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Bridging the Atlantic has been one of the most significant undertakings over the last six centuries, with implications at the global level. The Atlantic has long served as a catalyst for exchange, influence, and transformation. From early navigation and colonial histories to contemporary challenges such as climate change, migration, and transatlantic trade, the ocean remains a dynamic space of interaction. The birthplace of the first wave of globalization, with the maritime discoveries of the 15th century, it is also at the heart of the second wave of globalization in the 20th century, through the alliance between north Atlantic powers, on both sides of the Ocean. As the hegemonic nature of North Atlantic West is increasingly challenged, the view of the Atlantic as a connector reemerges, linking both north and south margins to other oceanic spaces and societies. This conference aims to examine what bridges culture, politics and knowledge across the Atlantic, over time and how these processes continue to shape our views of this Ocean region.

The sixth edition of the LPAZ Forum will convene in Santa Maria Island – Azores, Portugal, from September 1st to 3rd, 2025, under the theme “Atlantic Bridges – Culture, Politics and Knowledge.” This three-day event is organized by the LPAZ Association, in collaboration with the Center for International Studies of Iscte-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (CEI-Iscte), the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra (FEUC), the Center for Humanistic Studies of the University of the Azores (CEHu), the Atlantic Centre, the Transatlantic Studies Association (TSA), the Portuguese Association of French Studies (APEF), the Margarida Losa Institute for Comparative Literature (ILCML), and CHAM Açores – Center for the Humanities (Nova/UAc), with the support of the Regional

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Government of the Azores, Vila do Porto's Municipality, and FLAD – Luso-American Development Foundation.

This Call for Papers invites contributions that examine the Atlantic from a holistic and transdisciplinary perspective, encompassing themes such as island states and regions, coastal communities, North-South dialogue, and regional and international governance structures, with a particular focus on the bridges and connections established between the shores and poles of the Atlantic Ocean. The conference welcomes a diversity of perspectives and methodologies, covering fields such as History, Political Science, International Relations, Literature, Sociology, Economics, and Technology.

Conference Topics

1. The Azores and Atlantic geopolitics;
2. Atlantic Kinetics: transport, communications and connectivity [in memory of Alan Dobson];
3. Atlantic diasporas;
4. Environment and climate change;
5. History of Science in the Atlantic;
6. Island Studies, Island Literature, and representations of the Atlantic;
7. Atlantic Politics, State, Autonomy and Integration;
8. Geocritical and geopoetic approaches on the Literary Atlantic;
9. The Atlantic in literature, the media and other arts.

Individual paper proposals should be sent by email as one document attachment to forumlpaz@gmail.com and include:

- 300-word abstract for the paper;
- 100-word author biography.

Deadline: 30th April, 2025.

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