



Introduction

In the context of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Association, we are glad to invite you to participate in the XV ALADAA International Conference.

Considering the great European influence on Latin America intellectuality, added to migration waves of Asian and African people to American territories, our countries had elaborated, represented and projected throughout time a singular perspective in setting up the knowledge and the imaginary of Africa and Asia. Such point of view has been shaped progressively through the creation of academic and research spaces. On a first stage, the academic community established imaginaries and ideas from Orientalism – an intellectual current from European origins– as its epistemic horizon. Later on, thanks to the mass social media and to the emergence and appropriation of cultural paradigms from other parts of the globe, Latin American’s forward thinking research has included new ways of addressing, analyzing and integrating Asian and African cultures.

From this first overview, two main questions are exposed. First, if formal conditions exist to surmise about the configuration of an emancipated and independent space that counts with paradigms, methodologies and/or analytical instruments to produce knowledge. And, second, in what degrees have Asian and African studies contributed in Latin America to scientific and professional progress in each general area.

The **main objective** of the XV ALADAA International Conference is to create a space for a reflexive discussion and critique about the assessment of this process’s progress, backtracks, rights and wrongs, in addition to the claims and projections of research in Latin America related to Asia and Africa. In turn, XV ALADAA International Conference seeks to be a space of presentation of current studies of academics and researchers in its vast disciplinary plurality, with special emphasis on the analysis of our own identity approach towards Asian and African studies in the context of a globalized and increasingly homogenized world.

The specific objectives of this conference are: a) to disseminate the research results of professionals, academics and researchers about Asia and Africa; b) to characterize the current state of research and problematization of Asia and Africa in Latin America; c) to project dialogue and joint work instances between related investigations, both professionals’ and academics’.

Finally, the expected results of the conference are summarized in: a) to assess the identity, need and relevance of interdisciplinary research of the Asia and Africa phenomena in Latin America; b) to provide an overview of the issues covered by the disciplines, objects of study, topics and methodologies that link cutting-edge research between professionals; c) to strengthen cooperation and networking, discussion and development of joint research between professionals and academics in Latin America.



Call

This is the Second Announcement where we request to submit proposals for symposiums and open presentations.

Call for Symposiums

Submissions will be accepted until **May 30th, 2015** and they must be sent in PDF format to: congresoaladaa2016@gmail.com.

Symposiums guidelines:

- To have two coordinators who are ALADAA members. Those who are not registered in the association are able to do so in their countries' ALADAA head office. In the absence of national head office, applicants will be required to associate to ALADAA CHILE. The registration fee payment to ALADAA can be done until the first day of the Conference, January 11th, 2016, where we would have a registration table.
- To submit an abstract of the symposium proposal of no more than 100 words.
- **IMPORTANT:** the symposium coordinators will be paying the student fee for the conference.

For the symposium applications it must be given the following information:

- Name, institution and email address of both coordinators.
- To inform to which ALADAA association the applicant belongs. If the applicant wants to incorporate to ALADAA CHILE, he or she must send their resume, after which the inscription fee will be requested.
- Symposium's title.
- 100 word (maximum) abstract.

Once expired the due date ALADAA CHILE Academic Committee will evaluate the proposals and approve a selection. The list will be published in a Third Announcement, from **June 8th, 2015**.

*The conference languages are Spanish, Portuguese and English. It will not have a simultaneous translation or other kind of translation.

Call for Presentations

There are two categories of presentations:

Open presentations: From **April 30th, 2015** it opens the call for those who prefer to send their presentations prior the publication of the selected symposiums. These presentations will be selected by ALADAA CHILE Academic Committee.

- Submit a Presentation's title, and
- 100 word (maximum) abstract.

Presentations to symposiums: With the publication of selected symposiums (**June 8th, 2015**), it is possible to send presentation proposals for said symposiums. Those wishing to participate with a presentation should address the coordinators of the



corresponding symposium. ALADAA CHILE Academic Committee will send to the coordinators the criteria to the presentation selection. The minimum number of presentations for symposium is 5 and the maximum is 15.

Fees

Until November 30th, 2015: US\$ 40

Students: US\$ 20¹

Until December 31st, 2015: US\$ 60

Students: US\$ 30

It will not be accepted the registration fee payment after December 31st, 2015.

This registration fee includes:

- a) Attendance certificate
- b) Opening reception
- c) Conference's minutes in CD format

Additional Information

Hotels

ALADAA CHILE will offer to participants and attendees a hotel selection with different fees in Santiago, Chile.

Cultural program

During the conference, it is planned a visit to Valparaiso city and, in addition, ALADAA CHILE will inform about cultural activities in Santiago city. Also, it will incorporate books presentations in literary cafes. This information, along with the application procedure for books presentations, will be given during 2015's second semester.

Contact

All the information regarding XV ALADAA International Conference will be available in ALADAA Chile's web page, www.aladaachile.com

If you have any inquiry or need additional information, please contact **congresoaladaa2016@gmail.com**

¹ Students must send a copy of their students 'card / certificate by the time of the payment.



Important Dates

- April 30: Call for Open presentations.
- May 30: Deadline to symposiums proposals.
- June 8: Publication of selected symposiums in ALADAA CHILE web page.
- August 1: Deadline for open presentations and symposiums presentations proposals.
- June 2015: Starting date to pay the registration fee.
- October 2015: Conference program publication.
- November 30: Deadline to the US\$ 40 registration fee.
- December 31: Deadline of US\$ 60 registration fee.
- January 11, 2016: Deadline for symposium coordinators to pay ALADAA registration fee.
- January 11 – 14, 2016: **Conference.**