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## VIII Symposium on Latin American and Caribbean Environmental History

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The Latin American and Caribbean Environmental History Association (SOLCHA), through the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, the Facultad de Estudios Superiores Acatlán (UNAM), and the Graduate Program in History of the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, announces the VIII SOLCHA Symposium to be held in Puebla, México, August 3-5, 2016.

The issue of sustainability has emerged as a key concern on the national and international stage, and it occupies a central place on the agendas of governmental and non-governmental organizations, and these discussions have generated greater awareness of the irreversible harm that human activity has caused to the environment. History as a discipline that links the past with contemporary problems, has played a role in the search for alternatives and solutions to the environmental crisis that now threatens the future of human civilization.

The symposia organized by SOLCHA have constituted important spaces for the analysis, discussion and reflection about environmental issues, particularly those related to the specific conditions of Latin America. We have succeeded in forming new research groups, in fostering the work of specialists in emerging disciplines, and in forging links with other disciplines in a bid to propose viable solutions to the challenge of sustainability. In this spirit of innovation and academic cooperation, we issue this call for proposals for this 2016 symposium. We seek to build upon previous reflections and to move in new directions in this privileged analytical sphere, in which the temporal dimension of analysis plays a central role.

We will accept papers in the thematic clusters listed below. Please note that these themes are merely meant as guidelines for the submission of paper proposals; we welcome proposals on any subject related to the study of the evolving relationships between society and nature, on any historical scale

- **The Cultural Dimensions of Nature** Biosocial tensions; risk prevention; environmental education; biodiversity and conservation.



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- **Ecological Economics:** Capitalism's environmental impacts; globalization; nature as capital; the management of environmental resources (land, water, forests, and mining).
- **Political Ecology:** Conflicts over environmental resources, environmental justice, environmental governance and resource management.
- **Social Metabolism:** Biophysical economic analysis, socioecological transitions, analysis of sustainability.
- **Agroecology:** Analysis of agrarian and livestock systems, landscape change, the use and management of forests.
- **City and Environment:** Emergence and growth of cities, Population centers' effects on the environment, environmental changes within the urban context.
- **Theoretical and Methodological Reflections on Environmental History:** Environmental history theory and methodology, historiographical concepts, relationships with other fields of study.

#### Presentation Formats

- Plenary session
- Paper Panel
- Individual paper
- Poster

#### Submission Requirements

Please provide an abstract with the name and highest degree of the participant, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, paper title, and desired format of participation. Applications should be submitted in Times New Roman, 12 point, with 1.5 spacing and a maximum of 1,500 characters.

In addition, please include the following information for specific presentation formats

#### Plenary sessions

Plenary sessions revolve around a general theme and are proposed by interested investigators. The symposium will hold a maximum of three sessions of this kind. Theoretical and methodological sessions on comparative and transnational subjects are welcome. The scientific





committee shall choose those sessions that would be of most interest, from a historiographic point of view, and would therefore achieve greater contributions from environmental historians. Each proposal shall have a moderator and two or more speakers, to organize the corresponding debate. Those interested must send the plenary session title, an abstract of no more than 1500 characters, before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Once the plenary sessions are approved we shall make a call for papers so those interested can proceed to submit theirs. Paper proposals not accepted for plenary sessions will be considered for parallel sessions upon the recommendation of the Planning Committee. The list of accepted

### **Panel**

Panel proposals should represent sessions with a specific discussion topic, explored by three or four paper presenters. Panel proposals must include the name of a chair and of a commentator. The chair should present the title of the panel and a summary of no more than 1,500 characters explaining the panel's main theme. In addition, the proposal should include the paper presenters' names, personal information, and proposed paper title. Panel proposals will also be accepted until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Panels will be held simultaneously and their maximum length will be two hours including the presentation of papers and discussion. The list of accepted panels will be published on January 15, 2016.

### **Individual paper**

Those who wish to submit an individual proposal should present the basic information listed above, as well as the name or the panel in which the presenter wants to participate. The paper proposals will be accepted until February 15, 2016.

### **Poster**

Posters consist on brief presentations of 60 x 80cm posters with basic data about ongoing research. Proposals will be accepted until February 15, 2016.

The acceptance of individual proposal and posters will be announced on April 1, 2016.





All proposals should be sent to the following e-mail:

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