

## **Second Workshop of the Legislative Studies Group, Latin American Political Science Association**

November 17th–19th, 2014  
Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Políticos (IESP),  
Universidade Estadual do Rio De Janeiro  
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.



### **\*\*\* CALL FOR PAPERS \*\*\***

The Legislative Studies Group (GEL-ALACIP, <http://alacip.org/?p=4116>) will be hosting its second workshop on November 17-19, 2014 in Rio de Janeiro. The first workshop was held in 2011 at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and consisted of about 100 political scientists who met to discuss their research on Latin American legislatures. In all, the meeting was a great success.

The workshop is intended to bring together scholars working on the legislatures of Latin America, preferably from a comparative perspective. We are now soliciting proposals for papers and posters to be presented at the workshop. We welcome submissions of solely empirical or theoretical research, as well as of research that combines the two. We particularly welcome papers that are explicitly comparative, but will also consider studies of particular legislatures.

The workshop will be organized around six sessions (possibly two panels each depending on the number of submissions). The list of sessions and their goals can be found at the end of this document.

Proposals must be submitted by August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. They must contain (1) a title and abstract (maximum 200 words); (2) authors' contact details; and (3) panel in which paper should be placed. All workshop participants must be members of ALACIP by the time of the event (<http://alacip.org/?p=4116>)

GEL-ALACIP may be able to support travel and lodging for some participants, depending on success with funding applications. Participants are strongly encouraged to seek their own means to cover their expenses.

## **Past and Upcoming Conferences**

2011: Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

2014: Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Politicos, Universidade Estadual do Rio De Janeiro, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

2016: Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago, Chile (tentative).

2018: Universidad de La Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay (tentative).

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### ***Conference Committee:***

Argelina Figueiredo, José Antonio Cheibub, Magna Inácio, Mariana Llanos, and Gisela Sin.

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### ***Program (tentative)***

Keynote speaker: Professor Shane Martin, Leicester University, United Kingdom.

### **Session 1: Institutional Structure and Legislative Activity**

Chairs

Gisela Sin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA)

Ernesto Calvo (University of Maryland, USA)

We seek papers that relate the legislative power and other institutions of the broader political system, such as federalismo, bicameralism and the media. That includes, among others, papers focussing on the formation, organization and performance of sub-national legislatures, the operation and consequences of a second legislative chamber, and the way the media portrays and influences legislative work.

### **Session 2: Political Parties In and Out of Congress**

Chairs

José Antonio Cheibub (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Fernando Limongi (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

This panel focuses on the role of political parties in organizing competition in legislative elections (intra- and inter-party coordination) and the ways parties organize within the legislative houses. Papers in this category focus on, for instance, party discipline in congresso and the so-called “electoral connection,” that is, the influence of electoral competition on the behavior of individual legislators.

### **Session 3: Governments and Legislatures**

Chairs

Argelina Figueiredo (Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)  
Daniel Chasquetti (Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay)

This panel focuses on executive-legislative relations. Examples include the use of presidential legislative powers, formation and management of governing coalitions, and legislative oversight of executive agencies.

#### **Session 4: Candidates, Politicians and Representation**

Chairs

Mariana Llanos (GIGA-Institute of Latin American Studies, Germany)  
Mercedes Garcia Montero, (Universidad de Salamanca, Spain)

Papers in this panel focus on parliamentary careers, modes of political representation inside congresso, gender, racial and ethnic representation, and the relationship between legislators and their constituencies.

#### **Session 5: Legislative Organization**

Chair

Leanny Barreiro lemos (Senado Federal Do Brasil, IPOL/UnB)  
Magna Inácio, (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil)  
Lucio Renno (Universidade da Brasilia)

In this panel papers should deal with the internal organization of congress and the impact different ways of organizing legislative work has on legislative performance, institutionalization and relations with the executive. This includes work on legislative committees, the role of legislative leaders on the performance of congress and its ability to formulate and approve public policies.

#### **Session 6: Legislative Output and Public Policies**

Chairs

Alejandro Bonvechi (Universidad Torcuato De Tella, Argentina)  
Valeria Palanza, (Universidad Catolica de Chile)

This panel includes papers focusing on the role of legislatures on the production of policies: to what extent does the legislative power define the country's political agenda? Is the legislative power weak with respect to the other powers? How capable is it to negotiate with the executive as legislative proposals are formulated, examined and voted on? How accessible is the legislative power to demands originating in civil society and other government sectors (the judiciary, the bureaucracy)?

**Poster session**

This session is reserved to students who are registered in Latin American graduate programs. Through the graphic presentation of their work, students will have the opportunity to discuss them with other workshop participants, who will freely engage with the presenters.

### **Round Table**

The Role of Legislatures in Latin American Democracies (participants to be determined)