



## Call for Papers!

**In the “Aquí y Ahora”:** *Trans-American Experiences Across Spatial and Social Intersections*  
*24<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Tri-University Graduate Conference*  
*Friday, April 10th, 2026*  
*Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL*

The Steering Committee invites presentations and poster proposals for the **24th Annual Tri-University Graduate Conference**, organized by **Florida International University (FIU)**, **University of Miami (UM)**, and **Florida Atlantic University (FAU)** hosted by FAU. The Conference will be held on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, in-person, at the Florida Atlantic University campus, Boca Raton, FL. The conference seeks to bring together scholars from across disciplines to explore the “Aquí y Ahora” of Trans-American experiences through the lens of comparative area studies and intersectional dynamics. We invite abstract submissions that go beyond the traditional study of land, politics, culture, and globalization, to understand both the subtle and direct connections between these forces and the lived realities of people’s backgrounds, including but not limited to ethnicity and religiosity. In response to ongoing international and internal crises, this conference specifically aims to center types of knowledge that have historically been unacknowledged alongside those that are privileged. We encourage work that examines how the “micropolitical” (i.e., local work and micro-actions) is actively reshaping epistemological and social paradigms in the present moment.

### **We welcome proposals that engage with, but are not limited to, the following areas:**

- Trans-American: Community & Displacement, Border Realities, Intersectional Identities, Environmental Challenges, Digital and Cultural Spheres, and Linguistic Landscapes.
- Submissions in English, Portuguese, or Spanish are both welcome and encouraged from all disciplines, including, but not limited to: Anthropology, Art, Business, Economics, Film Studies, Health, History, Humanities, Law, Literary and Linguistic Studies, Medicine, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Political Science, Religious Studies, the Sciences, and Sociology. We aim to make the conference as multi- and interdisciplinary as possible.

### **Submission Types**

- Individual paper proposals (abstract of 250–300 words)
- Poster presentations
- Artistic Projects/Presentations
- All presentations should be limited to 15 mins.

### **Important Dates**

- Proposal submission deadline: February 28th, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: March 10th, 2026
- Conference date: April 10th, 2026

Proposals should be submitted via this form [here](#). Accepted participants will be expected to register for the conference and present their work as scheduled.

Send inquiries to [amolinas2018@fau.edu](mailto:amolinas2018@fau.edu)

**Abstract Submission Rubric:**

- Word Limit: 250-300 Words (Including title and headings)
- Any abstract over 300 words will not be considered

All abstract proposals will be evaluated through an anonymous review by several reviewers. Each submission will be graded by each reviewer independently though the criteria down below:

Criteria	Options
Appropriateness and Importance of Topic/Issue/Problem	1 (poor) - 5 (excellent)
Original Research with Theoretical Basis	1 (poor) - 5 (excellent)
Methodology	1 (poor) - 5 (excellent)
Organization and clarity of Abstract	1 (poor) - 5 (excellent)
Overall Rating	Average of first 4 criteria
Comments	

Reasoning for criteria:

- The topic/issue/problem is important to theme and appropriate.
- The research is original and theoretically grounded.
- Methodology is straightforward and clearly explained.
- The author states the importance of the topic, makes meaningful connections to the relevant research communities, and presents their arguments in a persuasive manner.

Final decisions will be made by the Conference Committee based on responses of independent reviewers for the criteria above when analyzing abstract submissions.

\*Adapted from the American Association for Applied Linguistics abstract criteria