



## Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

**Universidade de Santiago de Compostela 3- 5 SEPTEMBER 2025**



### CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association will hold its **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**, which will take place at the **Universidade de Santiago de Compostela**, from **3-5 September 2025**. It will be hosted by **Rede Galabra /USC** coordinated by **Prof Elias Torres Feijó**. The conference will be held in a **hybrid format, in person and on line**. **In this last case, a video recording of your presentation will be requested in due time.**

**You are cordially invited to offer a paper, panel, or workshop presentation.** Proposals for individual papers as well as panels on specific themes (max. four papers per panel) are encouraged. Any proposed panel should be organised by one convenor, who will be responsible for inviting the speakers and chairing the session. You are also invited to suggest any speakers you think would be willing to offer a paper, but please note that ACIS does not normally offer a fee or expenses for speakers.

ACIS encourages **proposals from postgraduate students** and a small number of partial **conference fee bursaries** are available – please see application process details below and encourage your students to consider this.

Below are the **suggested thematic areas for papers and panels**, which must advance understanding of nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century socio-cultural, economic and political issues and realities and relate primarily to Spain and/or Portugal and transnational issues and processes relating to the Iberian Peninsula within the wider Lusophone and Hispanic worlds. Both single-disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives are encouraged and the themes listed below are not exclusive.

- Politics, Government, International Relations, the EU, Nationalism, Regionalisms, Transnational issues and processes
- Economics, Business, Labour, Social and Welfare issues
- Cultural Production in all its forms (e.g. film, television, journalism, literature, media, advertising, digital communication & social networking)
- Social and Cultural Studies (e.g. identity, gender, ethnicity, popular culture)
- Leisure, Tourism, Sport
- Contemporary History
- Language, Linguistics, Language Policy
- Education and Pedagogy
- Relationships between narratives, communities, territories

The selection of panels/papers will be made by the Conference programme convenors in consultation with the Executive Committee and these decisions will be final. Papers will be allocated 30 minutes on the programme (20 mins for the paper and 10 mins for discussion).

**We are pleased to announce the keynote speakers for this year's Annual Conference: Prof. Leigh Mercer** (University of Washington); **Prof. Xerardo Pereiro** (Universidade de Trás Os Montes e Alto Douro) and **Prof. Domingos Manaça Joaquim** (Instituto Superior de Educação de Luanda).

Keynote speakers in previous years have included novelist Use Lahoz, journalists and writers Elvira Lindo and Martín Caparrós, historian and diplomat Professor Angel Viñas, political science expert Professor António Costa Pinto, Professor Robert Newcomb, and the Association's honorary President, historian Professor Paul Preston.

If you wish to offer a paper, please see the Guidelines for Papers (on the next page) and send your proposal to the ACIS 2025 Programme Convenor **Prof. Elias Torres Feijó**, at the email address: ([46acis@usc.gal](mailto:46acis@usc.gal)) by **FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**. Informal enquiries concerning papers and topics are welcome before the deadlines. Conference booking can be made by accessing the **conference webpage** (available soon) and there is more information about the Association at <https://www.iberianstudies.net/conferences>

## Conference Fees

### In Person

Student – ACIS members - EARLY BIRD	60€
Student - non-members - EARLY BIRD	85€
Members ACIS - EARLY BIRD	85€
Non-members - EARLY BIRD	100€
Student – ACIS members – STANDARD	85€
Student - non-members - STANDARD	90€
Members ACIS – STANDARD	100€
Non-members – STANDARD	120€

### Institutional membership

Researchers affiliated with the **Galabra Group**, an **Institutional Member of ACIS**, should register based on their **status: Student or Member (non-student)**. They are eligible for all **registration modalities**, including: **Early Bird/ Standard**.

### Online

**Virtual: 70€**

For **online presenters**, a **video of the presentation** will be requested **at the appropriate time**. This ensures smooth delivery and technical preparation for the conference.

