

Call for Papers

The **Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS)** at Stony Brook University in collaboration with the **Department of History at Columbia University** announce the 18th Annual Latin American Studies Graduate Conference to be held at Columbia University on **Saturday, April 27th, 2019**. The theme for this year, “**Contested Spaces: Where Latin American Histories Meet**” provides an opportunity for graduate students and emerging scholars to study how spaces in Latin America are historically produced and how they affect human life.

This year’s keynote speaker will be **Dr. Vera S. Candiani**, winner of the Elinor Melville Prize for her first book *Dreaming of Dry Land: Environmental Transformation in Colonial Mexico City* (2014). Dr. Candiani is an Associate Professor of History at Princeton University. Her research provides innovative approaches to social, economic, and environmental history, with an emphasis on how these fields intersect with the history of technology. In *Dreaming of Dry Land*, Professor Candiani looks at the environmental engineering projects in the early modern era that aimed to desiccate the lakes that once surrounded Mexico City.

We welcome papers from a wide range of disciplines, subject areas, and time periods. Potential topics of inquiry may include, but are not limited to:

- Natural, Urban, and Rural Environments
- Public Health and Technology
- Commodities and Material Culture
- Transnational, Borderlands, and Migrations
- Class, Gender, Ethnicity and Citizenship
- Religion and Sacred Spaces
- Policy and Planning
- Intellectual Debates and Historiography

To apply, please send an abstract (300 words) with a short list of thematic keywords to help us sort papers into coherent panels; a short CV (1 page); and a short biography (75 words) to lacsgconference@gmail.com by **January 15th, 2019**. Abstracts and Papers can be in English or Spanish.

Note: Participants will have to submit their papers two weeks prior to the conference.