

**Geographies for peace / Geografías para la paz**

**2017 IGU-UGI Thematic Conference 23-25 April 2017**

**La Paz - Bolivia**

**Call for Papers for Accepted Panel Proposal at IGU-UGI Thematic Conference – Geographies for Peace/Geografías Para La Paz 2017.**

The panel organizers for this panel are seeking inspiring and relevant paper proposals from those interested in being part of this exciting conference in Bolivia next year. Please submit proposals of 250 words or less using Word or PDF by the **21st of November 2016** to the organizers of the panel (emails listed below). Please use the form attached to this CFP to submit your proposals to us. We will inform you of the outcome of your proposal by the **25th of November 2016**. We will then submit the details of the panel on the **1st of December 2016** and receive final approval on the **15th of December 2016**. The organizers of the conference for the IGU-UGI have informed panel organizers that papers will not be officially confirmed until presenters pay the conference fee, so can paper proposers please be aware of that and be prepared and capable of doing so. We will accept applications and papers in both English and Spanish language. We look forward to hearing from you and good luck! Robert and Julie.

**The Ores of War and Peace:  Mining, Resource Frontiers, and Histories of Industry and Imperialism / Los Oros del Guierra y Paz: Fronteras de Mineracíon y Histórias del Industria y Imperialismo**

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Rare Earths, Coltan, Radio-Nucleotides and Radioactive metals are among the Planet’s most contested and desired elements. These elements, and the geologies in which they are found, form the material basis of competing imperial, colonial/post-colonial adventures around the world in order to make weapons and security infrastructures more durable and deadly. They are conceptualized as threatening and dangerous and yet they are in extraordinary demand; a demand which crystallizes around the products of consumer capitalism and social-democracy. Criticism of this necessity tends to concern the hazards and threats to regional or national security it generates.  In many cases, both positive and negative perspectives frame these materials and their collection as a contemporary problem, unique to our contemporary context of technology, climate crisis, and geopolitical instability.

The collective present is in reality certainly not the only moment in which these complicated materials have been sought. Accordingly these sessions examine covert and public efforts by competing powers to acquire these materials.  Data revealing these efforts to explore, capture and accumulate them globally often resides in difficult to access archival collections which surround colonial developmental agendas, war, and geology. Papers will consider the temporal, geographic, epistemological, and political resource frontiers in which and at which these ‘Technology Metals’ have been sought through historical and geographic perspectives, to better contextualize the nexus of interests and actors driving contemporary forms of exploration and exploitation. Toward that end, papers drawing on oral histories, institutional ethnographies, as well as newly opened or under-examined archival materials are especially welcome.

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## ****PRESENTACIÓN DE**** RESÚMENES

Los resúmenes, elaborados en castellano o inglés, se harán sobre una página en blanco, en la que únicamente deben constar los siguientes elementos:

1. Nombre
2. Afiliación / pais de residencia
3. Título de la ponencia
4. Título de la sesión
5. Resumen: breve descripción (máximo 250 palabras) del contenido del trabajo propuesto, haciendo referencia a la metodología, los objetivos y las conclusiones esperadas
6. Palabras clave (máximo 6).

El cuerpo del texto deberá escribirse usando letra 12 normal, fuente Times New Roman, espacio simple

Los resúmenes deben ser enviados al organizador de la sesión.

## Fechas para las comunicaciones enviadas 21 noveimbre 2016

**PRESENTATION OF ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts, in Castilian or English, should be written on a blank page, which should only contain the following elements:

1. Name
2. Institutional affiliation /country of residence
3. Title of paper
4. Title of session
5. Summary: a brief description (maximum 250 words) of the content of the proposed work, referring to the methodology, objectives and expected conclusions.
6. Keywords (maximum 6).

The text should be typed using standard 12, font Times New Roman, simple space

Abstracts should be sent to the organizer of the session.

**Deadline 21 November 2016**