



LATCRIT

LATINA & LATINO CRITICAL LEGAL THEORY INC.

CALL FOR PAPERS

LATCRIT 2023 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AND RELATED EVENTS

Hemispheric Justice: Cultivating Solidarity across the South–North Divide of the Americas

LatCrit/SALT/ClassCrits Faculty Development Workshop: October 5, 2023

Biennial LatCrit Conference: October 6–7, 2023
Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

ALL EVENTS WILL BE VIRTUAL

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In October 2023, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory (“LatCrit”) will convene its biennial conference at Cornell Law School. The LatCrit board of directors invites you to propose panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, individual presentations, and works in progress on topics related to the conference themes and other aspects of critical outsider jurisprudence.

A NOTE ABOUT CONFERENCE MODALITY

Cornell Law School is “centrally isolated” in a small town in rural New York, and therefore flights/hotel costs are higher than normal. We were uncomfortable asking the community to pay higher costs, and we know that for some members of our community there are lingering concerns about COVID, so we have decided to follow the path we took in 2021 and hold a virtual conference. We hope to reconvene in person in 2025.

THEMES

The concept of “hemispheric justice” can reframe and facilitate today’s diverse movements for justice across the Americas and beyond. Indigenous peoples, human rights defenders, environmental protectors, and advocates for disability, interracial, reproductive, and transgender justice, *inter alia*, struggle transnationally across the planet in a period of rampant authoritarianism, open war, democratic decline, and climate catastrophe. To chart

a course, diverse peoples must cultivate learning and solidarity across the South–North divide. Critical sociolegal scholars have a vital role to play in these urgent efforts.

At this moment, people need hemispheric justice. Cultivating mutual learning and solidarity across the South–North divide of the Americas is a vital path towards this goal. Specifically, critical sociolegal scholars can learn from indigenous communities, protectors of the environment, human rights defenders, and poor peoples, cultivate solidarity with them, and help articulate how diverse peoples can jointly create paths away from mutual exploitation and destruction toward postsubordination societies that prioritize environmental justice, human rights, indigenous sovereignty, and social democracy.

The LatCrit Board of Directors invites presentations and other forms of participation on these topics and others. We welcome Panel, Roundtable, and Workshop proposals, as well as individual papers and works in progress, on topics related to the conference themes and other aspects of critical outsider jurisprudence. We received modest funding from the Global Cornell’s [Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies](#) and [Migrations Initiative](#), with support from a Just Futures partnership with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to subsidize outreach to students and advocates to enable them to connect with and attend sessions with LatCrit migration scholars, and therefore we will group the migration-related content into a virtual “**LatCrit Migration Summit.**”

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DEADLINE

Please submit an abstract of your proposal, and your contact information, by **July 31, 2023**, at <https://latercrit.org/submit-your-paper/>. Feel free to submit group or individual proposals.

If you have difficulty in submitting through the link, just email Beth Lyon mbl235@cornell.edu and Tayyab Mahmud mahmud@seattleu.edu with the topic of the paper/panel and names of presenters

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Biennial Conference Co-organizers: Steve Bender, Marc-Tizoc González, Jen Hill, Guadalupe Luna, Beth Lyon, Tayyab Mahmud, and Saru Matambanadzo. Contacts for general or logistical questions: Tayyab Mahmud mahmud@seattleu.edu and Beth Lyon mbl235@cornell.edu.

For general information about LatCrit theory, community, and praxis, see

<https://latcrit.org> and Francisco Valdes & Steven W. Bender, *[LatCrit: From Critical Legal Theory to Academic Activism](#)* (NYU Press 2021).