

## Call for Papers

### **Stories of Transmission, Transformation and Imagination: the Cultural Encounter of Asia and the Hispanic world**

**Harvard University, March 17-20, 2016**

Exploring the encounter of Asia and the Hispanic world is actually recounting stories of globalization. Chroniclers have recorded major events that shaped our world in the three critical historical periods: 1) the Spanish colonization of the Philippines in the second half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century; 2) the sea trade from Acapulco to Manila until the 18<sup>th</sup> century; and 3) the thriving commerce between Asia and Latin America in the recent two decades. Scholars and historians have focused on economic and political interconnectedness of Asia and the Hispanic world. The study of Asian-Hispanic cultural communications, however, seems to have fallen into negligence.

As cultural activities have been taking more and more prominent role these years in the relationships between Asia (China, Japan and South Korea in particular) and the Hispanic countries, it is time to study stories of their encounters in a systematic way. This panel discusses transmission, transformation and imagination of knowledge, ideas, values and images that have been inspired by these encounters through the centuries.

We invite papers that explore:

- Spanish and Portuguese depictions of Asia
- Asian depictions of the Hispanic world
- Common issues shared by Asia and the Hispanic world
- Colonialism and migration
- Mediated intercultural communications
- Translations

We invite proposals for 20-minute presentations on these or other aspects of Asian-Hispanic communications. The languages of the seminar will be Spanish and English. This seminar is part of the American Comparative Literature's 2016 Annual Meeting. Please submit your proposals online via (<http://acla.org/>) by Sept. 23, 2015.

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