International Conference "Territory, Institutions and Identities"

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Scope

Territory constitutes something more than a physical setting in which human lives unfold. Since the dawn of time, physical space has been subject to processes of conceptualization and appropriation by individuals, communities, and political structures, generating a superposition of scales and a space organized by visible and invisible lines that functioned as boundaries and contributed to the construction and reconstruction of identities.

Against this backdrop, we invite you to participate with your papers in a conference aimed at addressing the relationships between physical space and administrative space, as well as analysing the role of boundaries and borders, territorial-administrative institutions, and the interactions between the identities attributed to spaces by residents and visitors. The conference particular welcomes methodological contributions and new perspectives in both fundamental and applied research.

Key Lines

- **Administrative Spaces**

The configuration and activity of administrative spaces at higher and lower levels, their success and failure, their durability over time, and the determining factors behind such continuity.

- **Institutions and Territorial Agents**

The configuration of institutions linked to territorial administration and the formation of territorial entities, comparative analyses, and the agents involved in their genesis and development.

- **Internal and External Borders**

Studies on borders, their configuration, and their various dimensions over time. We are particularly interested in the role played by local agents, as their interaction with the higher administrative framework is decisive for the functioning of borders. Furthermore, although we are aware that the term *border* is not commonly used in contemporary contexts to refer to internal divisions, we welcome studies that reassess this assumption in earlier historical periods and that question the differential usage—especially pronounced in English compared to Spanish—between *frontier* and *boundary*.

- **Identity and Territory**

The links between identity and territory. The role played by identity, affective ties, and psychological bonds with space, or by identities constructed upon such spaces, in territorial processes.

- **Perceptions and Perspectives**

Proximity and conflict in the perceptions of territory and its identity by residents and visitors, in its characteristics, dynamics, boundaries and borders. The administrative and political roles and the perspectives of policies for conservation/(re)construction of territorial identity.

Publication

Conference presenters are invited to contribute to a collective volume on Ibero-American Historical Geography, free of publication charges, subject to compliance with the publication requirements and approval by the Scientific Committee.

Instructions

Please submit your paper proposal (maximum 500 words), including your full name, academic affiliation (if applicable), academic qualifications and contact details (preferably email address and mobile phone number).

Schedule

Call for abstracts: 15 de marzo de 2027

Confirmation of acceptance: antes del 15 de abril de 2027

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Submission of final manuscripts for publication: 30 de junio de 2026-01 de septiembre de 2027

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