

The Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies (ALADAA)
Colombia Chapter
El Bosque University

Invite you to the
XI NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ALADAA COLOMBIA

With the support of:
The Colombian Network of International Relations (RedIntercol)
The Colombian Association of Universities (ASCUN)

To be held at the El Bosque University

August 27 -28, 2025

Under the title:
AFRICA, ASIA, AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF NEW EMERGING GLOBAL LEADERSHIPS
FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH

MOTIVATION

Developing countries in Asia and Africa are reshaping the global landscape. The current international system is undergoing changes in economic dynamics and social transformations within nations. Therefore, new global leaderships require adaptability, assertiveness in managing high-uncertainty scenarios, and strategic resolution of both new and traditional global tensions and conflicts. Moreover, effective global leadership must address long-term challenges, such as the energy transition, which is essential for mitigating the effects of climate change.

Economically, these new leaders must develop the ability to manage the complexities brought by technological advancement, ensure employment levels, reduce the high fiscal deficits faced by countries worldwide, and navigate the growing influence of emerging global powers such as China, India, South Africa, Russia, Brazil, Egypt, Turkey, Indonesia, among others. They must also lead the transformation of production processes to ensure sustainability and environmental protection.

Motivated by these developments and challenges presented by the new global realities, the Colombia Chapter of the Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies – in collaboration with the El Bosque University – invites the academic, business, and diplomatic communities, as well as the general public, to participate in the XI National Congress of the Colombia Chapter, with the support of the Colombian Network of International Relations (RedIntercol), and the Association of Universities of Colombia (ASCUN) to be held August 27-28, 2025, at the Bogotá campus of El Bosque University.

ABOUT ALADAA

The **Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies (ALADAA)** was founded in 1976 during the XXX International Congress of Human Sciences in Asia and North Africa, held at the Center for Asian and African Studies (CEAA) of El Colegio de México. Since then, the Association has spread across much of Latin America and currently has national chapters in Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Cuba, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Uruguay, and Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, The Caribbean, Ecuador and Peru.

ALADAA's objectives include:

- Exchanging academic experiences among its members.
- Collaborating with higher education centers in Latin America to train teaching and research staff.
- Exchanging information.
- Promoting studies on both ancient and modern Asia and Africa, and generally everything that contributes to the knowledge of these regions in Latin America.

The Association brings together graduates, students, professors, researchers, and anyone interested in the topics covered.

CONGRESS OBJECTIVES

- Create spaces for dialogue to deepen the analysis of the Global South in the current international system.

- Promote strategic alliances between ALADAA Colombia and other associations and networks dedicated to international studies in Latin America and globally.
- Provide spaces for dialogue and idea exchange on Asian and African studies in Latin America.
- Foster conversation between academia and the public and productive sectors to advance relations between Latin American and Caribbean countries and counterparts in Africa and Asia.
- Contribute to building knowledge networks and collaborative exchanges among scholars in Colombia and Latin America.
- Encourage interdisciplinary dialogue through spaces for discussion among social sciences.
- Empower African and Asian studies throughout Colombia, supporting the development of decentralized and regional knowledge hubs.
- Create South-South dialogue opportunities through regional and extra-regional collaborative efforts – with guests from Asia and Africa.

DURATION, FORMAT, AND STRUCTURE OF THE CONGRESS

The Congress will take place over three days, during which selected presentations (as determined by the academic committee) will be delivered, based on the proposed thematic lines. There will also be keynote speeches by international guests, as well as contributions from Africa and Asia to strengthen our South-South dialogue in diplomatic and business arenas.

Depending on the proposals approved by the academic committee, the Congress will also include spaces for book presentations and discussion panels. Additionally, it will promote cultural exhibitions as part of the Congress's complementary activities.

The event is open to researchers, undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals whose work and research lines align with the Congress's goals and the broader field of Asian and African studies in Latin America. Research groups and student collectives aligned with the Congress's themes are also welcome to submit proposals for thematic panels.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 de noviembre de 2024	Lanzamiento de la convocatoria del congreso
01 de febrero de 2025	Fecha límite para el envío de propuestas de mesas temáticas
30 de febrero de 2025	Publicación del listado de mesas temáticas aceptadas
01 de abril de 2025	Fecha límite para el envío de propuestas de ponencias
30 de abril de 2025	Publicación del listado de ponencias aceptadas
25 de mayo de 2025	Fecha límite para el envío del texto final de las ponencias
5 y 6 de junio de 2025	Congreso

THEMATIC LINES

The Congress will focus on generating academic discussions around the consolidation of leadership from Asia and Africa within the international system across various dimensions. Proposed topics include:

- Emerging and regional powers in the Global South
- Leadership roles of Global South countries in international organizations and forums
- Integration in the Global South and power dynamics in the international system
- Soft power and culture as tools in international relations
- New models of social development and power in the international system
- Political systems and leadership in Global South countries
- Relations between the Global North and Global South and power structures in the international system
- Comparative foreign policy in Global South countries
- New international agenda proposals from the Global South

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

THEMATIC PANELS

- Panel title
- Names of coordinators (minimum of 2 and maximum of 3), along with contact details: email and phone number. If students are involved, the coordinators must be professors or researchers.
- Institutional affiliation of each coordinator
- Description of the proposal (200–500 words)

- Individuals interested in participating in the panel must submit their paper proposals and indicate the name of the panel.

PAPER PROPOSALS

- Title of the paper
- Thematic panel or topic in which the paper fits
- Names of the authors and contact details: email and phone number
- Description of the proposal (200–500 words)
- Proposals must be submitted in Word format, using Arial font size 12, single spacing. APA style should be used for citations.
- To be included in the conference proceedings, final papers must not exceed 7,000 words (excluding bibliography).

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Coordinators must send thematic panel and paper proposals, within the corresponding deadlines, to the institutional email: aladaacolombia@gmail.com. The subject line must clearly indicate the referenced thematic code, according to the nomenclature previously provided.

INVESTMENT

Students	\$50.000 COP
Researchers/Professionals	\$120.000 COP

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