



[NECLAS](#) 2018 Annual Meeting, November 10, 2018

Co-hosted by Clark University and the College of the Holy Cross

CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPER PROPOSALS

Crises as Catalysts

Bringing Latin American and Latinx Experience to Bear on Crises and Crisis Responses

NECLAS 2018 invites paper and panel proposals that foreground insight from Latin American and Latinx experiences in moments of rupture or chaos. Scholars interested in submitting proposals for the Annual Meeting might consider how Latin American societies and the Latinx community respond across time, cultures, spaces, and political and economic systems, to structural and circumstantial crises to further social and environmental justice. Research on the origins, characteristics, consequences, manifestations and expressions and theories of any aspect of crises—past, present, and future—experienced by Latin American and Latinx communities is welcome. Papers and panels that address how crises or their management compel change in scholarship are also encouraged.

Proposals are encouraged to explore, though not exclusively, the following questions:

- What innovative responses are Latin Americans and members of the Latinx community providing to crises of identity, nationhood, participation, sustainability, communication, and worldviews/ideologies?
- What is the relation (if any) between economic and technological globalization and both pervasive and circumstantial crises in Latin America and among the Latinx community?
- How have the humanities and social sciences informed institutions' and individuals' responses to crises? How do they recognize and interrogate underlying structures and systems that constrain such responses?
- How has our understanding of crises and their impacts changed over time?
- How do literature and literacies interrogate the different types of crises experienced by Latin American populations and the Latinx community?
- How do cultural practices and the arts contribute to our evaluation of crises and crises impacts? How do they galvanize reactions and responses?
- How have the global community, the United States, and we as individuals, responded to the multitude of crises plaguing Latin American societies and the Latinx community?
- How can crises affecting Latin American societies and the Latinx community in the US be understood in terms of democratic participation, citizenship, and social movements or activism?
- How to respond to the political, economic, social, and ethical crises provoked by systemic corruption in Latin America?
- Are liberal democratic institutions in the Americas capable of responding to populist pressures from both the right and the left of the political spectrum?
- What can we learn from the institutional and individual responses to the devastation caused by hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands?
- How to respond to the risks and abuses that undocumented refugees and immigrants from Central America are exposed to as they attempt to cross the border, and how should they and other undocumented populations be legally and culturally integrated (or not?) into the United States?
- What crises may be foretold or prevented as we consider DACA legislation and other immigration policies?

Though priority will be given to proposals addressing issues related to crises and crises responses, [NECLAS](#) will continue to accept proposals on all relevant research related to Latin American and Latinx Studies.

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL, PLEASE FILL OUT [THE SUBMISSION FORM](#) AT:
<https://form.jotform.com/80083468469164> BY **MARCH 5th, 2018**
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Please note that [NECLAS](#) membership and conference registration is required once proposals are accepted.