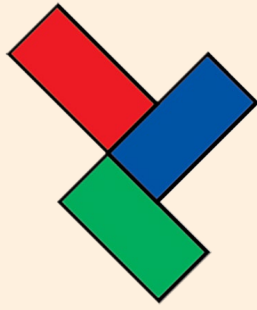


THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO AND THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON NORTH AMERICA,  
THROUGH THE THE NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES NETWORK,

INVITE TO YOU TO THE



## THIRD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

# "SHARED FUTURE?"

February 17th to 21st, 2025

### CALL FOR PAPERS

In the 21st century, international geopolitics has been reconfigured in the midst of two global crises: the environmental and health crises, coupled with armed conflicts, in a context of intense irregular migratory flows and growing economic inequality. On the other hand, the technological gap and the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) are trends that present risks and opportunities that we must address. Cultural revolutions, especially the feminist and sexual diversity movements, as well as disenchantment with political democracy have triggered multiple social movements revealing specific problems that go beyond governments and require cross-cutting governance. Furthermore, political polarization and the resurgence of various expressions of populism and the rise of ultra-conservative governments threaten the processes of democratization and, at the same time, lead us to question the possible futures for North America and its relationship with other regions and the world.

In 2024, as they do every 12 years, Mexico and the United States coincide in their presidential elections; Canada, for its part, has a general election scheduled for 2025, which suggests common political agendas and shared futures. In Mexico, the ascension for the first time of a woman to the highest political office in the country, at a time of demands for gender equity, could bring with it a greater weight of women in decision-making, breaking prevailing paradigms. In contrast, in the United States, the candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties are the oldest in the history of that country and whoever is elected will become the oldest president, highlighting the lack of political profiles of other generations, and the lack of renewal of the political elites, which at the same time reflects a stagnation of participation within them, particularly in the political activism of young people, resulting from the disenchantment with traditional politics, parties, and representatives; nevertheless, this dynamic is starting to reverse in a disruptive way, as evidenced by camps and protests against the war in Gaza that emerged at Columbia University, and have expanded to many more universities from all over the world, including the UNAM.

North America as a whole faces enormous challenges. 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), now the Mexico, United States and Canada Agreement (TMEC for its acronym in Spanish), which has become the institutional regulatory framework that favors nearshoring and the relocation of companies and investments to the region. However, there are issues that have generated arguments that will be taken to dispute resolution panels: transgenic corn and the energy issue. In addition, as contemplated, the TMEC will have its first review in 2026, which foresees complicated scenarios beyond who governs each country.

In order to investigate the possible scenarios of the aforementioned topics, as well as to discuss and analyze their impact on the priority problems and challenges of North American integration, from a multi- and interdisciplinary perspective, the Center for Research on North American, through the North American Studies Network (REDAN for its acronym in Spanish), invites you to participate in its Third Biennial Conference on North American Studies "Shared Futures?"

#### Thematic axes

**Geopolitical and strategic studies • Regional and interregional studies • Social and cultural studies**

The thematic axes include, illustratively but not limited to, issues such as the following:

#### Security and governance

- Human security
- Energy and environmental security
- Epidemiology
- Regional and international security
- Military-industrial complex
- Governance

#### Economic processes, integration, and development

- Global value chains
- International trade
- Logistics
- Financialization
- Sectoral issues
- Knowledge economy and high technology
- Nearshoring

#### Migration and borders

- Skilled migration
- Return migration
- Migrant diplomacies
- Transborder spaces
- Refrontierization processes

#### Identities and cultural processes

- Soft power
- Cultural industries
- Interculturality
- Popular culture
- Shared identities
- Transnational linkages

#### Actors, structures, and social processes

- Indigenous peoples
- Social movements
- Media and networks
- Local, regional, and global actors

#### Political ideas and institutions

- Nationalisms
- Democracy and citizen participation
- Political systems and counterweight
- Political parties
- New populisms

#### Spaces, actors, and digital communities

- Transnational digital communities
- Cultural and creative production in digital spaces
- Post-truth and infodemic
- Artificial Intelligence

## Objectives:

- To promote interaction among specialists in different aspects relevant to the North American region and to encourage the participation of young people who are venturing into the research of new thematic lines in our field of study.
- To discuss about the possible directions that regional integration processes could take from a comparative perspective, taking into account European, Asian and South American experiences, among others, in order to contrast them with the North American regional context.
- To analyze Mexico's relations with the United States and Canada as commercial partners, in terms of cooperation, as well as recent socio-cultural manifestations in the North American region.
- To identify the emerging social processes and how they are manifested in the current information society, as well as the policies that prevail in the trilateral relationship within the framework of the T-MEC.
- To contribute to research, teaching and innovation agendas, as well as to the creation of new projects and lines of research for North American studies, in accordance with the current situation of the world.

## Participation guidelines

We invite researchers, professors, representatives of civil society organizations, public officials, diplomats, students, and other parties interested in related areas of our field of study to participate in the various modalities included in this call for papers. Participants are encouraged to consider the research lines previously mentioned within the fields of social sciences and humanities, as well as the thematic axes linked to the title of the Congress as a starting point.

## Participation modalities

**Individual Papers:** People interested in presenting individual papers are invited to submit a summary of up to 250 words, indicating the thematic axis and three keywords. Please register your individual paper using the following [form](#).

**Thematic Panels:** Research groups are invited to propose a thematic panel (consisting of four to five papers registered under the same thematic axis). Please submit, in a single document, the title of the panel, a summary of up to 250 words for each paper, the thematic axis, and three keywords to [redan@unam.mx](mailto:redan@unam.mx).

## Notes

- Papers may present research content at different stages of development, such as research projects, research progress, or presentation of results. The submission of theoretical and methodological discussion papers is also encouraged.
- Considering the official languages of the three countries comprising the North American region, papers will be accepted in Spanish, English, and French (no simultaneous translation will be provided).

## Venue

**In-person:** Center for North American Studies, floors 7 and 10 of Tower II of Humanities, Ciudad Universitaria, Mexico City.

**Online:** via Zoom.

## Fees

**Attendees:** Free access.

\*A certificate of attendance will be issued to those who attend at least 7 panels in-person. Each panel will have an electronic attendance form.

## Speakers:

- Fee: \$1,500.00 MXN or 100 US dollars  
From December 2 to December 13, 2024
- Late registration fee: \$2,000.00 MXN or 120 US dollars  
From January 6 to January 10, 2025

\*50% discount for UNAM Community and Redan members.

## Dates to remember

Call for papers launching	May 17th, 2024
Registration for individual presentations and thematic panels	From May 17th to August 16th, 2024
Notification of approved presentations	October 31st, 2024
Preliminary program	December 2nd, 2024
Fee payment deadline	December 13th, 2024
Extemporaneous fee payment	January 6th to 10th, 2025
Final program (only the name of those who paid during the regular period will be published in the program)	January 20th, 2025
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