

Summary of Application for Consultative Status

*Please ascertain that all the questions are answered—do not leave any item blank.
(Please note that handwritten responses are not acceptable.)*

Name:	LatCrit, Inc. (Latina & Latino Critical Theory, Inc.) (Officially registered or established name)
Permanent Headquarters Address:	c/o Professor Francisco Valdes Center for Hispanic and Caribbean Legal Studies University of Miami School of Law 1311 Miller Drive, Ste. G369 Coral Gables, FL 33146 (P.O. boxes are not accepted as headquarters address)
Date of registration or date of establishment: (See item B on front page of main application form)	March 15, 1999
Membership (Click on appropriate check box and type in an X, and provide the requested figures)	
<input type="checkbox"/> national organization	with _____ individual members and _____ organization members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> international organization	with <u>115</u> individual members and <u>0 (n/a)</u> organization members in <u>5</u> countries

- Summarize the aims and purposes of your organization.
- How do you intend to contribute to the work of ECOSOC and/or its subsidiary bodies?
(Combine and copy here your answers to questions Part I, number 3 (on page 3), and Part I, number 5(a) and (b) (on page 4) of the main application form.)

LatCrit's twin goals are (1) to develop a critical, activist and inter-disciplinary discourse on law and policy towards Latinas/os, and (2) to foster both the development of coalitional theory and practice as well as the accessibility of this knowledge to agents of social and legal transformation. LatCrit theorists aim to center Latinas/os' multiple internal diversities and to situate Latinas/os in larger inter-group frameworks, both domestically and globally, to promote social justice awareness and activism. LatCrit's primary functions are the production of critical and interdisciplinary knowledge; the promotion of substantive social transformation; the expansion and interconnection of antisubordination struggles; and the cultivation of community and coalition among outsider scholars.

LatCrit is qualified to make a significant contribution to the work of the Council through its unique, special and expert competence in the area of critical, activist and inter-disciplinary discourse on law and policy towards Latinas/os and other social groups marginalized historically in societies across the globe, including those in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition. LatCrit can contribute to the discussion and analysis pertinent to studies or reports on economic, social, cultural, educational, health, race, and related matters. And given its focus on and expertise in North/South debates, LatCrit may be able to propose new items for consideration by ECOSOC. Finally, LatCrit will contribute through its planned activities which, in addition to its annual conference and related activities, include the NGO Project, a formal vehicle through which to interject LatCrit analyses into international policymaking on issues of concern to subordinate populations in the North and the South; the Colloquium on International and Comparative Law, which fosters trans-national and inter-disciplinary interaction with scholars, activists and policymakers; the Critical Global Classroom; the Student Scholar Program; the Cyber Classroom Project; the South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Jurisprudence Meeting, which will bring together theorists from various disciplines and regions of the hemisphere (and beyond) to discuss problems in the application of theory to current social problems and policy issues; the Chicana/o Studies Project; and the Social Justice Externship Program.