



## **ABSTRACT DEADLINE EXTENDED to Wednesday 20 April 2016**

### **Cities and Citizenship in Contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean**

**NALACS – TU Delft International Conference**

**Date: Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June 2016**

**Venue: Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands.**

The [Netherlands Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies](#) (NALACS), in cooperation with the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment of the Delft University of Technology, is pleased to announce the joint conference, 'Cities and Citizenship in Contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean,' which will be held on 16-17 June 2016 in Delft, the Netherlands.

The 2-day conference will embrace a wide range of topics related to urban development and citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean. In their pioneering collection of essays *Cities and Citizenship*, Holston and Appadurai (1999) as well as other prominent scholars stressed the importance of cities in the making of modern citizens. At the end of the twentieth century, they demonstrated that urban environments are salient sites for examining the renegotiations of citizenship, democracy, and national belonging. This is arguably particularly the case in contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean, where cities seem to embody the aspirations of citizens and to showcase the best and the worse of their respective societies. It is here that we can observe major opportunities and threats to development, security and human rights, as well as major struggles for rights, inclusion and democracy

For this conference, we invite individual papers as well as panels proposals that look at the relationship between urban development and practices of citizenship. Conference panels will be organized along four tracks:

#### **Track 1. Cities and Violence**

Cities as salient sites where violence and conflict develop and affect the lives of citizens.

#### **Track 2. Cities and sustainable development**

Cities as salient sites where (spatial) planning and (sustainable) development ideas are applied, and where grassroots and governments alternately clash or collaborate in order to simultaneously build cities and structures of citizenship.

#### **Track 3. Cities and identity**

Cities as salient sites where citizen's identities and resistances are expressed and repressed.

#### **Track 4. Open for suggestions**

Cities as salient sites for other themes related to urban life and urban development.

### Individual Paper Proposal Requirements:

- **Contact information** (name, e-mail address, and academic affiliation of the applicant; Individual proposals featuring more than one author (joint proposals) must include contact information and biographical statements for all authors);
- **Track** to which the proposal corresponds;
- **Paper abstract** (up to 500 words), including the title of the paper and five keywords;
- **Biographical statement** (up to 100 words) in narrative form.

### Panel Proposal Requirements:

- **Contact information** for all panelists (names, e-mail addresses, and academic affiliations; a standard panel format consists of a chair and three or four presenters, with a maximum of five presenters);
- **Track** to which the proposal corresponds;
- **Title** and **short description** of the panel theme;
- **Abstract** (up to 500 words) for each paper;
- **Biographical statement** (up to 100 words) for each panelist in narrative form.

Please send your individual paper or panel proposal to [info@nalacs.nl](mailto:info@nalacs.nl) no later than **Wednesday April 20th, 2016**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent before May 1st, 2016.

### General Conference Information

**Venue:** The conference will be held at: Delft University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Julianalaan 134, 2628 BL Delft, The Netherlands

#### **Registration Fee**

Non-members:	€ 85 including drinks, Thursday night dinner & film, Friday lunch
Regular NALACS members:	€ 55 including drinks, Thursday night dinner & film, Friday lunch
NALACS-OLA members:	€ 25 including drinks and film, excluding lunch and dinner
Master students:	€ 25 including drinks and film, excluding lunch and dinner

#### **Sessions**

Each track will have three time slots of two hours, organized as parallel sessions. Each panel can accommodate up to five presenters. If a panel proposal is accepted, the panel coordinator will be responsible for a timely registration of the participants and the delivery of papers.

#### **Keynotes**

We are proud to present the following two keynote speakers for our conference:

- **Rivke Jaffe**  
Centre for Urban Studies and the Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- **Clara Irazábal**  
Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University, New York

For more information, please visit our official website [www.nalacs.nl](http://www.nalacs.nl), our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/nalacs/](https://www.facebook.com/nalacs/) or our conference page <https://citiescitizenship.wordpress.com/>.

*We look forward to receiving your proposals for our 2016 conference in the beautiful city of Delft, the Netherlands!*