II International Congress

Dynamics of South-South Relations
Permanence and Evolution of the Political Alliances of the Global South (1810-2022)

22-23 February 2022
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)
Madrid, España

BACKGROUND

In November 2020, the University Allameh Tabataba’i (Iran) and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain) organized the first virtual international congress Mapping South-South Connections, which was initially to be held in person in Tehran. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, despite transferring to a virtual event, the conference was a success, with the participation of 46 speakers and two invited lecturers. Attendees were based in institutions in Germany, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Spain, the United States, the Philippines, France, India, Iran, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Portugal, Sweden, Taiwan, and Turkey.

This project was developed within the framework of “New actors in contemporary international relations during the decolonization processes of Africa, Asia and Latin America (1810-1990). Political networks, alliances and South-South cooperation (SI1 / PJI / 2019-00493),” whose research team has also promoted two academic meetings at the UAM (April 2020) and El Colegio de México (April 2021).

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this II International Congress is to deepen understandings of the political, economic, and cultural ties established between the nations of the Global South throughout the historical processes of decolonization in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Traditionally, these processes have been presented from the perspective of the main powers of Western Europe and North America, based on their particular experience. These perspectives have emphasized the geo-strategic and ideological interests and, more generally, the long-term economic relationships between Europe and North America and these regions.

The networks, connections and alliances set up by state and non-state actors from the so-called Global South, which were not framed in such projections and interests, have been little addressed by historians. However, recent interest in these linkages is reflected in growing academic. Considering South-South connections is currently an expanding field.
Taking into account the evolution of the pandemic during 2021, this congress will be provisionally held in person on the campus of the Autonomous University of Madrid. Its primary objective is to reflect on the evolution of South-South links and networks.

We assume that these processes, far from being homogeneous and incontrovertible, were constructed according to common objectives and shared interests, objectives that evolved according to historical circumstances. The South-South connections and the networks that promoted these alliances underwent transformations, just as the actors involved shifted and the ways in which these transnational links were expressed advanced.

Along these lines, the congress seeks to reflect on the transformations, continuities and breaks that South-South ties have experienced from the decolonization processes to the present day. Based on this objective, we call for the submission of proposals that delve into the following topics:

1. Transnational solidarity and mutual support between non-state actors: Revolutionary organizations and liberation movements
2. Women as protagonists in South-South relations
3. Culture(s) and cultural exchange(s) in South-South connections
4. Congresses, meetings, and supra-state organizations: Counter-hegemonic alliances
5. The emergence of the Global South in the current international system
6. Cooperation and economic policies between countries and international organizations of the Global South
7. Anticolonialism, decolonization and coloniality as axes of South-South connections
8. Intellectual, academic, and student networks

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The call for proposals for the II International Congress *Dynamics of South-South Relations. Permanence and Evolution of the Political Alliances of the Global South (1810-2022)* is open to both individual presentations and closed panel proposals (English or Spanish language).

Abstracts can be sent in Spanish or English and must include the title of the presentation, name of the author(s), institutional affiliation, and contact email. The summary of the proposal should be between 200 and 300 words, in Arial font, size 11 pts. and double spaced.

In the case of closed panels, together with the above information, the coordinators must include a 100-200 word introduction / theoretical justification of the proposal.

Proposals should be sent to email: redes.sur.sur@gmail.com

Deadline for submitting proposals: December 1, 2021.

For updates and news regarding the development of the Congress, you can consult the project page: https://redessursur.wordpress.com
If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us by email: redes.sur.sur@gmail.com

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