developments in important areas of knowledge. These revised tracks include Genders, Feminisms, and Sexualities; Methods, Politics, and Practices of Research; Migration, Borders, and Diasporas; Public Health; (Un)rule of Law and Citizenship Rights; Art, Architecture, and Visual Culture; and Pedagogy and the Politics of Education.

We added new tracks that respond to the emergence of exciting fields of study and, in some cases, inquire into the meaning, scope, political implications, and future possibilities of the field of Latin American studies itself. These new tracks include Social and Digital Media; Area Studies: Critical and Historical Analysis; Social Innovation; South-South/Transregional Interactions; Energy, Commodities, and Development; Latin@ Art and Culture; and Latino Politics, Media, and Society.

Track chairs will be responsible for scoring all proposals submitted to them using the following criteria: (1) significance and appeal for the field and scholars in related fields, (2) clarity and coherence in the presentation of theme or argument, and (3) compliance with submission instructions.

The co-chairs of each track may also organize at least one highlighted LASA panel or workshop, which ideally would include some particularly noteworthy presenters and address topics that connect the track with the overall theme of the Congress.

LASA often receives numerous individual submissions that, while frequently of excellent quality, are difficult to assemble into coherent panels. Young colleagues in Latin America and the Caribbean often have to submit individual paper proposals because they have not yet developed professional networks. To address this issue, LASA will implement an online...
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In addition to panels made up of paper submissions accepted as part of the thematic tracks, the Congress will also include special panels that take stock of some of the most important developments in Latin American studies today and reflect on the past 50 years. Some of these panels will reach across generations to engage the very youngest, budding scholars and at the same time benefit from the wisdom and experience of seasoned scholars, activists, journalists, and others who have been eyewitnesses to and participants in these first 50 years of LASA’s history. The city of New York itself—in so many ways, a Latin American city—will loom large in the planning of this conference. We are planning events that highlight and stimulate discussion on dimensions of this global city such as its Latin American
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