



Call for Editors for Alternautas

Alternautas, an academic blog dedicated to analysis and discussions of critical perspectives on development emerging from Latin America, is seeking to expand its Editorial Team.

Alternautas was formed in late 2013 by a group of young scholars who shared the desire to bring to mainstream contemporary discussions of development the valuable contributions from Critical Latin American thinking. For too long, the dominance of the English language has served the reproduction of mainstream Eurocentric and Western frameworks and discourses on development ideas, concepts, and models, or –more generally- of the regulative principles steering the evolution of contemporary societies. Our motivation was, precisely, an attempt to expand such discussions to include the vast and valuable body of relevant and original thinking about such issues from Latin America, or Abya Yala, as its native population used to refer to it. And in this case, the language boundaries proved as difficult to overcome as the regional ones. Alternautas, thus, emerged from a desire to bridge such boundaries, by bringing Latin American intellectual reflections on development to larger, English-speaking, audiences. In May 2014, our academic blog was launched onto the world wide web: www.alternautas.net.

Almost a year later, our virtual community is thriving. Alternautas has organised panels at international conferences, expanded its subscribers and followers in social networks, become a platform to share news and announcements, obtained its ISSN number, organised collaboration with other development-related institutions and most importantly, has brought together a consistent and steady flow of contributions on critical development thinking to its peer-reviewed academic blog. Recently, the 2014 contributions have been collected in the first issue of a virtual journal that will be expanded and maintained in 2015. It is our hope that in continuing to develop Alternautas' discussions the Abya Yala contributions to critical development thinking will continue bridging language barriers, crossing regional boundaries and joining the global quest for societal alternatives for a fairer, better, and sustainable future. For this, we are looking for Alternautas Editorial Team new members. Ideally, you will:

- Be interested in bridging cultural and regional boundaries in bringing together and expanding Latin American contributions to global discussions in critical development thinking.
- Be working in Latin American studies, Politics, Development, Anthropology, Sociology, Cultural studies, Philosophy or a related area. Be able to work in English and either Portuguese or Spanish, in order to contribute in writing, translating and editing content for the blog.
- While our workload is very flexible. You should be able to commit to work in a flexible and virtual collaborative team. Normally, you should expect that the time commitment shouldn't be more than a couple of hours a week and you should be able to join a one hour Skype meeting once a month.

If you are interested in joining us, send us an email with a brief statement of your interest in our work and a CV to alternautasblog@gmail.com, by **March 15th, 2015**.