



The Academic Network of Latin America and the Caribbean on China summons:

Fourth International Seminar "Latin America and the Caribbean and China: Conditions and Challenges in the 21st Century"

May 28th, 29th and 30th, 2018

National Autonomous University of Mexico, University City, Mexico City

1. Summary

The People's Republic of China has increased its participation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in diverse areas, which is expressed in the growing academic, political, commercial and investment as well as entrepreneurial and cultural relations. Although this "new encounter" seems to have begun in the economic sphere since the end of the 20th century, the truth is that one cannot fail to recognize several centuries of exchange in the different aforementioned areas. At present, the dialogue between LAC and China is characterized by an increasing enrichment both in relation to bilateral and multilateral policies, as regards natural resources and the environment, and the analysis of culture and history, and the learning of the Chinese language.

In this context, the Academic Network of Latin America and the Caribbean on China (Red Académica de América Latina y el Caribe sobre China (RED ALC-China), summons the Fourth International Seminar "**Latin America and the Caribbean and China: conditions and challenges in the 21st century**" to be held at the National Autonomous University Of Mexico, Mexico City, on May 28th, 29th and 30th, 2018.

The call is aimed at researchers, academics, international institutions representatives, enterprises, NGOs, public officials, graduates, postgraduate students, undergraduates and the general public.

The LAC-China Network emphasizes the importance of a timely and concrete dialogue in each of its four main themes and of a joint and heterogeneous learning process. The knowledge of the respective publications and initiatives, the LAC-China Network itself and of other authors and institutions is relevant to the discussion sought.



2. Purpose

The Fourth International Seminar keeps the dialogue and learning among countries and sectors on the LAC-China relationship based on existing academic results to allow the development of future lines of research. It also urges to make explicit reference to the results of the LAC-China Network and other authors and institutions among the public, private and academic sectors.

3. Main themes

The Fourth International Seminar is structured in four main themes:

- 1) Economy, trade and investment
- 2) Political and international relations
- 3) Natural resources and environment
- 4) History, culture and learning of the Chinese language

4. Requirements

A) Members of the LAC-China Network are eligible.

Submit a summary of the presentation in Spanish or English under the guidelines found in the application file available in the following link:

http://www.redalc-china.org/v21/images/seminario/2018/Convocatoria_Seminario_2018.pdf

B) Proposals must be done in the Word program with an extension of no more than 4,000 characters with spaces, Times New Roman font and size 12, 1.5 line spacing, 3 cm left and right margins, 2.5 cm top and bottom 2.5 margins. Summaries must have the following structure: title, name, institutional affiliation, electronic mail, main theme, topic to be discussed, hypotheses, objectives and results and/or conclusions. It is important to follow the guidelines indicated; otherwise the works will not be dictated.

The Fourth Seminar will be held in Spanish and English languages, and there will be no simultaneous translation.



5. Dates

Papers must be submitted following the requested format to: redchina@unam.mx

Deadline for reception of papers: January 15th, 2018.

For the decision process a Selection Committee will be formed for each of the four main themes. The Committee will be constituted by members of the participating institutions and it will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor and relevance of policies involved. The opinion of the committee shall be final.

No later than February 5th, 2018, the Selection Committee will announce the papers accepted through the aforementioned e-mail.

In case of being selected, the final Word paper must be submitted with a maximum of 15 pages (preferably in Spanish or English) with the characteristics previously specified; additional files in Excel (if applicable) must also be sent. Deadline for reception of final papers is on May 20th, 2018.