CALL FOR PAPERS

IdA - Institut des Amériques

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

«RESOURCES AND INNOVATIONS IN THE AMERICAS»

Toulouse. 14, 15 and 16 october 2015.

Université Fédérale de Toulouse :

- * UT2J (Université de Toulouse Jean Jaurès/Campus Le Mirail) IPEAT (Institut pluridisciplinaire pour les études sur les Amériques à Toulouse)
- * IEP (Institut d'Études Politiques) de Toulouse

Maison Universitaire Franco-Mexicaine (MENESR/SEP)













Institutional context

In 2015, the University of Toulouse will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Pluridisciplinary Institute for Latin American Studies in Toulouse (Institut Pluridisciplinaire pour les Études sur l'Amérique Latine à Toulouse, IPEALT) which in 2010, became the Pluridisciplinary Institute for American Studies in Toulouse (Institut Pluridisciplinaire pour les Études sur les Amériques à Toulouse, IPEAT). This anniversary, which will be celebrated during the IdA annual conference, among other occasions, is a testimony to the long tradition of Latin American studies in Toulouse and marks the expansion of its perspective to work now bearing on the whole American continent.

Americanist synergies, already at work within IPEAT and the Southwestern pole of the Institut des Amériques (which federates seven universities from Southwestern France: Université de Toulouse – Jean Jaurès, IEP de Toulouse, Université de Montpellier Paul Valéry, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, Université de Bordeaux, Université Bordeaux-Montaigne and the CIRAD in Montpellier) are now coming to fruition within the COMUE-UFT (the new structure that gathers all the universities of Toulouse), since the Latin American cultural area has become one of the priorities of the University of Toulouse.

These synergies are also manifested through the links that have been renewed with the MUFM (Maison Universitaire Franco-Mexicaine), a bilateral national institution for scholarly cooperation between Mexico and France. Finally, beyond social and cultural networks, the themes of the promotion of resources and innovations resonate with the leading-edge activities of several sectors that are extremely well developed in Southwestern France and are the main research focus of many laboratories at the Toulouse universities and institutes: aeronautics, space, health, or agro-food research, among others.

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The part played by North America, and more particularly the United States, in the dynamics of innovation is obvious. It concerns scientific and technical innovation, of course, but also social, artistic, or more generally creative innovation and its political and legal expressions. Beyond obvious persisting deficiencies in numerous fields, Latin America is also recognized worldwide for its economic, social, and political improvements, as well as for its ability to innovate in contexts that are both difficult and challenging. To fully measure what the American continent has to offer in terms of positive and innovative inputs, of sources and resources, of stimuli towards inventiveness and adaptation, of problem solving, the 2015 IdA annual conference aims at identifying and analyzing the dynamics of innovation and the promotion of resources in the Americas.

Starting from the national and regional socio-cultural and historical substrata of the continent, this reflection will aim to better understand the constraints, appetites, despoliations, but also the breakthroughs, creations, novel experiments etc. In the Americas, several individuals and communities, both local and national, have taken charge of their own destinies and this invites us to revisit (without necessarily opposing them) the notions of material / symbolical, natural / cultural, historical / patrimonial, social / territorial, expressive / artistic, undervalued / idealized, geopolitical / geo-economic resources. This new empowerment also suggests the importance of examining innovations in many fields: technical, productive, social, political, organizational, etc. It also invites questions involving the relations between conflicts v. appropriation, depletion v. preservation, norms v. illicit, sustainable development v. economic development, or valorization v. (co) management.

This interdisciplinary conference will welcome specialists of the Latin, Anglo, and Caribbean Americas, in keynote lectures, round tables, and panels dedicated to five thematic lines.

Five thematic lines, five parallel panels

* Natural Resources and Territorial Management

- Geography and Resources (water, forestry, agriculture, mining),
- Interactions between the identification of resources, public action and multiple resource uses (resource damage, limitations of public policies, local impacts, resistance, environmental conservation and protection),
- Role of innovation in sustainable resource management,
- Innovation and resilience,
- Urban/rural relations, producer/consumer relations,
- Territorial development and public policies related to the valorization of natural resources.

* Scientific and Technological Innovations

- Innovation systems and technological trajectories, engineering,
- Innovation and exploitation of resources, technology transfers,
- Economic resources,
- Role of private and governmental actors in the dissemination of innovations throughout value chains,
- Innovation networks.

* Forms of Governance

- Innovative experiments and management of urban centers and rural areas,
- Social innovations as compensation for a lack of public action,
- New forms of political expression and legal innovations,
- Innovative equipment,
- Experience sharing within international networks.

* Artistic Expressions

- Artistic fields and the links between resources and innovations in literature, music, photography, cinema, etc.
- Commodification of artistic works in the "experimental art" market,
- Artists, technological innovations, and representations,
- Questions of transfers, movements, mediators (technology, knowledge, literary genres, etc.).

* Innovations and reconfigurations of identity

- Ethnogenesis, recreation of an ideal/idealized past,
- Mobilization and struggle for the defense of natural and cultural resources,
- Individual identities (individual rights, genealogy, privacy, bioethics, gender identities),
- Innovation and gender issues.

Tentative Program

Wednesday October 14 Maison de la Recherche (UT2J - Campus Mirail)

12h-14h Registration

14h-15h Welcome Address

15h-16h30 Plenary 1 (and exchanges)

16h30-17h Coffee Break 17h-18h30 Round Table 1

18h30 Welcome Reception

Thursday October 15 Maison de la Recherche (UT2J - Campus Mirail)

08h30-10h30 Five Parallel Panels

10h30-11hCoffee Break11h-12h30Plenary 212h30-14hLunch Break

14h-16h Five Parallel Panels

16h-16h30 Coffee Break

16h30-18h Plenary 3 (and exchanges)

18h-19h30 Round Table 2 - IPEAT's Thirtieth Anniversary

20h30 Dinner

Friday October 16 IEP de Toulouse 08h30-10h30 Five Parallel Panels

10h30-11h Coffee Break

11-12h30 Plenary 4 (and exchanges)

12h30-14h Lunch Break

Maison Universitaire Franco-Mexicaine

14h-16h Plenary 5 (and exchanges)

16h-16h30 Coffee Break

16h30-17h30 Final Remarks and Keynote

Saturday October 17 IEP de Toulouse

09h-17h IdA Scientific Board Meeting

Paper Submission Guidelines

Proposals, in Garamond 12, double space, will include:

- title, author's or authors' name(s), institutional affiliation, and a five-line presentation of research activities;
- an abstract (maximum 300 words), specifying the theoretical and conceptual frames of the reflection;
- five keywords;
- name file: IdA2015 followed by author's or first author's last name.

Proposals can be submitted in French, English, Spanish, or Portuguese. They will be examined by two members of the scientific committee.

Proposals must be sent to: colloqueida2015@gmail.com

Schedule

Submission Deadline: January 15, 2015
Response from the scientific committee: February 15, 2015
Full-text submission: July 15, 2015

Publications

Several publications are being considered, in the form of edited books or collections of articles in thematic academic journals or in transAmerican or latinAmerican reviews: L'Ordinaire des Amériques (ORDA), Caravelle, Cahiers des Amériques latines, Problèmes d'Amérique latine, Nuevo Mundo Mundos Nuevos, Idéas, etc.

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