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Call for papers

For the Interamerican Studies for Social Security book 2026 edition

Edition subject: Challenges of Social Security in the Americas in the First Quarter of the 21st Century

Social security constitutes one of the fundamental pillars of human development and the well-being of nations. Its consolidation as a human right acknowledges the responsibility of States to guarantee protection against social risks, under the principles of universality, solidarity, equity, and adequacy.

In a context characterised by accelerated demographic transformations, changing labour markets, increasing human mobility, technological advances, and new family configurations, social security systems face profound challenges that demand interdisciplinary analysis, comparative evidence, and ongoing reflection.

In this context, the Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies (CIESS), through the Inter-American Network of Universities on Social Security (RIUSS), invites researchers, academics, postgraduate students, and members of schools and think tanks to submit articles for inclusion in the book Inter-American Studies on Social Security, which in 2026 will be dedicated to exploring the Challenges of social security in the first quarter of the 21st century.

Papers should be aligned with the areas of work of the RIUSS Thematic Panels, while also being able to integrate transversal perspectives such as migration, informality, sustainability, governance, inequality, employment, demography, and care.

Table "Pensions"

- Financial and Demographic Sustainability of Pension Systems
- Expansion of Pension Coverage
- Adequacy and Sufficiency of Pension Benefits
- Integration of Contributory, Non-Contributory, and Mixed Pillars
- Labour Market and the Pension System

Table "Health"

- Financial Sustainability of the Health System
- Effective Coverage, Social Inclusion, and Territorial Gaps
- Institutional Quality, Governance, and Adequacy of Benefits
- Challenges of Primary Health Care, Digital Health, and Telemedicine

Table "Occupational risks"

- Limited Coverage in the Context of High Labour Informality
- Insufficient Prevention and Weak Occupational Safety and Health Culture
- Governance, Recognition, and Updating of Occupational Risks
- Labour Migration and Protection Gaps
- Incidence and Costs of Occupational Illnesses and Injuries

Table "Care"

- Recognition and Integration of Care as a Pillar of Social Security
- Coverage, Access, and Sustainability of Care Services
- Professionalisation, Quality, and Care Governance
- New Challenges and Care Perspectives
- Financing and Investment Models in Care Systems
- Distribution of Responsibilities among State, Market, Community, and Families
- Comparative Models of Care Policies
- Working Conditions of Care Providers, Labour Rights, and Unionisation

Guidelines

1. The documents must be original and of the authors' own work. Furthermore, they must not be submitted to any other book or journal for publication while the review process is ongoing and until the resolution has been communicated.
2. Papers may be prepared in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.
3. The document and any graphic elements, if used, must be sent in a single email to: alejandra.reyes@ciss-bienestar.org, indicating in the subject line: "Call for papers for the book Social Security Studies in the Americas 2026".
4. Papers will be anonymously assessed by two Committee-appointed reviewers.
5. The review will consist of two stages: in the first, a preliminary assessment will be issued, after which the author will have a period to address the observations indicated; in the second, the final evaluation will be carried out by the same reviewers, whose decision will be definitive and not subject to appeal.

6. Accepted documents will undergo an editing and style correction process. Before publication, the authors will receive the edited document with the suggested style corrections for validation.
7. The publication will be digital and will be subject to the timelines established by the National Institute of Copyright (INDAUTOR).

Editorial requirements

1. Documents must be prepared in Word format, with a length up to 4,500-5,000 words, using A4-sized pages and standard margins (not customised).
2. The font should be Times New Roman, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. Where equations are included, the Word equation editor must be used; equations should not be inserted as images.
3. The first page of each paper must include a title of no more than 15 words, an abstract of 200 words, and 3 keywords.
4. The author's personal information should be submitted in the same e-mail as a separate file, indicating full name, institutional affiliation, Orcid or Google Scholar profile, and a contact e-mail address.
5. It is recommended that articles include an introductory section, a review of the literature or state of the art, a methodological section, results, and conclusions or discussion.
6. The correct use of grammar, spelling, writing style, and clarity in the communication of ideas is the responsibility of the authors.
7. Titles, captions for figures or tables, sources of material, and notes must be entered as part of the text and not within the body of the figure or table itself.
8. Tables, figures, or maps must be included in the text and, additionally, submitted in a separate accompanying document so that they can be edited by the design team.
9. Citations and references must comply with the APA 7th edition guidelines. The reference list must correspond exactly to all citations mentioned in the text. References should include the link or DOI where available.
10. Articles that do not comply with these criteria will be automatically rejected and will not be sent for review.

Important dates

- The call for papers will be published March 2nd 2026.
- Reception of articles will begin from the date of publication of the call for papers and will remain open until ~~June 15th~~ **July 31st,** 2026.
- Notification of rejection, acceptance and/or comments on the article will be issued on August 30th, 2026.
- Reception of final versions of articles will take place on October 30th, 2026.
- The document will be presented in March 2027.