



4th Call For Papers and 2nd Call for Artistic Performances and Exhibits

The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to **15 January 2012** and a **pre-conference workshop** has been added to the program (see details below).

Character of the conference and contributions:

Following the success of the three international, interdisciplinary Queering Paradigms conferences held thus far on three continents, the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Applied Linguistics at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), the Graduate Program in Social Memory at the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO) and the Brazilian Association of Applied Linguistics (ALAB) are proud to announce Queering Paradigms IV, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from the 25th to the 28th of July, 2012. A pre-conference workshop with Jack Halberstam will be held on the 23rd of July (details below). Our confirmed keynote speakers are Annamarie Jagose (University of Sydney, Australia), José Quiroga (Emory University, USA), Alípio Sousa Filho (Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil), Jack Halberstam (University of Southern California, USA), Luiz Paulo da Moita Lopes (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) and Jô Gondar (Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

As in the previous conferences, we use the term 'queer' to refer to an indefinite, borderless domain of non-normative genders, sexualities and bodily practices that is also affiliated with critical analytic approaches, while recognizing that the term does not resonate globally as it emerged from Western experience. 'Queering' thus questions, contrasts, challenges and destabilizes heteronormativity, but is not restricted to it: homo-, class-, religion-, race-, ethnic-, scientific- and academic-normativity are also part of its scope of analysis.

The aim of the conference is thus to analyze the status quo and the future challenges of Queer and LGBTIQ Studies from an ample, inter/multidisciplinary perspective, in order to problematize/destabilize (i.e. to queer) essentialized discourses and totalizing paradigms. Our intention is to bring together researchers from many countries in an exploration of queer and LGBTIQ social practices, presenting from disciplines as diverse as, but not limited to, anthropology, sociology, language studies, theology, political science, law, social medicine, philosophy, geography and social psychology.

1- Proposals for Papers and Panels:

Paper and panel proposals are invited on any aspect of Queer or LGBTIQ Studies. They shall be grouped into the following areas:

- Queering ethics
- Queering institutions
- Queering language practices
- Queering art and literature

- Queering media practices
- Queering races and ethnicities
- Queering epistemologies and methodologies
- Queering activism
- Queering temporalities and geographies
- Queering bodies, embodiment and identities

The proposals will undergo a peer-review process by our international board of reviewers and should be submitted through our website: <http://www.alab.org.br/eventos/queering-paradigms-iv>. The deadline has been extended to **15 January 2012**.

- Proposals for individual papers: These should take the form of abstracts with a minimum of 1500 and a maximum of 3500 characters, followed by three keywords.
- Panel proposals: Panels may have between four and six presentations and an organizer. The submission must include a panel rationale of between 1500 and 3500 characters followed by three keywords, as well as four to six paper abstracts of the same length, each also including three keywords. The organizer is responsible for writing the panel rationale, collecting the participants' abstracts, and submitting everything together through our website.

Proposals may be submitted, and papers may be presented, in English, Portuguese or Spanish, but due to the international nature of the conference, the use of English is highly encouraged. Abstracts should be written in the intended language of presentation. For those who use English as a second/foreign language, please note that what matters for our conference is not so-called near-native level fluency, but rather the ability to communicate ideas clearly, which may be further enhanced by visual aids such as slides. Papers may be single- or co-authored. Potential participants may submit up to two proposals. Each presentation shall have up to 20 min.

The proceedings of this conference will be prepared for peer-reviewed publication in the Queering Paradigms Series, made available by the international academic publishers [Peter Lang](#).

2- Proposals for artistic performances and exhibits

We are also accepting proposals for artistic performances and art exhibits to be shown during the conference. The proposals can be for any type of artistic expression, including performances such as dance, theater, music and poetry readings, as well as exhibits such as videos, photography, painting and sculpture.

The performances and exhibits should be related to the main theme of the conference.

Proposals will be accepted based on two main criteria: (1) relevance to the themes of the congress and (2) ability to be realized in the rooms, theaters, auditoriums and/or open spaces available at the conference site.

Proposals for artistic performances and art exhibits should be sent via email (to queeringparadigms4@gmail.com) *not* submitted through the website like the academic paper abstracts.

We recommend that your proposal be sent along with some portfolio material (digital photos, links to youtube videos, etc.) so that we can better evaluate its relevance to the conference

and its feasibility on the conference site. Please mention any technical needs (light, sound, size of space needed for performance/exhibit, etc.). For performances, keep in mind that the maximum length is 40 minutes. Also, due to the international nature of the conference, you will be able to reach a wider audience by performing in English, although Portuguese and Spanish are also welcome.

3- Pre-conference workshop

We are pleased to announce an addition to the conference program: a pre-conference workshop given by Jack Halberstam (University of Southern California, USA), entitled “Interdisciplinary Queer Studies in a Global Frame”. The workshop will be held on the 23rd of July, from 1pm to 5pm. There will be no additional charge; however, the workshop enrolment will be limited to the first participants who register for it starting in March, 2012. More information on the workshop and how to sign up for it will be available shortly on our website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- In response to innumerable requests, undergraduate students may now submit paper proposals as authors and/or co-authors.
- We advise authors not to wait until the last day to submit their proposals, since the online system may become overloaded with a high number of accesses.
- We have published a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the conference website. Please check to see if your questions are addressed in this list.

Requests for further information can be sent by email to: queeringparadigms4@gmail.com. You can also learn more on our website (<http://www.alab.org.br/eventos/queering-paradigms-iv>), and follow us on Twitter (@QueeringP4) and on our Facebook page (Queering Paradigms 4).