CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Abstracts due October 15, 2015

We invite abstract submissions for the 2016 SCALE Latin America Conference, hosted by the MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics in Cambridge, MA on March 21-22, 2016.

The MIT Global Supply Chain And Logistics Excellence (SCALE) Network is an international alliance of leading-edge research and education centers, dedicated to the development and dissemination of global innovation in supply chain and logistics.

The purpose of 2016 SCALE Latin America Conference is to provide a forum for sharing emerging, applied and multi-disciplinary research on all aspects related to logistics and supply chain management relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean. We are soliciting abstracts for conference presentations as well as papers.

Topics
The 2016 SCALE Latin America Conference welcomes papers and presentations in the following thematic areas:

• Applied Operations Research
• Innovative case studies in supply chain management
• International Trade & Logistics, including port logistics
• Novel teaching and educational methods
• Sustainability
• Urban Logistics

In order to raise the visibility of logistics and supply chain management research and education in Latin America, authors submitting abstracts for the conference are encouraged to submit full-length papers (5000 – 8000 words). Accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings.

Abstract Submission Requirements
Abstracts must be submitted by October 1, 2015. The abstract is limited to 750 words and must include a research/educational statement; an overview of methodology and data used; and a summary of results and conclusions, including relevance/relation to Latin America and the Caribbean.
The format for abstracts is as follows:

- Title
- Topic area (from above list)
- Keywords
- Authors with full contact information
- Intention to submit a final paper
- Abstract text

All abstract and paper submissions should be submitted in English via EasyChair (https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=scale2016). Conference oral presentations are allowed in English, Spanish or Portuguese, but English is strongly encouraged.

**Important dates**
October 15th, 2015 – deadline for abstract submissions
November 1, 2015 – abstracts reviewed and authors notified of results
January 15, 2016 – deadline for final paper submissions (if applicable)

**Additional information**
Presentations, Abstracts and Papers will be posted on the MIT SCALE website after the conference unless the author or authors advise us otherwise. Papers will also invited for consideration for publication in a special journal issue.

**Conference Committee Information**

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Event information will be updated frequently on the conference website: http://scale.mit.edu/events/2016-scale-latin-america-conference