# María Zambrano Center for Transatlantic Studies





Aula María Zambrano Estudios Transatlánticos

# About us

The Aula María Zambrano de Estudios Transatlánticos (María Zambrano Center for Transatlantic Studies or AMZET) at the University of Malaga is an academic, inter-university and multidisciplinary Project, born from the need of creating bonds between the different countries that constitute the Atlantic World in order to foster cooperation and knowledge transfer.

Our main goal is to establish an academic and scientific framework in Compared Transatlantic Studies, whose main axis is Europe-North America-Latin America as a dynamic forum for dialogue and cultural, social, political and economic exchange. This project, led by Mr. Juan Antonio García Galindo, is part of the strategy for internationalization of the International Campus of Excellence (ICE) Andalucía TECH.

The inception of this project lies in the shared interests of the **University of South Florida (USF)** and the **University of Malaga (UMA)**. Thanks to the good relation between these two institutions, an agreement for collaboration was signed in 2012 in order to develop the María Zambrano Center at

each university, located in Tampa Malaaa and respectively. The name for these forums could not be other than the one of the intellectual from Malaga, María Zambrano, honoring her pioneering work in the transatlantic field.



#### **TRANSATLANTIC STUDIES IN A NUTSHELL**

# Our main objectives

- To highlight the cultural, social, political and economic values that take place at both sides of the Atlantic by delivering a broader (but not less specific) vision of this part of the world.
- To establish an academic and scientific framework in Compared Transatlantic Studies that allows the training and exchange of professionals in this field.
- To promote research and knowledge transfer in Compared Transatlantic Studies.

In order to achieve these objectives we have designed a four-pillar strategy:

- Network in the field for Transatlantic Studies: to build a collaboration network capable of fostering relations between national and international teaching staff, researchers, and experts from different knowledge fields, whose common area is that of the Transatlantic Studies.
- International Workshop: to promote a forum for dialogue, research and knowledge transfer at an international level about issues and topics that affect the Atlantic countries.
- Transatlantic Tribune: The Transatlantic Tribune aims to share the contributions, experience and opinion of experts through conferences, panel discussions and seminars.

In addition to the Transatlantic Tribune there will be more activities that lead to the sharing of other academic projects in this field.

University Expert Title in Transatlantic Studies: We aim at creating, managing and running a multidisciplinary training program, which will contribute to the recognition of the relations that take place between both sides of the Atlantic in different areas (communication, law, literature, history, politics, economy, sociology, sciences, etc.)

#### MISSION

Our mission follows the opened path by cultural studies and literature on the field and lies in the development of Compared Transatlantic Studies from a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach that offers a global view of this region and contributes to the formulation of new questions and solutions for the shared problems.

## VISION

The María Zambrano Center for Transatlantic Studies aims at becoming a reference for teaching and research staff, experts and students interested in this field. We want to promote research from this point of view, creating an own field of knowledge. All in all the María Zambrano Center for Transatlantic Studies wants to be an active part in the scientific debate, contributing with a global view of reality that helps us understand relations and exchanges that take place in this area.

#### VALUES

• To contribute to an integral view of reality away from ethnocentrism and cultural hegemony.

• To Foster meeting points and dialogue taking into account flexibility, diversity and democratic principles.

• To defend social, political and economic models that are more just and equal.

• And, above all, to help resume international relations in an environment of coexistence balance, cooperation and solidarity that allows tackling with today's burning issues.





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## Lines of work:

## Main line of work:

The study of strategies by countries or sets of countries that conform the Atlantic axis, which we denominate meeting points and points of divergence, common and divergent solutions to shared problems.

## Some specific areas:

- Different strategies designed to face the challenges of globalization.
- Migration policies, migration treatment, practice in citizenship, education, coexistence and social integration.
- Regional processes of economic and political integration.
- The role of media in contemporary democracies.





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