

NECLAS 2017 Annual Meeting, November 4, 2017
University of New Hampshire (UNH)
CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPER PROPOSALS

“A Sustainable Future for Latin America?”

Scholars interested in submitting proposals for the Annual Meeting might consider some of the grand challenges facing Latin America (and the world) in these times of volatile political divisions, the ravages of climate change and biocultural degradation, endemic poverty, and pervasive inequality. Research on any aspect of the concept of “Sustainability” is most welcome. **Though priority will be given to proposals addressing issues of sustainability, NECLAS will continue to accept proposals on all relevant research related to Latin American Studies.**

In concert with the United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, UNH’s nationally-renowned Sustainability Institute defines sustainability as “what sustains us as diverse people and communities.” It further states that sustainability includes “clean air and water to healthcare, education and art—and making decisions in our individual and collective lives with this big picture in mind [...]. Sustainability is both local and global. It requires of us that we consider both the past and the future in terms of current and best practices.” The concept’s fundamental focus on quality of life points to the central place of the humanities and social sciences in addressing its contested nature.

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

- How have the humanities and social sciences (as well as indigenous societies and religion) informed an ethics of sustainability for the region? How do they recognize and interrogate underlying structures and systems?
- What do cultures of sustainability look like in terms of democratic participation, citizenship, and social movements in Latin America? How have they changed over time?
- How do literature and literacies interrogate the kinds of globalization and mass-culture that marginalize local cultures and communities throughout the continent?
- How can the celebration and promotion of diversity, creativity, and the arts sustain a people, a nation, or a region’s cultural heritage?
- How can decoloniality and alternatives to capitalism promote sustainability?
- How do Latinx-American realities inform environmentally-sustainable policies and practices regionally and globally?

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL, PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AT <https://form.jotform.com/70024372211137> BY FEBRUARY 24, 2017. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT neclas.sec@gmail.com