

I INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SEMINAR ON ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

# ASIA AND AFRICA IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH

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Would like to invite you to the

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*Which will take place online (via zoom) on May 26 and 27, 2022*

With the title

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## **JUSTIFICATION**

Throughout this century, the international system has witnessed a significant process of transformation in the global structures of power, perhaps the largest in history. The rise of emerging countries such as China, India or Brazil has created new dynamics that have altered the traditional centres of power. Also, the increasing influence of China and the importance of Russia in the global scene have threatened the status of the United States as the only superpower in the world.

But despite this positioning of large and powerful states from the Global South like China, Russia, India or Brazil, there exists a group of smaller, yet increasingly important countries that are emerging as key and influencing actors in the international system. South Africa, Turkey, Indonesia, Nigeria, Mexico, Egypt, Vietnam, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru, amongst others, are usually recognised as part of this category of emerging powers from the Global South.

However, not only these countries have managed to impact the current international system. Through international and regional organisations such as the African Union, the Gulf Co-operation Council or ASEAN, countries with smaller influence have succeeded in increasing their participation and global power by forming alliances with neighbours and like-minded states. In conclusion, from Singapore to Algeria, from Kazakhstan to Angola, countries from the Global South are reaching new levels of influence on the political and economic dynamics of the international system.

In order to study this phenomenon that involves not only Africa and Asia, but also Latin America and the Caribbean, ALADAA and the participating universities invite undergraduate and postgraduate students to present their research in the **I INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SEMINAR ON ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES** which will take place online (via zoom) on May 26 and 27, 2022 with the title **"ASIA AND AFRICA IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH"**.

## **ABOUT ALADAA**

The Latin American Association for Asian and African Studies (ALADAA) was created in 1976 during the XXX International Congress of Human Sciences in Asia and North Africa which took place at the Centre for Asian and African Studies (CEAA) at El Colegio de Mexico. Ever since, the Association has expanded throughout Latin America and it current has eleven national chapters in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



## OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

- ◆ To contribute to knowledge generation and exchange about Asia and Africa amongst students in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- ◆ To create links between universities in the Global South that allow for the consolidation of joint research projects where students can participate actively.
- ◆ To work together with higher education institutions in the Global South and facilitate the creation of research projects and programmes that include graduate and undergraduate students.
- ◆ To promote academic production on Asia and Africa in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- ◆ To allow for joint research work between students in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

## **STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR**

The Seminar will last two days in which students will present their research results. Proposals will be examined by an academic committee according to the general topic of the seminar and the different thematic panels. Keynote speakers from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean will also be invited. The official languages of the event will be Spanish and Portuguese, however, the academic committee will also consider presentations in English.

## **THEMATIC LINES OF THE SEMINAR**

The proposed topics for the seminar are as follows. Other topics might be considered by the academic committee if they are related to the general objective of the seminar.

### **1. Commerce, Economy and Sustainable Development**

- ◆ Economic and social development
- ◆ Foreign investment from and to Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean
- ◆ Economic co-operation
- ◆ Sustainable Development Goals
- ◆ Land and industrial policies in Africa and Asia
- ◆ Economic integration and entrepreneurship
- ◆ Economic and trade policies
- ◆ Economic analysis and perspectives of Asia and Africa in the current international system
- ◆ International political economy
- ◆ Economic inequality and social problems

### **2. International Relations**

- ◆ Regionalism and political integration
- ◆ Conflicts, security, and defence
- ◆ Foreign policy
- ◆ South – South Co-operation
- ◆ Political systems and regimes
- ◆ Colonisation and liberation movements
- ◆ Geopolitics of Asia and Africa in the current international system
- ◆ International migration
- ◆ History of Asia and Africa

### **3. Law**

- ◆ Asia, Africa, and Latin America in the International Criminal Court
- ◆ Asia, Africa, and Latin America in the International Court of Justice
- ◆ Transitional justice
- ◆ Human Rights
- ◆ Labour rights and law
- ◆ New legal discourses around social, economic, and cultural rights

### **4. Science and Technology**

- ◆ Internet
- ◆ Cybersecurity
- ◆ New Technologies
- ◆ Artificial intelligence
- ◆ Data and gov-tech
- ◆ Smart Cities
- ◆ International Connectivity and new software developments
- ◆ Social media and society

### **5. Culture and traditional knowledge**

- ◆ Literature, poetry, and literary arts
- ◆ Painting, ancient, and modern art
- ◆ New cultural expressions: animé, cartoons, graphic arts
- ◆ Music and society
- ◆ Visual arts

### **6. Gender Studies and Diversity approaches in Asia and Africa**

- ◆ Gender equality and women empowerment
- ◆ Compliance and respect for girls and teenagers' rights
- ◆ Gender violence and discrimination
- ◆ Diversity rights, gender identities and sexual orientation
- ◆ Socioeconomic inclusion of the LGBTQIA community

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Deadline for proposals
March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	Publication of accepted proposals
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Publication of the final programme for the Seminar
May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Deadline for articles that wish to be published in the memoirs

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSALS**

Proposals must include the following information:

- ◆ Title
- ◆ Thematic line in which the proposal should be included
- ◆ Name of the autor / authors including the institution to which they attend and contact details (phone number, cellphone number, e-mail)
- ◆ Abstract (200-500 words)
- ◆ Proposals must be sent in Word format, Arial 12, single space. Citations must be in APA format.
- ◆ Articles must not be longer than 7,000 words (references not included) if the author wishes to include them in the memoirs.
- ◆ Proposals and presentations may be in Spanish, English or Portuguese.

## **WHERE TO SEND THE PROPOSALS?**

Proposals must be sent before the aforementioned deadlines to [info@aladaainternacional.com](mailto:info@aladaainternacional.com)

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Participation in the seminar is **free**.

Certificates will be provided by the organising committee for all participating students.

## **CONTACT**

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