Call for Proposals
XX Hispanic and Lusophone Conference
(RE)FRAMING KNOWLEDGE
Critical Approaches to Scholarly Literacy

What do you understand by scholarly knowledge? Our work in this conference will examine contemporary thought by reviewing the practices, processes, and academic studies that exercise imperialist logic. Colonial empires established a way of life and an understanding of knowledge linked to colonial expansion and the establishment of colonial technologies of political and social control. Such epistemic practices have shaped what is recognized as scholarly knowledge and widely accepted as legitimate critical thinking in the university as an institution. This colonialist understanding of knowledge has overshadowed much of the valuable work done outside the university that can contribute to amplifying the theoretical and methodological frameworks dominating the university.

However, despite the prevalence of such a colonialist mindset, academia has also produced theoretical work necessary for constructing a more coequal society (i.e., the increased attention afforded to oppressed groups starting in the 1960s). For this reason, we believe that the university, as a space, might continue to be a prolific platform for harvesting new academic practices that lead to new theories and methodologies. It is about continuing the effort to create open, safe, and diverse spaces for everyone so that in this way, far from being locked in the “ivory tower” of scholarly theory, the university can guarantee equal education and a production of other forms of knowledge reflective of the challenges of contemporary life.

Accepting a new understanding of knowledge encourages those within the academy to want to dismantle unfair and unequal systems. For this reason, we seek to promote a more diverse, open discourse as another possibility to question xenophobia, racism, exclusion, and inequality. The current political and health crisis exacerbated by COVID-19, the Black Lives Matter Movement, and the global mobilizations for a more democratic and equal society all lead us to reflect and act upon the impact on the dynamics of identity, community, and governance.
“Reframing knowledge” might be applied to various disciplines. The XX Hispanic and Lusophone Conference will be on **Friday, May 14th, 2021**. Proposals in any field are welcome, and those dealing with the following topics are strongly encouraged:

- Race and Ethnic Studies
- Migration and Border studies
- Disability Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Queer and Trans Studies
- Black, Latinx, and Chicanx Studies
- Indigenous Languages and Cultures
- Ecocriticism and Animal Studies
- Second Language Acquisition and Bilingualism
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Literary Canons and Aesthetics
- Film and Media Studies
- Cultural and Political Activism, and Performance
- Colonialism, Decolonialism, and Postcolonialism

**Conference Submission Requirements**

All proposals must be submitted electronically to the Spanish and Portuguese Conference organizing committee at conference.ucsb@gmail.com. Please send your abstract as a Word document. All abstracts must be between 250-300 words. Along with your abstract, submit a short bio and a tentative time zone you will be in on the conference day. We welcome proposals either in Portuguese, Spanish, or English. Submissions that do not conform to these requirements will not be considered.

Panels and individual presentations may be given in **English, Spanish or Portuguese**, and each presentation should be approximately 15-20 minutes long (7-8 typed, double-spaced pages in length). **Deadline for submissions: April 11th, 2021.**
Tinta Journal Submission Requirements

Presenters will have the option to expand their work further and submit a complete manuscript for review to have the opportunity to publish their work in this year’s Tinta Journal. This peer-reviewed journal is published annually by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese graduate students at UC Santa Barbara. You must submit your manuscript electronically at spanport-tinta@ucsb.edu. Please send your manuscript as a Word document. Manuscripts should be over 7000 words and no more than 9000 words, including notes and the list of works cited. Please, check our Editorial Criteria before submitting your paper. Deadline for submissions: TBA