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Welcome to the 13th IGALA
Conference: “Rethinking (g)local
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Founded in 1999, IGALA is an internationally renowned academic space for the development of critical and situated research on language, gender, and sexuality. The biennial international conference is a key tool for the Association to bring together researchers from various regions of the world, from different disciplines, and at different stages of their academic careers. With over 25 years of experience, this is the second time IGALA is holding its international

conference in Latin America, the first being in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012, and this time in Montevideo, Uruguay. We hope that the three days of the conference will result in productive exchanges that foster new contributions and critical perspectives on current cultural, economic, legislative, linguistic, and communicative tensions surrounding gender and sexuality.

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Welcome to Uruguay!

The Oriental Republic of Uruguay is a small country situated in South America; in fact, it is the second smallest country in the region. To the west, it borders Argentina; to the north and east, Brazil; and to the south, the Atlantic Ocean. It has a total population of around 4,000,000 inhabitants, with its capital, Montevideo, housing half of this population.

Below, we share a travel guide so you can enjoy the 13th IGALA Conference.

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Information for a Safe Trip

VISA

Uruguay has good diplomatic relations with both regional and with countries from other continents, which means you will probably not need to apply for a visa to enter the country. However, we recommend checking the [Admission Visa Regime](#) list and, in case of any doubts, contacting your country's embassy.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

As of June 16, 2023, foreign visitors entering the country by any means do not need to have health coverage or medical insurance. However, it is highly

recommended that you purchase travel medical insurance.

COVID PROTOCOL

As of February 16, 2023, there is no requirement for a COVID-19 vaccination certificate or testing results for travelers, regardless of their age or nationality.

TRAFFIC

Traffic in the city can be a bit aggressive in central areas, especially during peak hours. If you plan to rent a car, you can do so without problems as long as you have an international driving license.

TRANSPORTATION

You can reach Uruguay by land or sea from Argentina and Brazil, as well as by air from other countries. Public transport allows you to reach the center of Montevideo in 40 minutes from Carrasco International Airport and in 10 minutes from the port of Montevideo via Buquebus. If you use other ports, keep in mind that they may be farther from Montevideo. To get around in the city, you can use buses, taxis, Uber, or Cabify. However, note that public transport fares are paid in cash and in Uruguayan pesos. You can also apply for a card called STM to use on the buses without paying cash; however, you will need to visit an office and [complete a procedure](#) to obtain the card.

General Information about Uruguay

LANGUAGE

The most widely spoken language in Uruguay is Spanish; however, it is relatively easy to communicate in Portuguese and English.

WEATHER

Uruguay is a country where natural disasters are relatively rare. The most common adverse events are droughts and floods. The geography of the territory is diverse, featuring coastlines, rivers, and lagoons, as well as prairies and low hills. The Conference will take place in July, which is winter in Uruguay. This is one of the

months with the highest rainfall, and temperatures range between 3° C and 14° C (37° and 57° F). Nights can be even colder, with temperatures close to 0°C (32° F), so we recommend bringing warm clothing and a sturdy umbrella.

CURRENCY

The Uruguayan Peso is the official currency of Uruguay. You can exchange this currency at any financial services company—known as Casas de Cambio—without the need for documentation. If you are making a transaction greater than US\$ 250, you may be asked for your ID and additional information. If you want to have a reference for the exchange rate of the

Uruguayan peso with other currencies, consult the website of the Banco de la República Oriental del Uruguay by [clicking here](#). IGALA has a special agreement with the financial services company Cambio Regul S.A., located at Avenida 18 de Julio 1126. If you mention that you are participating in IGALA, you will receive a small discount when exchanging currency. Due to regional practices, it is recommended to bring new bills.

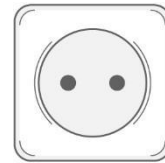
WIFI

Most hotels, restaurants, and cafés offer free wifi service. During the event, you will have access to the institution's wifi —network information and password

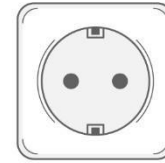
will be available in the conference rooms. However, if you want internet access 24/7, you can also purchase a SIM card —known as chip— from one of the following companies: Antel, Claro, or Movistar. You just need to buy a SIM card and top it up with an amount in Uruguayan pesos.

ELECTICITY

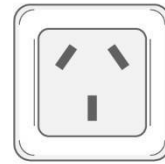
Uruguay has an electrical supply with a voltage of 220V and a frequency of 50Hz. Therefore, if you have devices with lower voltage, it is recommended to bring a power transformer to avoid overload and potential damage to your devices. Moreover, in Uruguay you may find the following types of plugs:



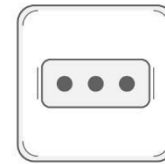
Tipo C



Tipo F



Tipo I



Tipo L



Information During Your Stay

PRACTICAL TIPS

In Uruguay, it is common to greet friends and acquaintances with a kiss on the cheek. Some people also greet strangers this way, although in such cases, a handshake is more common. Additionally, it is also common among friends and acquaintances to share drinks like mate, although some people may prefer not to share. When you go to a dining establishment, it is expected to leave a tip, but it is not mandatory and often depends on the service received. When you get into a taxi, a small tip is also expected. In both cases, the tip is about 10% of the total service.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference will be held at the Faculty of Humanities and Education Sciences, which belongs to the University of the Republic. The institution does not have wheelchair-accessible entrances, so if you think you will need assistance, please contact the Organizing Committee. The institution has Internet access and rooms equipped with computers (free software), projectors, and speakers. If you need any other electronic equipment, please reach out to the Organizing Committee.

INFORMATION ABOUT HOTELS AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The IGALA Organizing Committee has special agreements with various hotels and accommodations for Conference participants. In the Annex document and on the Conference website, we provide a list of recommended hotels and other accommodation. You will also find more information in Annex A about the procedure for making reservations and getting the benefits.

INFORMATION ABOUT RESTAURANTS

The IGALA Organizing Committee has special agreements with various restaurants and dining

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TOURISM IN MONTEVIDEO

Montevideo offers several tourist activities, many of which are free with prior phone or email scheduling. In the Annex document and on the Conference website, we provide a list of places, events, and attractions that may interest you.

We wish you an excellent Conference and an
unforgettable stay in Uruguay!