IV International Conference on the American Literary and Cultural West:

**The West Travels Beyond Itself: New Spaces, New Voices, New Forms**

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The IV International Conference on the American Literary and Cultural West, **The West Travels Beyond Itself: New Spaces, New Voices, New Forms,** organized by the REWEST research group (Research in Western American Literature and Culture, [www.ehu.eus/rewest](http://www.ehu.eus/rewest)), seeks for papers which expose the contemporary revision and revival of the West and as a literary and cultural form of representation, as well as of its global impact. The Conference will privilege transnational and interdisciplinary approaches aiming to understand the artistic production of space and a cultural site whose iconography has moved beyond national limits and literary and artistic borders.

 The aim of the Conference is to propose a site of debate about the revision and revival of the West as an ideological and cultural concept. We aim at analyzing the new dimensions of the global, multicultural, multicontextual, multidisciplinary 21st century West. In this light, papers can address a variety of issues ranging from (but not only):

-The West travels beyond itself

-The West looks at Europe

-Europe looks at the West

-The influence of the cultural myths of the Old West in the present century

-The new literary voices of the West

-“Other” western narratives

- Environmental literature of the American West

- Reimagining women in the West

- Western masculinities

- Bordercrossing

- Western mythologies

- The American West in popular culture

- The West and its new forms of expression

- New Western music

- New Western cinema

-The West in the arts

- The West and the new digital forms of communication

-The West in television

- The West in comics and graphic novels

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Papers should not exceed 2.000-3.000 words (approx. a 20 minute delivery). Although English will be the official language of the Conference, papers in Spanish and Basque will also be accepted.

Please submit your proposal (300 words) plus a brief bio-note (200 words) to the Conference organizers by April 30th, 2018. Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to rewest.fac.letras@ehu.es.