The First Academic Dialogue among Scholars of the Nowruz Cultural Sphere and the Ibero-American World

This is a significant event organized by Allameh Tabataba'i University (ATU, Iran) in collaboration with the Persian Peoples Studies Group (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, UAM, Spain), the Iranian Peace Studies Scientific Association (IPSAN, Iran), and the Tajik National University (TNU, Tajikistan).

This academic dialogue, set to take place in Tehran on December 8-9, 2024, in a hybrid format (on-site and online), is a unique opportunity for scholars like you to engage in a meaningful exchange of ideas and foster collaboration.

Papers presented at the event will cover historical ties, socio-cultural relations, academic cooperation, and politico-economic aspects of the relations between people and governments of the Nowruz Cultural Sphere and the Ibero-American World from ancient times to the present and with an outlook towards the future.

Regarding the two central regions of this meeting, we would like to specify the following:

Inscribed in 2009 on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, Nowruz is an ancient celebration that marks the beginning of spring and is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox, which usually occurs on 21 March. The day is celebrated in different countries by many communities with ethnic, religious, and linguistic diversity but with a common historical background and cultural traditions. The Nowruz Cultural Sphere includes a vast cultural region from the Kashmir mountains to the Mediterranean coasts and from the Central Asian and Caucasian regions to the southern shores of the Persian Gulf.

The Ibero-American World includes the Iberian Peninsula, Latin America, and the Caribbean. When Europeans arrived on the American continent at the end of the 15th Century, Spain and Portugal took over part of it. After three centuries of colonial rule, in the 19th century, most countries of Spanish and Portuguese America reached independence, and Ibero-America refers to this common past but also to the two languages of the Iberian Peninsula (Spanish and Portuguese) that unite countries and cultures on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

The conference will also feature spaces for the exchange of:

- Experiences of academic relations between the Nowruz cultural sphere and the Ibero-American world
- Debates and discussions on possibilities for collaboration in planning joint curricula, organizing events, joint publications, research projects and specialization programs.
**ABSTRACT WORD LENGTH AND FORMAT**

- Abstract titles should not exceed 150 characters and should be written in sentence case, without capital letters except where commonly used.
- Abstracts should not exceed 1800 characters.
- No pictures, tables, charts, or additional files should be included with the abstract.
- All submissions must include a title, abstract, and full list of co-authors or participants with their affiliations and e-mail addresses.
- Abstracts must be submitted via the conference email address or the official conference website.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Conference scheduled for: December 8-9, 2024
- Abstract submission deadline: October 1, 2024
- Notification of abstract acceptance: October 10, 2024
- Final paper submission deadline: November 30, 2024

Please visit the official conference website and social media (Instagram, Facebook and Twitter) for further information and updates. If you have any questions related to the abstracts or conference, please email:

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conference website:
https://iberoamericanowruz.atu.ac.ir

- The conference languages are:
  - Persian, Spanish and English

- Your insights and contributions will greatly enrich the academic dialogue and advance our shared knowledge. **We look forward to learning from you.**
- Given your expertise and the importance of your country in the Nowruz Cultural Sphere and the Ibero-American World, your participation in this event is highly anticipated.
- We understand that the distance may pose a challenge for international participants. In this respect, the conference will be partly conducted online, allowing scholars unable to travel to Iran to participate.

- **Organizing committee:**
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