

## ***Call for Papers: New Latin American Development Strategies in a Changing International Economic and Political Context***

**Aalborg University, Denmark, May 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

After a shift to neoliberal development strategies in the first Post Cold War period, Latin American development strategies are now substantially more heterogeneous. Changing international economic and political dynamics such as the economic rise of China and India, as well as the development crises in a number of Latin American countries after a decade of neoliberal reforms, are relevant contextual factors behind this tendency. As a consequence, development strategies have come to vary widely in Latin America both in terms of economic policy and foreign policy choices. Some countries have opted for strongly nationalist policies such as the nationalization of energy resources and strong state intervention in the economy, while others maintain more market-driven approaches, while an emphasis on socially oriented policies seems to be on the rise across this divide.

Aalborg University is organising a conference on “New Latin American Development Strategies in a Changing International Economic and Political Context” at Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark, from May 20th to 22nd, 2008. The main aim of the conference is to explore the roots of different national development strategies at the current juncture. In exploring this issue, special attention will be given to two types of contextual factors. 1. Changing international political and economic dynamics. 2. Changing domestic political and social dynamics.

We invite the submission of papers from researchers and practitioners with a special interest in conference themes. Please relate your abstract to one of the following workshops.

### ***Development Strategies and Policies:***

This set of workshops looks at different aspects of state strategies. How are changes in the international context conceived and how do they influence the strategic orientation of states? What role do regional integration processes and projects play in national development strategies? What kinds of technology and science strategies are pursued in order to enhance national development. We invite papers that deal with these issues, addressing: 1. Latin American country cases, also in a comparative perspective. 2. The role of regional integration in national development in other world regions.

**Workshop 1:** The international dimensions of the new development strategies: How do these affect LA relations with US and the rest of the world

**Workshop 2:** Regional integration in national development strategies in Latin America and in other world regions

**Workshop 3:** Science, Technology and Innovation Policies and Strategies in national development strategies in Latin America

### ***State-Society Relations***

This set of workshops looks at the political and social dynamics in which the new development strategies and policies have emerged and continue to evolve in distinct countries. Under each workshop theme, we invite papers on 1) state policies and programs, and 2) the interaction and power relations among state, civil society and international actors influencing economic and social change.

**Workshop 4:** Resistance and Social movements

**Workshop 5:** Community Development and Urban Governance

**Workshop 6:** Social Inclusion, Poverty Reduction, Overcoming Inequalities.

Conference papers will be selected on the basis of submitted abstracts.

### Submission Guidelines

One A4 page of not more than 250 words, double spacing.

The abstract must be e-mailed to:

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Please include in the body of the e-mail message:

Title

Preferred workshop

Abstract of presentation

Name(s) and affiliation(s) of presenter(s)

Contact person's e-mail address

Submissions will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis, beginning January 7th.

Final deadline for abstract submission is March 15, 2008.

For further information, please contact organisers:

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