



# MESTER



## *General Issue on Human Rights* *Special Topic: Andean and Amazonian Perspectives* *on Eco-Social Human Rights*

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS  
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*Mester*, the graduate student academic journal of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of California, Los Angeles, seeks papers for its 49th issue. *Mester* publishes articles, interviews, and book reviews on literature, culture, and linguistics in the fields of Iberian, Spanish-American, Brazilian, Lusophone African, Latina/o and Chicana/o studies.

*Mester XLIX* welcomes submissions from transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches related to human rights. Additionally, we are seeking submissions focused on Andean and Amazonian perspectives on eco-social human rights for a Special Topic. Both regions are underlined here as “intangible zones” (Gomez-Barris 2017) whose visibility/survival is becoming key to build strategies against the current climate war produced by Capitalocene. This special section will allow us to map different discourses and other ways of thinking about eco-social human rights from indigenous points of view, contributing to the construction of an alternative history beyond the European tradition to enrich the contemporary debate on the rights of Pachamama in Latin America. **We also welcome testimonies to be included in the Special Topic.**

**Potential topics include, but are not limited to:** colonial discourses and images on human rights in the Americas; proto-ecological discourses and sensibilities in 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Latin American cultural production; representations of labor struggle in spatialities produced by extractive capitalism; representations of identity, nationhood, and industrial capitalism in literature, film, and other arts; human rights violations related to gender, sexuality, class, and race; contemporary feminist movements; LGBTQ social movements; contemporary rural and indigenous activism; globalization, migration, and global justice; social and spatial justice (sovereignities); anti-globalization, anti-war, environmental, and anti-corporations movements; drug trafficking and the rise of narco-states; human trafficking; extractivist violence and the recognition of the rights of Pachamama; human rights abuses in totalitarian regimes in the 20th and 21st centuries, etc.

**Articles may be written in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.** Publication decisions are made through double-blind peer review and based on the quality of the submission. Please ensure that all submissions adhere to the guidelines and conventions set forth by the current edition of the Modern Language Association (MLA) Style Manual. Manuscripts should have no fewer than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-five (25) double-spaced pages (3750-8000 words), including endnotes and works cited. Manuscripts should be double-spaced at size 12-point Times New Roman. Please see the following link for submission guidelines:

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