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Global Crises:
Cultural Responses

The forthcoming 20th issue of Lucero, the journal published by the graduate students of Spanish and Portuguese at UC Berkeley, seeks to explore the repercussions and implications of global crises. Over the past months, various events have shaken social, political and economic spheres. Talk of "the crisis" in news reports and daily conversations usually refers to these current events, yet the notion of crisis can be understood in a broader sense. By crisis, we refer not only to the global economic breakdown, but also to a variety of cultural, historical, social and theoretical problems, ranging from the crisis of representation to the role of academia in society. Given the recent economic downturn, the role of the university and, in particular, of the humanities has entered a situation of crisis. Institutions, scholars and students are questioning academic priorities and the role of the humanities in the world. With the rise of cultural studies and the questioning of the canon in recent years, Spanish and Portuguese as a discipline is in a particular moment of crisis and renovation.

These crises, whether economic, sociopolitical, academic or disciplinary, impact the creation and analysis of culture. How does cultural production respond to "crisis" in the broad sense of the term? How do these various crises show up in cultural and critical realms? The editorial staff of the 20th edition of Lucero welcomes submissions using interdisciplinary approaches that explore the connection between crisis and culture. Topics could include, but are not limited to, the above mentioned themes.

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