

Political Studies Association

69th Annual International Conference

15 - 17 April 2019, Nottingham Conference Centre, Nottingham Trent University

Briefing Note for PSA Specialist Group Convenors

This briefing note will help specialist groups in planning for the PSA Annual International Conference 2019 (15 - 17 April) and contains details for: the forthcoming call for proposals; submission processes and deadlines; and the new conference system for submissions and registration.

Panel Proposals and Conference Deadlines:

PSA Specialist Groups will be invited to submit panel proposals from **w/c Monday 6th August**, based on the conference theme, *(Un)Sustainable Politics in a Changing World*, as well as from across the disciplinary and methodological traditions. Please note:

- We encourage Specialist Group panels to reflect the diversity of the profession and all male panels will **not** be considered.
- When convening panels please do not accept or invite papers to be presented via video conferencing (Skype, FaceTime etc.). Paper-givers are required to register and physically attend the conference and only in exceptional circumstances will this be waived, such as for health- or mobility-related issues.
- The Conference Academic Convenors may contact you (and/or panel chairs) when reviewing proposals requesting to incorporate approved individual papers within a Specialist Group convened panel.

The conference deadlines are as follows (subject to change):

2018

w/c Monday 6th August: Call for papers and panels

Monday 22nd October: Deadline for submitting proposals

Monday 19th November:

- o Paper/panel acceptances and rejections sent
- o Conference registration opens – Early Bird Rates
- o Conference Dinner tickets available to purchase
- o ECN and International Visitor Grants applications open

2019

w/c 14th January: Close applications for ECN and International Visitor Grants (all applicants should have been informed by this date)

Monday 28th January: Early-bird registration ends

w/c 18th February: Deadline for paper-givers to register

NEW Conference Management Software:

Following a tendering process, the PSA will be working with academic conference management software specialists **Ex Ordo** (<https://www.exordo.com/>) to provide a new system for submissions, registration, academic convenor reviewing and panel scheduling, and an app for the PSA Annual International Conference 2019.

IMPORTANT: Conference participants will no longer be able to submit proposals or register via the PSA website as in previous years. Interested participants will have to set up an account and then submit proposals via the Ex Ordo submissions system. Panel proposals will be categorised under the relevant Specialist Group when submitted. Further details about this new process will be available ahead of the call for proposals w/c 6th August.

Academic Convenors and Conference Theme:

The academic convenors are based in the Dept. of Politics and IR at Nottingham Trent University and are: **Dr Marianna Poberezhskaya** (Senior Lecturer), **Dr Imad El-Anis** (Senior Lecturer); **Dr Rose Gann** as Head of Department will provide oversight. The conference title and theme revolves around the following issues:

(UN)SUSTAINABLE POLITICS IN A CHANGING WORLD

The pace at which our world continues to change is difficult to comprehend, and our ability to understand and explain politics is undermined as a result. Now, perhaps more than at any time since the end of the Cold War, the sustainability of current political practices must be (re)examined. Domestically, recent political controversies related to gender inequality, sexual or racial abuse, misuse of personal data, and financial mismanagement, raise critical questions about the durability of political practices. The continuing impact of Brexit, also presents further challenges to our polity and geographical borders.

Globally, uncertainty abounds: how has the emergence of populist movements and authoritarianism affected relationships across Europe and within the EU? How is U.S. unilateralism under President Trump affecting international relations and multilateral frameworks? How do we navigate the potential threats that escalating trade wars and the rise of economic nationalism across the world bring, and how will personal freedoms continue to be eroded in the name of combatting terrorism?

We are also faced with an increasingly complex relationship with the natural world. Climate change mitigation is faltering, depletion of the ozone has worsened, and we are in the midst of the Anthropocene Extinction (or sixth era of mass extinction) demonstrated by the most rapid loss of biodiversity in the planet's history. Given these stresses to our well-being and development we must consider whether current political institutions and practices are sustainable or whether significant (perhaps even radical) change in the way we organise ourselves and relate to other communities is upon us.

Equality & Diversity at the PSA Annual International Conference:

The PSA is committed to promoting equality and diversity in all areas of its work and the profession. As mentioned above, all panel proposals must endeavour to reflect the gender diversity of the profession and therefore all-male panel submissions will not be considered. Specialist Group convenors should also make active efforts to involve BME and disabled participants – the **Nottingham Conference Centre** (<http://www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk/>) is fully wheelchair accessible and we are happy to discuss any specific access requirements. Please email avnish.patel@psa.ac.uk for further details.

Specialist Group Panel Allocation:

The current allocation process allows for a maximum number of panels commensurate to the size of group membership. An inordinate number of proposals may however result in a review of the panels in question and quality of submissions.

As in previous years, specialist groups are encouraged to work together and propose joint panels. We will be reviewing panel allocations following the conference but If you require further clarification please contact avnish.patel@psa.ac.uk.

Specialist Group Panel Allocation - based on membership size of each group:

SPECIALIST GROUP MEMBERSHIP (TOTAL)	PANEL ALLOCATION (MAXIMUM)
220+	8
180 - 220	6
160 - 180	5
160 or below	4

Panel Allocation by Group:

SPECIALIST GROUP	PANEL ALLOCATION (MAX. NO. ALLOWED)
American Politics	8
Anarchist Studies	4
Anti-Politics	4
Art and Politics	4
British and Comparative Political Economy	4
British Idealism	4
Britishness	4
Caribbean Politics	4
Communism	4
Comparative European Politics	5
Conservatism Studies	4
Contemporary Aristotelian Studies	4
Corruption and Political Misconduct (CPM)	4
Development Politics	4
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP)	8
Environmental Politics	4
Ethnopolitics	4
Executive Politics and Governance	4
French Politics and Policy	4
German Politics	4
Global Justice and Human Rights	4
Greek Politics	8
Interpretive Political Science	6
Irish Politics	4
Italian Politics	4
Labour Movements	5
Latin American Politics	4
Liberals and Liberalism	4
Local Politics	4
Marxism	6
Media and Politics	8

Modern Liberty	4
Nordic Politics	4
Parliaments and Legislatures	8
Participatory and Deliberative Democracy	6
Political Leadership	5
Political Marketing	8
Political Methodology	4
Political Psychology	4
Political Thought	8
Political Violence and Terrorism	4
Politics and History	4
Politics and Policy in Southeast and East Asia	4
Politics and Religion	4
Politics of Property	4
Politics of South Asia	4
Populism	4
Public Policy and Administration	8
Qualitative Research	4
Rhetoric and Politics	4
Security and Intelligence	4
Space, Governance and Politics	4
Sport and Politics	4
State Theory	4
Teaching and Learning in Politics	8
Territorial Politics	4
Women and Politics	6
Young People's Politics	4

The PSA and the academic convenors look forward to receiving your proposals and welcoming you to Nottingham next year. I hope you have a great summer and don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further details.

Best wishes,

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