



58iCA 2025

EN LOS BALKANES
150 years of the International Congress of Americanists

Novi Sad, Serbia 30 June – 4 July 2025

NEW CHALLENGES, NEW SPACES

First Call for Applications

Welcome to the 58th edition of the International Congress of Americanists celebrating its first 150 years of existence

Nancy, France 1875 – Novi Sad, Serbia 2025

The Organizing Committee of the **58th International Congress of Americanists (ICA)** warmly welcomes the worldwide academic community and extends a most cordial invitation for the participation in the 58th ICA edition to be held in Novi Sad, Serbia, **from 30 June to 4 July 2025**.

We must point out that, in addition to maintaining periodic continuity of the International Congresses of Americanists, it has been a great honor to receive the privilege of celebrating the **150th anniversary of the ICA** in the Balkans. The splendid historical adventure of proposing, consolidating and promoting studies of the Americas began in 1875 in Nancy, France, and over the years, decades and centuries it has become a great tradition, which today, thanks to the tireless efforts of many generations, enjoys an impressive vitality cultivating a growing interest in Americanism the world over. Since 1895 the Congresses have maintained their consistency, having been held every three years, alternating the venues between America and Europe. Among the most recent editions we fondly recall and acknowledge efforts of our colleagues who hosted the ICA in Warsaw, Poland (2000); Santiago de Chile (2003); Seville, Spain (2006); Mexico City (2009); Vienna, Austria (2012), San Salvador, El Salvador (2015); Salamanca, Spain (2018) and Foz de Iguazu, Brazil (2023).

The motto of the 58th ICA “New challenges, New spaces” is intended as a prompt to reflect on contemporary reality on a global scale and to develop viable theoretical and

practical proposals to face the disturbing current challenges in all areas of our social existence. To mention just a few examples, the issues of cognitive capitalism, the proliferation of digital devices and the dominance of the infosphere; increasing migratory movements; global financial instability, the deterioration of democracy and human rights; the spread of violence in all its forms; new trends in the field of arts and humanities; the threats posed by climate change and the spread of infectious or other diseases are topics that, together with the other fields of knowledge traditionally present in our Congresses, will allow us to analyze, from a multidisciplinary and pluralistic perspective, a wide range of topics, phenomena and processes typical of social sciences, humanities and related disciplines. The central theme of the 58th ICA is intended as a common denominator in order to provide the necessary space to accommodate all the thematic axes that are proposed in this First Call. For us, it is of vital importance that on this occasion we can add a Balkan perspective to Americanism, thus enriching the great variety of hermeneutical perspectives around the topics that will be discussed at the Congress.

The Organizing Committee of the 58th ICA would like to take this opportunity to express its immense gratitude to the **Permanent Committee** and the **General Assembly of the 57th ICA**, held in Foz de Iguazu, Brazil, for trusting Serbia and granting the city of Novi Sad the privilege of hosting the International Congress of Americanists. Organizing an event of this magnitude is a great honor for us and, of course, a challenge that we will meet with great enthusiasm and firm commitment. We are convinced that we will be able to continue the organizational quality, innovation and impact achieved in the Congresses that have preceded us.

The headquarters of the 58th ICA will be the University of Novi Sad (UNS), located on the banks of the **Danube River** in the central area of the city. The University campus is an architecturally compact area that allows for easy and quick internal transportation, less than a kilometer from the historical center of the city where most of the hotel, gastronomic and cultural offer of **Novi Sad** are located. The Nikola Tesla international airport in **Belgrade** is less than an hour away on the highway that connects the two most important cities in the country. The airports of **Timisoara** (Rumania), **Budapest** (Hungary) and **Vienna** (Austria) are also not too far away.

It is noteworthy that the **University of Novi Sad** and the co-organizing faculties of the Congress – the **Faculty of Philosophy** and its **Ibero-American Center CIBAM**, the **Faculty of Technical Sciences**, the **Faculty of Sciences** and the **Faculty of Technology** – have the necessary infrastructure that fully meets the requirements for this type of events.

Thematic areas of the 58th ICA

Faithful to the tradition of previous ICA congresses, in order to accommodate the great thematic variety and diversity of analytical approaches, we have selected the following thematic areas in which different formats and academic works will be presented with the aim of encouraging a greater participation of scientists, academics and specialists in various fields of American studies. These areas are:

1. Anthropology
2. Archeology
3. Architecture
4. Art
5. Applied Exact Sciences and Environmental Studies
6. Communication and New Technologies
7. Worldviews and Religious Systems
8. Human Rights and Culture of Peace
9. Education
10. Cultural Studies
11. Border Studies
12. Gender Studies
13. Economic Studies
14. Political Studies
15. Social Studies
16. Philosophy and Thought
17. History
18. Linguistics and Translation
19. Literature
20. Migrations
21. Social Movements
22. Cultural Heritage
23. International Relations
24. Innovative Symposia
25. Geography and Tourism
26. Sport
27. Native Peoples
28. African American Studies
29. The Balkans and the Americas



Taking these areas into account, **we invite colleagues interested in proposing symposia to formulate their proposals in accordance with the guidelines below.** We will have a Scientific Committee with proportional representation from each of the aforementioned areas, which will be responsible for evaluating and, where appropriate, approving the proposals received.