### Accommodation

**16 double rooms/ 33 single rooms** are available at the Student Residences in Santiago de Compostela. These rooms are allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis, prioritizing those who **register early** for the congress. Features and prices can be found here:

<https://www.usc.gal/en/services/area/residences/access-university-halls-residence-service/accommodation-visitors>

**After receiving proposal acceptance**, please **contact the organizers** to secure your accommodation. ([46acis@usc.gal](mailto:46acis@usc.gal))

### Deadlines

**Early bird payments** are accepted until the deadline, **SATURDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

**Standard payments** are accepted until the deadline, **SUNDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**



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### GUIDANCE FOR PAPERS ACIS CONFERENCE 2025

Please include the following information for your paper/panel proposal. Please note that proposals will be accepted in any of the following languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Galician or Catalan.

NAME OF APPLICANT (including title – e.g. Dr, Prof, ...):

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

Tel:

E-mail:

Please indicate if you are proposing a Paper or a Panel:

IF PROPOSING A PANEL, Please state Panel title, list papers and provide an abstract for each paper (max. 4 papers per panel).

TITLE AND ABSTRACT OF PAPER (approx. 150 words):

Please send your proposal by **FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025** to:

ACIS 2025 Conference Programme Convenor **Prof. Elias Torres Feijó** at the email address:  
([46acis@usc.gal](mailto:46acis@usc.gal))

## **ABOUT ACIS**

The Constitution briefly describes the general aims of the Association as the promotion and advancement of “study and understanding of contemporary socio-cultural, economic and political issues and realities relating primarily to Spain and/or Portugal and transnational issues and processes relating to the Iberian Peninsula within the wider Lusophone and Hispanic worlds”.

1. Geographical limits: Spain and Portugal, their dependent territories and their relations with the wider Lusophone and Hispanic worlds. Broader international relations involving either state are also included.
2. Historical period: from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present. This is not meant to exclude references to an earlier period, where appropriate.
3. Language: All the languages of the Iberian Peninsula and their varieties, especially in their contemporary social and political context.

If you have published a book on a subject of potential interest to ACIS members in the course of the past year, we also invite you to take the opportunity to use our web pages to publicise it. Please send details to <https://www.iberianstudies.net/publications/>



## Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies

### ACIS CONFERENCE 2025 POSTGRADUATE BURSARIES

The Association for Contemporary Iberian Studies is offering **four postgraduate student bursaries** for those who participate **only in-person**.

Successful applicants will have the **conference fee waved** for the forthcoming ACIS Conference at **Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, 3-5 September 2025**.

These bursaries are available to postgraduate students whose research is related to an area of interest to ACIS members (see above Guidelines for Papers), and who are willing to offer a paper at the 2025 Conference. ACIS aims in this way to encourage postgraduate students to participate in the Association, which is concerned with the study of social, political and economic aspects of the Iberian area, as well as its languages and cultures.

*N.B. These bursaries are intended for postgraduate students who are not in full-time or fractional academic posts; students who are employed to undertake small amounts of part-time teaching (less than 0.5 FTE timetable) will be eligible.*

Applications should be made to the ACIS 2025 Conference Convenor **Prof. Elias Torres Feijó** at the email address: ([46acis@usc.gal](mailto:46acis@usc.gal)) using the form below.

**The completed application form must be accompanied by a supporting reference from the applicant's supervisor**; the reference is needed to help the Conference Convenor and ACIS Executive Committee decide which applications will be of most interest and value, and of sufficient quality to be included in the Conference programme.

Successful applicants will receive a conference fee waiver but please note that **travel expenses and accommodation will not be covered by the bursary**.

Successful applicants will also be invited to submit papers for consideration for publication in the *International Journal of Iberian Studies (IJIS)*, on the understanding that publication is not guaranteed, as this is a refereed journal.

Final date for applications will be **FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**.

**PLEASE BRING THIS INVITATION TO THE ATTENTION OF  
POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT.  
ACIS RELIES ON ITS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO PUBLICISE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
POSTGRADUATES.**



**APPLICATION FOR ACIS POSTGRADUATE BURSARY ACIS CONFERENCE 2025  
In-Person ONLY**

NAME OF APPLICANT:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Degree for which registered:-----

Duration: ----- Current year of research:-----

NAME OF SUPERVISOR (and address if different from above):

PROPOSED TITLE OF PAPER TO BE OFFERED:

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PAPER (100 words maximum - continue on a separate sheet if  
necessary):

**Return by FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025** to ACIS 2025 Programme Convenor **Prof. Elias Torres Feijó** at  
the email address: ([46acis@usc.gal](mailto:46acis@usc.gal))

**More information**

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