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Languages of submission: English, Spanish, Portuguese

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Approximate acceptance rate: 15-20%

Disciplines covered: History and the social sciences (not literature and cultural studies)

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