or an open plenary session will be held.
  - Description of the handling of the questions by the public. For example, the chat will be kept available for dialogue between participants or only the question-and-answer panel will be enabled or there will be a person in charge exclusively of collecting the questions, classifying them and giving answers, etc.
- j) Guiding questions for discussion and synthesis: if it is a round table type panel, the preliminary questions on which the discussion will take place and the way in which the conclusions will be consolidated should be included.

- k) Copies of the communications between the organizers and invited panelists: attach a copy of the invitations sent to the panelists for their participation, as well as the response received.
- l) For individual presentations only, specify if you will be paying the IASC membership or if you will be applying for sponsorship.

**Note: in order to participate in the Conference, all proponents and presenters, including individual presenters, must be IASC members. A limited number of sponsorships will be provided for individual presenters only.**

### **Discussion panel modalities and available tools**

The SUSMAI-IIS, UNAM as host of this event, will make available a virtual space through the Zoom platform. For more details on the tools available through this platform, go to the page: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/es>.

Regarding the modality for the formulation of the discussion panel, there are four formats: Symposium type panel, round table type and quick presentations type; Individual presentations.

**Symposium-type panel:** this modality allows discussing a topic from multiple perspectives, disciplines or expertise, and focuses on the knowledge and experience of the panelists who answer questions from those attending the panel. Indicative parameters under this modality include:

- A moderator who is not part of the group of panelists, who must give introductory words, introduce the panelists, the objectives of the panel, the context, scope of the topic and the mechanics of the panel.
- A keynote talk of approximately 15 minutes on the main topic.
- Between 3 and 5 panelists who present a short talk on the topic of interest, lasting approximately 5 to 10 minutes.
- A discussion session of at least 30 minutes, in which questions from the audience are answered.
- Closing of the event.

**Round table type panel:** the objectives of this type of panel are to develop a dialogue between participants (panelists and attendees) regarding a specific issue or problem and to provide a space in which attendees openly share their opinions and reflections. As a result of this dialogue, various key ideas and concepts are brought together for a better understanding of the issue or problem in question. This modality helps to deepen the discussion in front of the central problem or theme and offers the opportunity to develop concrete postulates as a result of a transdisciplinary dialogue.

Under this modality the following indicative parameters are counted:

- A moderator who is not part of the group of panelists, who should give an introductory talk of approximately 10 minutes, on the objectives of the panel, the context, scope of the topic and the mechanics of the panel.
- Proponents of round table type panels must ask between 2 and 4 questions, which will be shared with the panelists. During the presentations, each panelist will answer these questions from her disciplinary field and expertise.
- Between 2 and 3 panelists. Each panelist will make a presentation of maximum 10 minutes.
- After the presentations, the event attendees are invited to reflect on the questions worked on by the presenters, jointly exploring multiple approaches to the topic in question. The proponent can design the discussion session for the entire group of attendees, or for subgroups. In the first case, the moderator will act as facilitator and in the second, facilitators should be assigned to each group. Panelists may assume group moderation.
- At the end of the session, the moderator should summarize the key points that emerged throughout the day and consolidate the main conclusions of the panel.

**Panel type flash presentations:** under this modality, multiple panelists are convened to present their experience or point of view on a central issue or problem, which makes it possible to make comparisons (for example, between case studies) or provide multiple perspectives on a topic. Following the presentations, attendees will be able to ask questions to each of the panelists. The moderator should consider how to transition between presentations and the mechanics of the dialogue.

Under this modality the following indicative parameters can be followed:

- A clearly defined objective, which can be to compare cases or experiences (for example, to compare how a problem is solved in different countries), to report on the strategies developed by different researchers and / or experts in the study or solution of a problem, or explore the complexity of an issue, bringing up concrete cases that explain the problem under different contexts.
- A moderator to introduce the topic and explain the purpose of the panel, as well as its mechanics.
- Between 5 and 10 panelists. Each panelist will have 3-5 minutes to give a quick presentation. The presentation must be poster-like, through which the presenter informs the audience about the ideas and distinctive elements of her case, leaving his point of view or conclusion on the subject matter.
- The discussion session can consist of a single segment of questions after all presentations are concluded, or two or three rounds of questions between groups of presentations.
- The moderator should close the panel with a brief intervention that compiles the ideas developed by the presenters in light of the objective initially set.

**Individual presentations:** Participants who do not want to be part of an organized Panel can send their individual proposals under the modalities set out above. Panels will be formed with the individual presentations received.

### **Key deadlines**

March 26<sup>th</sup>: Call for proposals.

April 30<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for the presentation of proposals.

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Announcement of selected proposals.

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Begins registration. All presenters and proponents must register by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

May 17<sup>th</sup>: Publication of the conference program with confirmed panelists.

June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> IASC Latin American Conference.

### **Organizing committee**

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#### **Institutions**

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- University Seminar on Society, Environment and Institutions (UNAM);
- Institute of Social Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (SUSMAI -IIS, UNAM).

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