
The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Calls for Submissions of

**“Academic Papers on the Impact of the Inter-American Commission
on Human Rights during its 60-Year History”**

I. Introduction:

This call for academic papers on the impact of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is made in the context of events to mark the Commission’s 60th anniversary. This activity seeks to encourage the transfer of expert knowledge about the impact that IACHR mechanisms, jurisprudence and standards have had on the promotion and protection of human rights in the region.

II. Rules:

1. Anyone who submits an academic paper proposal in accordance with the criteria that are detailed in this call for submissions and who is selected by the Academic Committee will be eligible to deliver a presentation.
2. Selected papers will be presented by their authors during a panel discussion at the headquarters of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights during the Commission’s 173rd Period of Sessions, set to be held in US capital Washington, D. C., in September 23-October 2, 2019. Presentations will need to be delivered in any of the official languages of the Organization of American States¹.
3. Presenters will have up to 15 minutes to present their academic papers, and that will be followed by a question-and-answer session.
4. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights will issue certificates of attendance to all presenters.
5. Any person with ties to an academic institution as a teacher, student or researcher will be eligible to take part in this call for submissions.
6. Essays, theses, dissertations, ongoing research and other academic papers will be eligible for submission. Papers will need to provide evidence of their sound methodology and scientific rigor. Further, they will need to make some contribution to theoretical or practical knowledge concerning the IACHR’s tools and operations, its standards and jurisprudence.
7. Submissions must not have been published or edited by any other person or institution.

¹ No translation or interpretation services will be provided.

8. They must not seek to solve cases that are pending before the inter-American system.
9. Papers can be the work of a single individual or of several authors; however, if a given paper is selected, the relevant presentation will need to be delivered by a single person.
10. Any expenses incurred to attend the panel discussion will need to be borne by the author of the paper, with or without sponsorship from an institution.
11. The Commission will not be liable for publishing or editing those academic papers.
12. Only authors can be held accountable for the content of their academic papers and presentations, so the Commission and the Court will not be liable for any instances of plagiarism or any other form of academic misconduct.

III. How to participate:

1. Candidates will have until July 1, 2019 to submit an abstract of their academic papers, written in any of the official languages of the OAS.
2. They will need to send their abstract by email to cidhpromocion@oas.org, using the subject line "Academic Paper-60th Anniversary," in a single labelled file that holds a document with the following characteristics:

Cover: The cover must include the following details:

- Name and academic position of the author
- Title of the academic paper
- Paper's general research line
- Academic institution where the paper was produced
- Country where the paper was produced
- Contact email address
- Contact address and phone number

The abstract of the academic paper: Must not exceed 350 words Must be typed using the font *Times New Roman 12*, single-spaced and justified

3. Authors selected by the Academic Committee to present their work will be notified by July 19, 2019 of the specific date and time of their presentation.
4. Each author will need to submit their written presentation 30 days ahead of their oral presentation before the discussion panel.

IV. Academic Committee

1. The Academic Committee will make decisions and select—in accordance with the rules of this call for submissions—the abstracts of academic papers whose authors will be invited to present their work.
2. The Academic Committee is made up of specialists from the IACHR's Executive Secretariat.
3. It will be up to the Academic Committee to settle any disputes concerning the interpretation of situations that were not foreseen ahead of this call for submissions.