

Call for papers, panels, posters and videos

**XVII Biennial Conference International Association for the Study of the Commons
In Defense of the Commons: Challenges, Innovation and Action**

Lima, 1-5 July 2019

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú & Los Andes University

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 7th, 2018

The local organizers of the XVIIth Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons welcome abstracts for papers, panels, and posters to be presented at this conference, to be held in Lima, Peru, from 1 to 5 July 2018. The meeting will be held in the PUCP's Lima campus and will be hosted by both PUCP's Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Department of Economics of the Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia)

With the theme of the conference, "In Defense of the Commons: Challenges, Innovation and Action", we intend to provide scholars, practitioners and policy makers with a forum to debate the contemporary role of the commons in a globalized world. Common property is critical factor in addressing pressing challenges such as climate change, sustainability, and polycentric governance in light of growing inequality, gender imbalances and impending scarcity.

The IASC 2019 global conference in Lima offers the prospect for the IASC to venture into a region in the world, the Andes and the Amazon as examples, where many natural resources commonly managed by indigenous people are under threat from privatization and state appropriation. The region also has a complex history of contestation over land and other resources, but also thriving social movements from various indigenous groups in relation to shared ownership and use – difficult issues that the attendants to IASC 2019 can address with its rich multi disciplinary views, bringing lessons from around the world.

We invite you to visit the conference website at www.iasc2019.org. Here you can learn about the conference timeline, keynote speakers, policy sessions and opportunities to organize your own project meetings. You can also find out about the city of Lima, the conference venues, planned excursions, and much more.

Keynote speakers

Prof. dr. Joan-Martínez Alier (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.)

Prof. dr. Fiorenza Micheli (Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions)

Prof. dr. Brigitte Baptiste (Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos Alexander Von Humboldt)

Conference tracks

1. *Institutions and actions for the protection of the commons in the 21st century*

This sub-theme will examine the conditions that enable and challenge collective action supportive of the commons in different contexts. The panel will explore the following

questions: How can distinct discourses, agendas, and experiences be (re)focused towards a more sustainable and equitable society and economy? How have social movements influenced institutional change in defense of the commons, particularly legal and policy reforms related to land tenure rights, shared knowledge, territorial titling, and self-determination? How have indigenous proposals for socio-environmental justice catalyzed regional and global movements? What is the role of civil society and non-governmental organizations in supporting the commons and the use of global initiatives to defend the commons?

2. Multilevel and polycentric governance

This sub-theme will focus on the relation between people, the commons, the state, and the role of subnational governments. We will invite panels engaging with issues related to the interplay between: polycentric governance, the governance of global resources, the interplay of climate change and conservation policies, and the impact of local change on the future of global resources.

3. Challenging privatization: old and new urban commons

Conditions brought by the massive migration to the cities generate new challenges for those studying the commons, including urban agriculture, parks conservation, and the adequate provision of water and open spaces for recreation. In addition, this sub-theme can explore the following topics: energy flows and materials in urban ecosystems, water and urban waste management, public spaces, gentrification, "environmental racism", environmental justice, popular epidemiology, green belts and urban zoning.

4. Extractive industries and the commons in land and sea

This sub-theme deals with the growing material and economic flows of the world economy, the continuous expansion of the agro-industrial and extractive frontiers, and the challenges these flows and frontiers pose for local commons (e.g. ecological distribution conflicts). Panels will explore the dynamics of exclusion, control, defense, and governance of commons in the context of the rollback of rights in favor of extractive investment. Panels will also engage with issues of power to explore questions such as: What authorities set the boundaries for commons? What is the relationship between uses of the commons and its boundaries? Can the expansion of extractive industries provide opportunities or threats for the commons? What are the current trends in the management of coastal resources, their benefits, and their challenges? How are coastal commons different from other commons? What are the opportunities and challenges for the defense of the commons by hybrid state-market-communal arrangements (e.g. TURFs, management zones, fishing coops)

5. Knowledge as commons and information technologies

This sub-theme explores the challenges and benefits of information technology in the defense and management of the commons, inviting discussions of whether technology empowers local communities or makes them more vulnerable to control. Panels will discuss topics such as the use of technology (e.g. drones, citizens' science, handheld technologies) for participatory monitoring, land demarcation, and reporting on invasions and deforestation. What are the issues and roles of media tools? How do artificial intelligence might change the use of the commons?

