



**Fudan Latin America University Consortium  
(FLAUC) Meeting 2017**  
**“New Ways Towards Sustainable Development  
and Economic Growth: Dialogue between China  
and Latin America”**  
**November 7 to 9 - Bogotá D.C., Colombia**  
**Hosted by Universidad del Rosario and Universidad de los  
Andes**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

On May 27, 2017, twelve prestigious Latin-American universities<sup>1</sup> and Fudan University (China) signed an agreement to foster high-quality academic cooperation denominated the Fudan-Latin America University Consortium – FLAUC. Given the outstanding academic performance of its members, FLAUC will contribute to the establishment of long-term cooperation including, but not limited to, the organization of academic conferences, faculty exchanges, research cooperation, and annual leadership meetings. As an innovative cooperation platform among higher education institutions, FLAUC will provide fertile ground for cooperation among academics, strengthening mutual understanding, inspiring new thoughts, spreading ideas and building reputation.

The first annual meeting of FLAUC will take place in Bogotá, Colombia between November 7 and 9, 2017. In addition, on November 8, both the Universidad del Rosario and the Universidad de los Andes will host an academic workshop to be held on both campuses. FLAUC members agreed that this workshop will focus on the main issues related to the transition process in China and growing nexus with Latin American economies, in terms of economic growth and socioeconomic development.

Indeed, during the last fifteen years, both China and Latin America have experienced remarkable performance in terms of GDP growth, poverty reduction and the consolidation of the middle class. However, since the end of 2014, the reduction of commodity prices in world markets and the Chinese economic slowdown have brought to the surface concerns about the robustness of social advances achieved during the first decade of this century.

Consequently, the workshop organizers welcome submissions of unpublished original papers related with in the following topics:

- Socioeconomic challenges of transition countries (poverty alleviation, consolidation of the middle class, informality, among others)

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<sup>1</sup> Universidad de Campinas, Universidad de Sao Paulo, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad de la Plata, Universidad de Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, ESAN, UNAM, Universidad de San Marcos, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Universidad de los Andes and Universidad del Rosario

- The role of higher education (HE) in economic growth as social development (quality and relevance of HE, competences for the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution, among others)
- Urbanization, population transition and economic growth
- Innovation and firm productivity in transition economies
- Intellectual property to foster innovation

Paper submissions will be peer and blind reviewed by a scientific committee composed of faculty members of both host universities. Papers must be written in English.

Papers must be submitted (in pdf format) to the following email address: [flauc@urosario.edu.co](mailto:flauc@urosario.edu.co). Only complete papers will be considered by the scientific committee organizing the workshop. The submission deadline is October 8, 2017.

Authors of accepted papers are expected to attend the workshop and present the paper in English, which is the official language of the workshop.

The current call for papers is restricted to FLAUC members (faculty and graduate students), so authors of accepted papers are encouraged to find financial support to attend the workshop. Limited financial support will be provided by the host universities based on the merits of the submission.

The author of the best paper evaluated by the Scientific Committee will be presented at the Shanghai Forum in May 2018, and Fudan University will pay for the tickets and accommodation.

**Important dates:**

Full papers submissions:

**October 8, 2017**

Acceptance decision by the organizing committee emailed to candidates:

**October 13, 2017**

Merit-based financial support allocations:

**October 20, 2017**