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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2017-18

Are you passionate about regional affairs in Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe? Do you want to share your voice on a pressing issue? Are you a good team player with creative ideas for policy solutions that involve both regions? Then this is an opportunity for you to collaborate with other young thinkers and come up with solutions to shared issues.

LACalytics 2018

The [Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations \(IFAIR\)](#) organises the second edition of [LACalytics](#) (LACalytics 2018), a programme that facilitates the inter-regional cooperation of students and young professionals from Europe (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in the field of International Relations. LACalytics produces in-depth analyses of current issues in LAC and the EU with regards to politics, economics, and civil society as well as EU-LAC relations from the youth's unique perspective. The programme aims to foster increased bi-regional awareness and understanding, and to augment the younger generation's impact on policymaking.

LACalytics participants will be divided into teams of bi-regional young thinkers from the EU and LAC, and will publish articles on subjects that fall within five pre-established general themes. Such articles will be published on the open think tank [ifair.eu](#) and other online platforms. Furthermore, articles demonstrating analytical excellence will also be featured in a printed policy publication and presented by their authors to principal stakeholders of the EU-LAC partnership during a final conference in a major European city (Autumn 2018). If you are curious about LACalytics' first publication, have a look at the [English](#) and [Spanish/Portuguese](#) versions.

Call for Applications

For LACalytics 2018, we are looking for authors from a diverse range of backgrounds, who are interested in writing articles in journalistic style of approximately 1500 words. Such articles will ideally cover a topic relevant to both regions and feature reflective lessons.

What: In-depth analysis of current issues involving LAC, Europe and EU-LAC relations.

How: Following the application submission by January 22nd 2018, successful applicants will be matched based on their interests and experience with a participant from the respective other region. From March to May 2018, participants will get to know their co-author, decide on their topic and co-write their article. Upon finalization, articles will be reviewed and edited. Before publication, co-authors are encouraged to translate their



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submission. Authors of articles demonstrating analytical excellence will additionally be invited to participate in a final conference with relevant and high-level stakeholders and policymakers, to be held in a major European city in Autumn 2018.



Why: LACalytics 2018 enables an exchange between committed peers from different regions to conjointly work on pressing issues. The publication period and conference allows participants to share their ideas for policy solutions and make their voices heard. Overall, the programme aims to stimulate discussion and collaboration between citizens of LAC and the EU.

About the Articles

LACalytics 2018 will publish articles that fall within one of five general themes (see page 3). The sub-topics mentioned are suggestions to help participants generate ideas for an article¹. If an applicant has an idea not listed here but which does fall under one of the five themes, please do not hesitate to apply.

Eligibility and General Requirements

- You are a student or a young professional from LAC or the EU.
- You are fluent in English and ideally also in Spanish and/or Portuguese.
- You are a team player and are willing to work with another author on a shared topic.
- You are committed and able to draft an article to completion and meet tight deadlines.
- If selected, you are willing to present your article at a final conference with high-level stakeholders and policymakers²; and you will be invited to become a member of IFAIR.

¹ The order of the themes and of the subtopics within each theme category is arbitrary.

² We will try to provide a range of scholarships for the attendance of the final conference based on financial need and merit, although these cannot be guaranteed at the current time.



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How to Apply

Fill out the [application form](#) and submit it before January 22nd, 2018. If you have any questions, please send us an email to lacalitics@ifair.eu.

LACalitics 2018 Themes

Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peace and Conflict• Challenges of Regional Governance and International Cooperation• Political Movements• Democracy, Corruption and Rule of Law• Migration
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interregional Trade and Free Trade Agreements• Economic Integration• Sustainable Growth and Development Cooperation• Alternative Economic Systems• Social Entrepreneurship
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Change• Resilience and Adaptation• Cooperation for Environmental Governance• Renewable Energy and Efficiency• Market-based Conservation Strategies
Science, Technology and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Innovation and Science• Apps for Development• Mobile Banking and Financial Inclusion• Data Infrastructure, Data Privacy and Intellectual Property• Social Security and On-demand Work
Civil Society and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and Youth Employment• Civil-Society Movements and Social Transformation• Human Rights and Gender Equality• Art, Music and Dance• Social (In)equality

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