IAPSS Conference in Latin America (ICLA) 2015
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The Theme
For decades the Latin American region has been neglected in political and social science research and teaching. The continuing consolidation of the political science discipline in Latin America, as well as its internationalization, have shed light on past and present developments as much as on emerging trends in the region – from trade to integration, from social reform to human rights, from party politics to democratic transformation.
Contemporary political issues range from the rise of leftist and populist governments, to societal reconciliation and the rapprochement between Cuba and the United States. Environmental issues touch upon the question of how to cope with the region’s ever-growing middle class, while fluctuating commodity prices affect resource-rich economies, prompting questions of economic diversification. Furthermore, Latin America’s geopolitical alignment is concerned by a shifting global balance of power and its future political and socioeconomic development will depend on policy-making addressing, among other things, inequality and wealth distribution, participation and the inclusion of the region’s indigenous peoples, social movements and violence. Meanwhile policy innovation, such as Brazil’s Conditional Cash Transfer Programme and Ecuador’s Open Border Policy are winning converts worldwide.

Call for Papers
The first IAPSS Conference in Latin America seeks to provide a platform to investigate the tremendous variety of Contemporary Challenges in Latin America, to challenge conventional perceptions and to offer the space and the opportunity to present the innovative research of young political scientists from Latin America and beyond.
We welcome papers from undergraduate, graduate and PhD students and from young researchers. Papers can draw on issues in political science and its sub-fields, including comparative politics, political theory, policy analysis, political economy, political behavior, international relations, peace, conflict, security and war studies, as well as from neighboring disciplines,
such as public policy and administration, area and development studies, law, anthropology, human geography, sociology, gender studies, and others.

**Possible subjects include, but are not limited to:**
- Transnational and regional cooperation;
- Challenges to domestic, transnational and regional security;
- Political parties, institutional stability and legitimacy;
- Evolution of political, institutional and cooperative norms;
- The role of non-state actors;
- Challenges to and the state of democracy;
- Public administration, goods and services;
- Economic models, the welfare state and international financial institutions;
- Social movements, civil unrest, political protests and revolutions;
- Political, societal and social violence;
- Socioeconomic inequality and disparities;
- Justice and political, social and indigenous rights;
- Trauma, identity, rehabilitation and reconciliation;
- Migration, refugees and asylum;
- Human trafficking, modern slavery and labor rights;
- Gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights;
- Environmental degradation and protection, exploitation of natural resources;
- Drug trafficking and drug-related conflicts

**Guideline for Abstract / Paper Submissions**

Please send us your abstract of no more than 250 words by submitting an online form (multiple abstracts can be submitted per author, but separately). This form also includes your name / the authors’ names, the title of the paper, a maximum of five keywords, your / the authors’ institutional affiliation (home university / institute), and your / the authors’ email address(es). Abstracts should be submitted until **August 15, 2015** through the form provided here: [http://www.iapss.org/events/icla/2015-quito/cfpeng/](http://www.iapss.org/events/icla/2015-quito/cfpeng/). Please do not submit your abstract(s) by e-mail. Selected applicants will be informed by not later than **August 31, 2015**. Full papers shall be submitted via the available online form at MyIAPSS ([http://www.iapss.org/myiapss/](http://www.iapss.org/myiapss/)) by **October 15, 2015**.

**Chairs & Discussants**

For all scheduled panels, chairs and discussants will be called for among all selected paper presenters at a later stage. If your abstract has been selected and you are interested in acting as chair and / or discussant for one or multiple panels at the IAPSS Conference in Latin America, please do not hesitate to contact Vit Simral at academic@iapss.org.

**Conference Registration**

In order to present your paper you need to register for the Conference by purchasing your ticket in the MyIAPSS Web Store ([http://www.iapss.org/myiapss/store/](http://www.iapss.org/myiapss/store/)). **Early Bird Tickets** (55 EUR / ca. 61 US$) are available from **July 1** until **August 15**. The final deadline for conference registrations is **October 15, 2015**. Please note that **IAPSS Membership** ([http://www.iapss.org/members/individual-membership/](http://www.iapss.org/members/individual-membership/)) is required in order to
participate in ICLA 2015. Membership costs only 10 / 15 EUR a year (depending on your country of citizenship) and offers you a wide range of benefits. There are discounted rates available for 2-year memberships.

**The IAPSS Award for Academic Excellency**

IAPSS will grant the IAPSS Award for Academic Excellence to the **best paper presented** during the IAPSS Conference in Latin America 2015 in Quito. The winner will be announced during the **festive closing session** on November 21. Please note: only papers submitted until the official deadline of October 15, 2015 will be considered for the award.

**Key Dates**

- **July 1** – Registrations open
- **August 15** – Sale of Early Bird Tickets ends
- **August 15** – Deadline to submit abstracts
- **August 31** – Notification on selection to all applicants (paper presenters)
- **September 15** – Only for paper presenters: sale of Early Bird Tickets ends
- **October 15** – Registrations close
- **October 15** – Deadline to submit final papers

**More About ICLA 2015**

Find detailed information on the programme and social events, the venue, recommendations for travel and accommodation, and more here: [http://www.iapss.org/events/icla/2015-quito/](http://www.iapss.org/events/icla/2015-quito/)

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**ICLA 2015: Abstract Submission Form**

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