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While Latin American science fiction has been receiving broad scholarly attention as evidenced by Kurlat Ares and De Rosso's *Peter Lang Companion to Latin American Science Fiction* (2021) and López-Pellisa and Kurlat Ares's *Historia de la ciencia ficción latinoamericana I: Desde los orígenes hasta la modernidad* (2020), recent works from Central America have remained almost entirely unexplored.

To fill this critical gap, a 2023 special issue of *Alambique* seeks to theorize and analyze contemporary Central American science fiction cultural production from the mid-20th century to the present. The 21st century, in particular, has seen a dramatic increase in sf output, including feature-length films (*El fin*, Costa Rica, 2012; *El Xendra*, Honduras, 2012; *Luz*, Guatemala, 2019) and television and web series (*Capitán Centroamérica*, El Salvador, 2011-2013; *Operación Piscis*, Panama, 2013; *Concepto Merodeador*, Nicaragua, 2015) along with novels and short stories (*Tikal Futura*, Guatemala/Nicaragua, 2012; *Posibles futuros: Cuentos de ciencia ficción*, Costa Rica, 2009; *El sueño de Mariana*, El Salvador, 2008). Despite such a rich sf production that has actively been shaping cultural, social, and ideological thought, academics oftentimes focus their attention elsewhere. This invisibility must be challenged.

Alambique, therefore, invites scholarly articles that explore works of Central American sf, in particular, papers that provide insight into the ongoing relevance of the genre in the region, create a broad theoretical dialogue on sf in Central America, and bring much-needed critical attention to an under-recognized body of cultural production.

Papers may be written in English, Spanish, or Portuguese and should be 5,000-10,000 words in length. All submissions for the special issue, which is being edited by Greg C. Severyn (Susquehanna University), will be double-blind and peer-reviewed by external reviewers.

Please, present your article [here](#) and indicate in the "Cover Letter" section (4th step) that it is a submission for the 2023 Central American special issue.

Deadline, September 1st, 2022.