6. Conflict and violence on the commons

The panels under this sub-theme will explore the different kinds of conflicts and open violence that take place over the commons. Engagement with this sub-theme will range from papers on inequality and conflict over commons, the role of civil conflicts, the impact on gender relationships, the fragile position of environmental activists, often threatened while defending natural resources.

7. Alternatives to mainstream models of development: Buen Vivir, Ecofeminism and Degrowth

This sub-theme explores key questions about the critique of mainstream development presented by alternative proposals to mainstream development practices and discourses. Panels will examine South American experiences and strategies for better livelihoods with other alternatives to development from other regions such as (e.g.) de-growth and ecofeminism. What is the future of the commons in this context?

8. Methods, disciplines and models to study the commons

The panels under this sub-theme will examine past and current methodological approaches to understanding the commons and assessing their usefulness in today's world. Panels will analyze the role of economics as a key driver for political action in the commons, which include an exploration of different approaches such as environmental, and resource economics, ecological economics, and political ecology. The economic approaches contrast with other complex-system, multi-level, transdisciplinary approaches, using better knowledge on the socio-ecological dynamics that govern the commons. Panels will also discuss the use of archives and other historical approaches to commons.

Workshops

Building on the fruitful experience of the Practitioner's Lab in the IASC 2017, the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue will provide a podium for knowledge exchange on the commons across different social actors. These Workshop sessions can take different formats (e.g., roundtable, workshop, living lab, open discussion, etc) and will be structured around a particular question or challenge and composed by at least three different stakeholders (e.g., citizen, practitioner, company, policy maker, researcher, activist).

The proposal should include:

1. a brief explanation of the societal relevance of the main topic and the Dialogue format
2. a list of the participants (at least three different stakeholders) and their expected contribution
3. How knowledge exchange and co-production will be promoted during the session

Submission guidelines

Abstracts can be submitted for posters, individual papers, panels, and papers belonging to a coherent panel. See further for details.

All abstracts should be submitted via the IASC Conference Registration system:

<https://www.iasc2019.org/abstract/>

- All submissions can be in English (either US or UK styles are allowed), Spanish or Portuguese.
- The text of your abstract should be no longer than 500 words (including references) and entered as flat-text via the online registration procedure by **December 7th, 2018** at the latest.
- Please also submit relevant keywords regarding topics, region, and time period in the registration system
- All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by at least two selected reviewers
- You will be notified about the reviewing result ultimately by 31 January 2019
- Full papers and posters are expected to be submitted ultimately by 20 June 2019
- Please notice that by submitting your paper, you will allow the paper to be included into the Digital Library on the Commons

In case you wish to **submit a panel proposal** (consisting of 4 papers), please note that:

- the main organizer of the panel first needs to submit a panel proposal with an abstract on the session's content, and needs to inform the authors of the 4 papers about the submission ID that will be provided after submission of the panel (via a confirmation email).
- sessions are only considered if all 4 paper proposals are also individually submitted by their authors, including the reference to the submission number of the panel. It is the responsibility of the main session organizer to inform the authors of the participating papers about this procedure.
- panels are only included in the program if all four individual papers are accepted by the reviewers and if all authors have registered **by 10 May 2019**. If the authors have not registered in time, the organizers will allocate the papers of registered authors to other panels, if possible.

Please do also note that....

- For practitioners interested in presenting their initiative/organization to other delegates at the conference, a special "Call for contributions to practitioners' labs" will be issued in the fall of 2018, giving practitioners the opportunity to present their organization and engage in the academic debate. The conference is of course also open to practitioners, scholars, or any other interested parties to attend the conference without presenting their initiative or research.
- There will be a number of grants available to delegates from the Global South and to PhD-students which will comprise a waiver of the conference fee, free accommodation during the conference (arrival on Monday, departure on Saturday), participation in the conference events (pre-conference workshop, dinner, excursion) and – depending on the grant – a limited contribution to travel costs. Authors of accepted abstracts will receive notice before 31 January 2019 explaining the application procedure for a grant. Please note that reimbursements of costs related to a grant are made after presentation of the paper at the conference only.

- Conference fees will be announced via the conference website www.iasc2019.org in the fall of 2018 and will be income-dependent, but they will also be **substantially lower for members of the IASC**. Register now as IASC-member via <https://membership.iasc-commons.org> and start benefiting right away from your IASC-membership.

Questions?

Get in touch with the conference organizers: iasc2019@iasc2019.org. If you wish to be updated about the IASC-conference and other IASC-events, please register for the IASC-newsletter via <http://iasc-commons.org/>

We are looking forward to see you in Lima!

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