



2018 SCALE Latin America Conference  
MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA  
April 15 – 16th, 2018

## **CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS**

### **Extended abstracts due November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

In this second edition of the SCALE Latin America Conference, we cordially invite colleagues from the research and practitioner communities to submit extended abstracts for the 2018 conference. The conference will be hosted by the MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics, Cambridge MA, U.S., on April 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The MIT Global Supply Chain And Logistics Excellence (SCALE) Network is an international alliance of leading-edge research, outreach and education centers dedicated to the development and dissemination of global innovation in supply chain and logistics. The network consists of six innovation centers located on four continents. Each center conducts joint research, works with corporate sponsors and engages various stakeholders including faculty and students to collaborate in worldwide high-impact projects.

Since its inception, the MIT SCALE Latin America Conference has aimed to provide a forum for sharing emerging applied and multi-disciplinary research on all aspects related to logistics and supply chain management (SCM) relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean.

### **Topics**

The 2018 MIT SCALE Latin America Conference covers the following thematic areas:

- Data-driven and emerging technologies in SCM
- Agro-logistics, mining and livestock in supply chains
- SCM for small firms and retailing operations for nanostores
- Urban logistics and last-mile operations
- Resilience and risk in supply chains
- Humanitarian logistics and relief operations
- Sustainability in supply chains
- Innovations in education related to SCM
- Logistics public policy-making and infrastructure

To increase visibility of logistics and supply chain management research and education in Latin America, authors are encouraged to submit extended abstracts (in English, 4– 6 pages) according to the Conference template. Accepted abstracts will be presented in parallel sessions and be part of the Conference proceedings. Authors could

later submit a full paper version (in English), as the scientific committee will discuss with recognized, indexed journals to organize special refereed issues on Logistics and SCM in Latin America. English is the official language of the Conference, thus all papers and presentations must be done in English.

## **Extended abstract submission**

Extended abstracts must be written in English and submitted by November 20th, 2017 using EasyChair platform

(<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=2018scalelatam>).

Manuscripts are limited to 1500 - 2000 words in the content plus tables, charts and figures, a non-technical abstract with 150-200 words and a title containing maximum 150 characters (including spaces). The abstract must include a research/educational statement, a concise justification, an overview of methodology and data used; and a summary of main results, findings and conclusions, including relevance to Latin America and the Caribbean. Authors must add their full contact information, the topic that best fits their research and at most 5 keywords. The content of the manuscript should follow recommendations/guidelines from the conference template. Only submissions that include attached extended abstracts up to 6 pages will be considered. Finally, authors must indicate if their research is a finished work or a work in progress (WIP).

## **Oral presentations**

Speakers will have access to projector, clicker and a fixed computer in the corresponding rooms. Speakers will have between 15-20 minutes to present their work including a 3-5-minute session of questions and answers from the audience. Oral presentations will be only allowed in English. The usage of the Conference presentation template is strongly recommended.

## **Registration**

The registration fee is US \$220 prior to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Registrations after February 28<sup>th</sup>, will incur an additional US \$55 late registration penalty. Students may attend for US \$55 but must register prior to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to have access to this fee. The website to perform the registration online is available at: <http://ctl.mit.edu/scalelatam>

## **Additional information**

Conference material (e.g., papers, presentations), updates, information about Boston area, and further details will be posted at the MIT SCALE Latin America Conference website available at:

<http://scale.mit.edu/events/2018-mit-scale-latin-america-conference>

## Important dates

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Deadline for the submission of extended abstract  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Registration for participant opens  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Extended abstract reviewed and notification to authors  
April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Registration of participant closes  
April 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Conference  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Publication of proceedings e-book  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Deadline to submit full paper version to be considered for a special issue  
Additional steps regarding special issue will follow journal's revision standards.

## Conference Committee

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