

**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS**  
**Elites and leadership in times of change**  
**Salamanca, July 10 and 11 of 2015**

**FIRST NOTICE**

The Parliamentary Elites of Latin America (PELA) Project of Salamanca University will reach its twentieth anniversary next year. Hence, staff members, together with a group of colleges who have been working on the same subject, issue the following call:

The Congress aim is to gather all those who work either on the field of elites or leadership. Although politics occupies a central place, contributions coming from other collectives are welcome. The Congress will follow a semi-closed workshop format organized around similar thematic concerns where all participants discuss the presented papers. Therefore, it has been structured on the basis of thematic areas that will gather an ideal number of fifteen papers. According to the demand however, these areas could be subdivided or merged with others. Papers will be debated throughout five sessions scheduled in two days; each will be commented and given enough time for discussion.

The Congress encourages the participation of postgraduate students, university scholars and professionals from Superior Research Organizations that conduct their investigations on these areas. Official languages will be Spanish and Portuguese although eventually it could also receive communications in English

**Program**

First day

08,30-10,30	Registration
10,30-11,45	Opening lecture
12,00-14,30	First session
14,30-16,00	Lunch
16,00-18,30	Second session
19,00	City tour
21,00	Cold dinner

Second day

09,00-11,30	Third session
12,00-14,00	Fourth session
14,00-15,30	Lunch
15,30-18,00	Fifth session
18,15	Closing lecture

**Thematic areas**

1. Elites and leadership in historic perspective
2. Theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of elites and leadership
3. Presidents, chiefs of State and Government

4. Ministers, secretariats and senior officials.
5. Legislative elites
6. Regional and local political elites and leadership
7. Elites and leadership in International Organizations
8. Corporate and Union elites and leadership
9. Elites and leadership in gender perspective
10. Parties and social movement's elites and leadership
11. A quarter of century of PELA
12. Varied: judicial, cultural, ecclesiastical and military elites and leadership

### **Observations**

- In case of a paper that could be presented in two groups, the Congress Secretariat may decide to relocate the paper in order to achieve homogeneity between the groups.
- Authors can present only one paper. Co-authors may present two.

### **Schedule**

June 1 to November 30, 2014	Reception of paper proposals/ paper abstracts
December 1 to 31, 2014	Paper selection in charge of the Scientific Committee and Congress Secretariat
January 1 to April 15, 2015	Registration payment
May 15, 2015	Paper deadline.

### **Fees\***

Postgraduate students	70 euros
Researchers and scholars	100 euros

\*The fee covers lunch for the two days and the cold dinner of the first day.  
 Payments received after the deadline will be charged a thirty percent more.

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Members of the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat will manage and oversee working group's correct development. They will participate on the selection of proposals and the establishment of the workshops internal mechanics by naming the discussants for each presentation.

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