Structure

Following the usual scheme and traditional format of our congresses, the organizational structure of the 58th ICA will consist of:

- ◇ Plenary sessions
- ◇ Keynote lectures in different thematic areas, including the opening and closing of the Congress
- ◇ Symposia and individual presentations
- ◇ Round tables
- ◇ Fringe events
- ◇ General Assembly

Symposia

- a) Each symposium will have **two coordinators** from different countries.
- b) One person can coordinate only one symposium.
- c) The coordinators review and, if applicable, accept participants' proposals, aligning them with the established thematic areas; formulate rules for the presentation of the accepted papers; adhere to the Program and the schedule; approve the publication of the proceedings and, potentially, obtain sponsorship for their respective symposia.
- d) The organizers of the 58th ICA undertake to disseminate information about the approved symposia in a timely manner and with sufficient advanced notice of the dates scheduled for the Congress. They will also be in charge of providing the physical space and audiovisual and technical equipment in the rooms and classrooms assigned for each symposium.
- e) A symposium can have **a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 20 registered papers.**

- f) The Organizing Committee will take into consideration other forms of symposia that have been held at previous congresses or that wish to establish a new working tradition, which must be submitted in a timely manner.
- g) **The period for the submission of symposium proposals for the 58th ICA will be from 15 March to 30 June 2024,** through the platform <https://ica2025.uns.ac.rs>.
- h) **Each of the symposium proposals must contain the following information:** Name and surname of the coordinators, email address, institution to which they are affiliated, curricular profile not longer than half a page, the title of the symposium, as well as the titles and abstracts (no longer than 300 words and containing 5 keywords) of each of the papers.
- i) Once abstracts have been accepted, participants will have a period of **90 days** to pay their registration fees.
- j) A participant can present a maximum of two papers at different symposia.



Official languages of the Congress

The official languages of the Congress are: Spanish, English, French, German, Portuguese, Italian and the language(s) of the host country.

Fringe events

- Meetings of academic associations and researcher networks
- Exhibition of the 150 years of the ICA
- Excursions (historical, anthropological and archaeological routes)
- Book fair
- Cinema Forum
- Concerts
- Craft fair

Serbia is a country that holds significant collections and heritage sites from ancient cultures (Starčevo, 6200-4500 BC and Lepenski Vir, 9500/7200-5500 BC) with many monuments and localities from the Greco-Roman, medieval and more recent periods. In Serbia there are five **UNESCO** World Heritage Sites: Studenica Monastery; Stari Ras and Sopoćani monastic complex; medieval monuments in Kosovo and Metohija; Gamzigrad Romulijana Palace and Medieval tomb cemeteries – Stećci.

Serbia's strategic and central geographical location in the Balkan Peninsula provides easy access to various regional tourist attractions, including major cities like **Istanbul, Athens, Skopje** and **Podgorica** to the south; **Sofia** and **Bucharest** to the east; **Budapest** and **Vienna** to the north and **Sarajevo, Zagreb** and **Ljubljana** to the west. Additionally, the region benefits from the proximity to the **Adriatic Sea**, the pearl of the Mediterranean with its attractive beaches and famous travel destinations such as **Dubrovnik** and **Boka Kotorska Bay**.



Meetings of academic associations and researcher networks

This event is a good opportunity for academic associations to hold their assemblies and other coordination meetings. The Congress will evaluate the proposals and provide the necessary facilities. Proposals must be submitted before **31 January 2025**.

Researcher network meetings will also be supported by the Congress in accordance with available resources. The Congress will evaluate the proposals and provide the necessary facilities. At least five researchers registered with the Congress must participate in this proposal.

Publication of conference proceedings

The **digital publication** of edited volumes is envisaged, including the keynote speeches and the papers presented as part of the symposia, as approved by the coordinators of the thematic areas. Authors will be asked to send us signed authorizations. Each volume will have its respective ISBN/ISSN and individual papers will have the DOI. The editorial requirements will be sent in due course.

Participant categories and registration fees

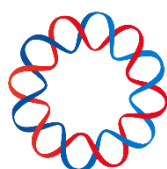
The Congress participants will be entitled to:

1. Participate in all academic and social activities of the Congress.
2. Propose motions in the General Assembly and participate with voice and vote (Motions must be put forward to the ICA Permanent Committee in advance).
3. Receive materials with information and other services as stipulated at that time.
4. Proposals for the next headquarters of the ICA must adhere to regulations and they should be presented well in advance to the Permanent Committee for evaluation.

Companions (Attendees without presentation)

Accompanying persons should be officially registered by the participant using the corresponding form and they should have the Congress credentials. They will be entitled to partake in all social and associated activities of the Congress.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Creation of the Website and launch of the First Call for proposals
March 15 – June 30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submission of proposals for symposia and round tables
April 1 – July 31, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of symposium and round table proposals ➤ Acceptance of symposium and round table proposals ➤ Publication of a list of approved symposia and round tables
August 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Call for individual papers ➤ Second Call
April 2024 – January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Distribution of acceptance letters for individual presentations
March 15, 2024 – January 31, 2025 February 1 – May 31, 2025 June 2025 Young researchers (aged up to 30) Attendees without presentation (companions)	Registration and conference fee payments <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 20px;"> <p>150 EUR</p> <p>200 EUR</p> <p>250 EUR</p> <p>70 EUR</p> <p>30 EUR</p> </div>  </div>
February 1 – April 31, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Publication of the program of the 58th ICA ➤ Book of abstracts ➤ Publication of the fringe events program of the 58th ICA
June 30 – July 4, 2025	58th ICA Congress
October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submission of papers for the Congress Proceedings

Information about **the scholarships** will be provided in the **Second Call**.

All your questions and suggestions can be sent to: ica2025@uns.ac.rs

Without further ado at the moment and until the publication of the Second Circular, we extend our best wishes and look forward to seeing you in the summer of 2025.

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