



CALL FOR PAPERS SIXTH ACADEMIC SEMINAR LATIN AMERICA – ASIA PACIFIC OBSERVATORY

August-September 2021

1. Background

Created in 2012, the Latin America – Asia Pacific Observatory (www.observatorioasiapacifico.org) is a joint initiative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC), the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) and the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF).¹ Its main goals are to create and disseminate knowledge about economic relations between both regions and to contribute to the policies and strategies in a mutually beneficial way.

Interacting with the academic community from Latin America and Asia is key to achieving the Observatory's goals. The main instrument for this is the Academic Seminar, whose sixth edition will be held through several remote sessions during August and September 2021.

2. Purpose

The main objective of the Sixth Academic Seminar of the Observatory, entitled **Latin America and Asia Pacific on the road to post COVID-19 recovery: lessons and challenges**, is to analyze how economic integration, exchange of experiences and cooperation between the two regions can contribute to economic recovery with social inclusion and environmental sustainability. Academics from all regions are invited to submit papers along these lines. Papers that have a propositional orientation and focus on the following thematic areas will be favored:

- Expected repercussions of the entry into force of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) on global value chains conformation and on the integration between Asia Pacific and Latin America.
- Developments in digitization resulting from the pandemic and their impact on trade in non-traditional goods and services, as well as on the regulatory frameworks for e-commerce in both regions
- Good practices, support programs and successful experiences in Latin America and Asia Pacific to: i) incorporate MSMEs into global or regional value chains; ii) promote digital transformation of MSMEs for a greater use of paperless trading instruments and non-traditional financing mechanisms; iii) encourage energy efficiency and reduce environmental footprint; and iv) promote entrepreneurship and quality employment for women and young people.
- Strategies to boost tourism recovery in both regions and opportunities to promote sustainable bi-regional tourism.
- Development cooperation programs between both regions.

¹ www.aladi.org; <https://www.cepal.org/en>; <https://www.caf.com/en>.



The Academic Seminar is multidisciplinary in nature, so contributions from various fields (economics, economic law, international relations, international political economy, economic geography, international business, etc.) are welcome.

Papers may be broad geographically (region-to-region) or locally (referring to specific countries or groupings). Interested authors are encouraged to present papers related to Latin America's relations with India and ASEAN.

3. Relevant dates and paper selection procedure

Interested authors must send their papers (in Spanish, English or Portuguese) and the signed cover letter to observatorio@aladi.org no later than, May 31, 2021. Papers must comply with the rules of presentation contained in Annex 1.

All papers received will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee, which will decide which are accepted for the Sixth Academic Seminar, based on their originality, quality of analysis and relevance. The members of the Committee will not disclose the identity of the authors.

Results will be announced to authors via e-mail on June 30, 2020. Acceptance of each paper may be final or provisional (subject to modifications). The final versions of accepted documents will be published in the Observatory's Working Paper series.

The sessions of the Sixth Academic Seminar cycle will take place during the months of August and September on dates to be determined once the works have been selected and in accordance with the authors.



ANNEX 1

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PAPERS TO THE SIXTH ACADEMIC SEMINAR OF THE LATIN AMERICA – ASIA PACIFIC OBSERVATORY

1 Paper extension

Paper should be between 8,000 and 12,000 words-long (excluding bibliography).

2 Language

Papers may be submitted in Spanish, Portuguese or English.

3 Editorial rules

3.1 Title

The title should not exceed fifteen words and should be written in bold type, Arial 14 font, center aligned.

3.2 Presentation of the author / authors

Authors should provide information not exceeding 40 words, including full name, highest academic degree attained, professional title, institutional affiliation and e-mail address.

3.3 Summary and keywords

The abstract should be in Spanish and English and contain a maximum of 200 words. It is suggested to provide a maximum of three key words.

3.4 Typographic specifications

Vertical A4 format, normal margins, single space, Arial 11. Section titles and subtitles, charts, tables, images and footnotes must be numbered consecutively.

3.5 Equations, charts, tables, photographs and illustrations

Equations should be made using Word's equation editor or compatible with it and should not be pasted into the text as an "image".

The numbering of graphs, tables, photographs and illustrations should be correlative. The title should be written on the outside and indicated according to the following example: Graph 1. The source should be explicitly and completely indicated on the outside

Charts and tables should be sent in a separate Excel file to facilitate format standardization. In all cases, the period to which reference is made and the units of measurement should be clearly indicated.

Graphs and tables should be inserted in the text as images to facilitate their identification and replacement or, alternatively, they can be indicated in the Word file, for example, insert Graph 1, and numbered in the same way, in Excel, in order to identify them.

Images (photographs or illustrations) that do not have copyrights, that do not have very high resolution, or that cannot be correctly displayed in black and white publications will not be published.



3.6 Footnotes

Footnotes must be numbered correlatively, and they should be kept to the minimum essential. They must be presented in Arial font, size 9, and they should not be used to incorporate bibliographical references (see point 3.8 below).

3.7 Acronyms and abbreviations

Acronyms and abbreviations must be fully explained the first time they are mentioned in the text.

3.8 Bibliography

It must be presented at the end of the article and have a direct relationship with the subject addressed. It must not exceed 3 pages.

Use the APA 6th Edition format. In case of using websites, indicate the URL and the date of consultation.

4 Submission of works

The papers must be sent by e-mail to observatorio@aladi.org, accompanied by a cover letter signed by the author, a photo (passport style) and a brief curriculum vitae (maximum 120 words).

Only final versions (not abstracts) that are unpublished and respect the established rules of presentation will be accepted.



Presentation letter

Evaluation Committee
SIXTH ACADEMIC SEMINAR
LATIN AMERICA – ASIA PACIFIC OBSERVATORY

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed, I am sending the article titled ["title"] for your evaluation.

I declare that I am the author of this paper and that I have carefully read the rules for the submission of articles attached to the call for papers. This paper has not been previously published in any journal or other medium nor has it been submitted simultaneously to any other call for papers.

In the event that the work is selected, I declare that I am aware that the statements, possible errors or omissions contained in the article are my strict responsibility. I accept that the organizing institutions do not necessarily share the statements made by me in the article or in any instance related to its presentation.

Likewise, I assign the copyright and image rights to the organizers of the seminar for the publication of the book, as well as the audiovisual materials arising from the article and its presentation at the event. I also commit myself to communicate, immediately, any modification, error or omission that should be pointed out in the work before it is published.

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Clarification [First and last name].
Date