

Dear All,

We hope this finds you well.

Please find below a call for papers for LASA 2018 Congress that will take place in Barcelona. The panel title is "The political economy of housing and transportation public policies and urban dynamics in Latin America". Please send the abstract and a short bio to the panel organizers by Friday September 1 (midnight): Erik Vergel-Tovar (erik.vergel@urosario.edu.co), Patricia Acosta-Restrepo (patricia.acosta@urosario.edu.co).

Please feel free to redistribute this call for papers through your networks or with people that might be interested in participating in this panel.

Thank you,

Patricia and Erik

Panel Proposal / Call for Papers

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Panel Title

The political economy of housing and transportation public policies and urban dynamics in Latin America

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Abstract

The formulation and implementation of housing and transportation policies have a significant impact in the quality of life, productivity and living conditions of urban dwellers, especially for the most vulnerable and underserved segments of the population. The growing literature exploring the relationship between housing and transport policies suggests a strong association between accessibility and employment opportunities as part of social and economic development forces at the individual and collective levels. This association has been mostly studied from the affordability perspective looking at the relationships between transportation and housing costs in relation to income levels. However, there are multiple implications regarding affordability as the guiding concept to examine housing and transportation policies when studies are willing to analyze urban dynamics not only in economic but also social terms. Although during the last two decades several housing and transportation policies have been implemented across Latin America, there is little knowledge regarding impacts beyond land market dynamics, housing affordability and accessibility to job opportunities through transportation services. In this regard, there are questions emerging on the multiple interests, financial schemes

and unintended consequences of this policy making and implementation processes. What lessons can we learn after two decades of housing and transport policies in Latin America? What are the trade-offs faced by key actors during the formulation and implementation of these policies? This panel seeks to answer these questions promoting a discussion based on research projects examining the political economy of housing and transportation public policy making and implementation in the region.

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Please note that all panel participants are required to be current LASA members at the time of the panel proposal submission (before 7th September). For more information on membership please visit the LASA webpage: <https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/membership/join.asp>