

## **XVII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS - ALADAA**

### **DYNAMICS OF DIVERSITY, PEACE PROCESSES, AND COOPERATION: ASIA & AFRICA AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH LATIN AMERICA**

**July 29 to August 1, 2020  
Universidad San Francisco de Quito - Ecuador**

#### **FIRST CIRCULAR LETTER SECOND CALL**

##### **Invitation**

This first circular and second call invite the members of the Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies (ALADAA), as well as the academic community in general, to participate in the XVII International Congress of ALADAA.

The Congress will take place from July 29 to August 1, 2020 and will be held at the campus of Universidad San Francisco de Quito, located on Diego de Robles Street and Interoceánica Highway, in the city of Quito, Ecuador.

##### **Presentation**

After World War II, global conflicts led to initial attempts for addressing the peace issue from a scientific perspective, thus giving way to research for peace and the resolution of conflicts. In that context, peace has been viewed from different perspectives defining it as “negative peace,” understood as the mere absence of war and direct violence; “positive peace,” understood also as the absence of war and direct violence, but with social justice (Galtung's contribution); and, “imperfect peace” (which considers peace to be an unfinished process and conflict to be inherent to the human condition), etc.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the only time when nuclear weapons have been used against mankind, brings to light the futility of conflict and the need to revise the way conflict dynamics, peace processes, and global cooperation develop. It also draws attention to the dynamics of power in a scenario of new challenges for mankind in the face of global issues demanding urgent attention (environment and ecological crises, food crises, massive cross-border movements of people, sustainable development, etc.).

Precisely within the framework of such global issues triggering current conflicts, this opportunity offers an in-depth look at social justice in its entirety (rights, participation, access, quality of access, equality, sustainability, etc.). For these or other reasons, people are migrating from their country of origin in search of a better life (sometimes encountering discrimination and even death). Accordingly, the event is an opportunity to revisit the situation of Asian and African migrants and their descendants in Latin America. Considering the studies that have been carried out in Ecuador regarding the efforts for fair recognition and visibility of people, in particular Africans, it is hoped that the dissemination, projection, and debate of such issues will continue in order to achieve a pluralistic and democratic society.

In light of the foregoing, Universidad San Francisco de Quito and the General Secretariat of the Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies (ALADAA) invite you to participate in the XVII International Congress of ALADAA. Colleagues, students, and interested parties are summoned to present their proposals for the event's symposiums, considering the following proposed objectives and areas of work:

### Core Topics

- Conflict, peace processes, and cooperation.
- Globalization and deglobalization narratives.
- Asia and Africa in their international, regional, and subregional projections.
- Dynamics and impacts of migrations from Asia and Africa and migrants' descendants.
- Environment and outlook for mankind.
- Diversity, education, and socio-political movements.
- Invisible social groups: their potential and challenges.
- Racism and xenophobia.
- Perspectives on development and welfare in Asia and Africa.
- Gender, bodies, identity(ies) and power(s).

- Innovation and development.
- Cultural, philosophical, religious, and spiritual influences.
- Language and literature.
- Cultures and artistic expressions.
- Economies and international trade.
- Participation and coordination in multilateral organizations.
- Regional and subregional integration.
- The reach of Confucius Institutes and other Asian and African projection institutions in Latin America.
- The challenge of China's "Belt and Road" political initiative, taking Asia, Africa, and Latin America into account and the initiative's influence on them.
- Asia's and Africa's cooperation relationships with Latin America.
- Impact of the real-life stories of social referents from Asia and Africa, and their migrations.

## Symposiums

On the date of the second call of the first invitation to the ALADAA 2020 Congress, the deadline for submitting symposium proposals was postponed to November 20, 2019. Proposals must be sent in PDF format to [mcisnerosb@usfq.edu.ec](mailto:mcisnerosb@usfq.edu.ec)

### Rules for Submitting Symposiums:

- Have two coordinators, who must provide the names of the individuals, the name of the institution, and email address.
- Symposium title.
- Submit a  $\leq 100$ -word summary of the symposium proposal.

After the deadline, the Academic Committee will review the symposium proposals and approve the selection thereof. The list will be published in the next circular letter on December 16, 2019, which will be available on the ALADAA 2020 website <http://aladaa2020.usfq.edu.ec/>.

## Papers

Once the selected symposiums are published, proposals for symposium papers may be submitted. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the coordinators of the respective symposiums.

The rules for submitting papers will be notified in the next circular letter.

The minimum number of papers for the symposiums is 5 and the maximum 15.

Anyone who wishes to send a paper for a topic other than the selected symposium topics should send a 100-word summary to the email address of the Congress, as well as state their name and their institution. Those papers will be included as “independent papers.”

The deadline for submitting proposals to the coordinators is February 17, 2020.

### **Registration Fees**

Congress registration opens on February 3, 2020. The registration form will be published on the ALADAA 2020 webpage.

- Researchers and Academics:  
US\$40, from February 3 to March 31.  
\$50, from April 1 to June 29.
- Students: \$35

Please address any registration questions or requests to [mcisnerosb@usfq.edu.ec](mailto:mcisnerosb@usfq.edu.ec)

### **Registration fee includes:**

- a) Certificate of attendance at the Congress
- b) Welcoming reception
- c) Minutes in CD format.

The Congress program will be published on May 4, 2020.

### **Save these Dates:**

- November 20, 2019: deadline for submitting symposium proposals.
- December 16, 2019: publication of approved symposiums.
- February 17, 2020: deadline for submitting paper proposals to coordinators.
- February 03, 2020: opening date for paying registration fee.
- May 04, 2020: publication of Congress program.
- June 29, 2020: deadline for paying registration fee.
- July 29 to August 1, 2020: Congress.



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