



1ST Inter-American Congress on **Social Security Studies**

**Social Security Challenges in the
Americas in the Early 21st Century**

Mexico City, Mexico
November 11th, 12th and 13th, 2026

The Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies calls upon researchers, university professors, students, government officials, and members of civil organisations to participate in the First Inter-American Congress on Social Security Studies.

Subject Matter

The First Inter-American Congress on Social Security is envisioned as a distinguished forum for dialogue and reflection, dedicated to rigorous analysis, the exchange of experiences, and scholarly discussion of research related to social security across the Americas. The Congress aims to foster the presentation of studies that address the diverse components, approaches, and challenges of social security within the region, while duly recognising the heterogeneity of economic, social, demographic, and institutional contexts that characterise the continent.

Consistent with the subheading **“Social Security Challenges in the Americas in the Early 21st Century”**, the Congress invites a critical reflection on recent transformations and emerging challenges confronting social security systems in a context defined by population ageing, shifts in labour markets, the persistence of informality, fiscal constraints, digitalisation, and the impact of health, economic, and environmental crises. With this in mind, the discussion seeks to engage critically with present historical juncture, identifying enduring patterns and points of rupture while exploring opportunities to strengthen social security systems so they become more inclusive, sustainable, and resilient.

Within this context, the Congress welcomes the submission of papers that, from diverse theoretical and methodological approaches, contribute to the advancement of comparative knowledge and fostering robust academic and technical dialogue on social security. Particular attention is given to research that incorporates regional or multinational analyses, as well as studies addressing relevant and current issues linked to the thematic axes. This is to provide evidence and analytical inputs to inform the design, evaluation, and strengthening of public policies in this field.

Main thematic lines

1. Occupational Safety and Health
2. Pensions
3. Health
4. Social Security Financing
5. Social Services
6. Social Security Access for Migrant Populations
7. Social Security and Gender
8. Social Security in the Americas
9. Labour Market and Social Security

Important Dates

February 27th, 2026	Call for papers launching
July 6th, 2026	Deadline for the submission: 1) Draft paper 2) Short abstract (500 words)
July 24th, 2026	Notification of accepted papers and comments (if applicable)
October 16th, 2026	Deadline for the submission of final papers.
October 23rd, 2026	Publication of the full programme
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Guidelines for Papers Submission

Those interested in submitting papers should send their proposals to the following email address: monica.rodriguez@ciss-bienestar.org. Each submission must include the following documents:

- 1) A short abstract of no more than 500 words, clearly stating the research question and methodology.
- 2) For the initial submission, a draft of the research paper must be provided, including the following elements: introduction; research question and hypothesis; theoretical framework; and preliminary results. The draft should be between 5 and 10 pages in length.
- 3) The final paper, due on October 16, must consist of a revised version of 10 to 15 pages that addresses the reviewers' comments. This requirement applies primarily to those who wish their paper to be included in the Congress's commemorative publication.
- 4) Submission guidelines are attached to the call for papers.

The text must be prepared in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing, on A4 or letter-size paper.

The draft paper will be evaluated through a blind peer-review process; therefore, submitted files must not contain names or any references that could identify the author(s). Each participant may submit up to two papers, either as author or co-author. The documents must present, in a structured manner, the objectives, materials and methods, results, and conclusions, and may be written in Spanish, Portuguese, or English. Comparative studies involving two or more countries of the region will be particularly welcomed. At the time of submission, it must be indicated whether the paper is proposed for an in-person or virtual presentation.

Subject to the authors' authorization, selected papers will be included in the commemorative publication of the First Inter-American Congress on Social Security, to be produced and edited by CIESS.

Submission Format for Papers

Name(s) of the author(s) (in order of contribution)	
Affiliated institution	
Title of the research project	
Thematic area	
Presentation format (in-person/virtual)	
Would you wish your paper to be considered for inclusion in the commemorative publication of the First Inter- American Congress on Social Security Studies? (Yes/No)	