

Canadian Political Science Association Conference 2007

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The CPSA website is not scheduled to go live for a little while yet so please fill in the 2007 Conference Proposal Submission Form below and e-mail it to me at cpsa@csse.ca. An updated Call for Presentations is attached below for reference. If you have any questions, please e-mail me. Kindest regards, Michelle

2007 Conference Proposal Submission Form

1. Section or workshop of choice:
2. Full Name of Presenter(s):
3. Mailing Address for all presenters:
4. Phone numbers for all presenters:
5. Fax numbers for all presenters:
6. Email addresses for all presenters:
7. Current status of presenters (professor, student – masters, student – PhD pre-dissertation, student – PhD (ABD), independent researcher, public servant, lecturer, post doctoral fellow, other):
8. Type of session (paper, poster, roundtable):
9. Audio-visual equipment:
10. Title of Presentation:
11. 250 Word abstract(s):

Call for Presentations
79th Annual Conference 2007
University of Saskatchewan

Chairperson, Programme Committee - Lisa Young (Calgary)
Local Representative, Programme Committee - Joseph Garcea (Saskatchewan)

The Programme Committee invites proposals for participation in the Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) to be held at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, May 30-31 and June 1, 2007. Individuals are invited to submit their proposal by 1 November 2006. Proposals received after this date will not be considered. The Committee welcomes proposals from all areas of political science and hopes to produce a programme reflecting the breadth and diversity of the discipline. There are several ways you may propose to participate in the conference. The Committee invites proposals for single papers, multiple paper panels, roundtables and posters.

General Information: TO ENSURE A POSITIVE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE, PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE SECTION BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL.

1) The CPSA conference is held during the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities (Congress). Each CPSA conference participant must register for both the Congress and the CPSA conference. Anyone who does not causes a loss of revenue for the CPSA conference and is responsible for any increase in Congress registration fees. By not paying, participants only serve to withhold much needed support for the conference and penalize their paying colleagues with higher fees. Further information on registration fees and accommodation will be available at a later date.

2) For accepted presentations by single authors or multiple authors, each author must be a member in good standing in CPSA by 15 April 2007. Membership exemptions will be provided to invited guests of the programme committee, and on request, to foreigners who can provide confirmation of a membership in their national association or individuals from other scholarly disciplines. Chairpersons, discussants and roundtable participants are not required to be members but are more than welcomed to do so.

3) The CPSA receives a travel grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to assist members to come to the annual meeting from distant places. These funds are intended to especially facilitate participation by junior members. Please read the Travel Grant Policies below before preparing your proposal to see if you are eligible.

4) The CPSA proudly announces the fifth competition for the Jill Vickers Prize. The 2008 award of \$750 will be made to the author or authors of the best paper presented at the 2007 CPSA conference on the topic of gender and politics. Further information will be available at a later date.

5) Presenters must be prepared to attend the conference and to make their presentations in person.

6) Presenters may be considered as possible chairpersons or discussants for other sessions.

7) Each programme committee section head groups and assigns presentations to particular sessions, taking into account the type of session desired by the presenters and the overall programme balance. Research in progress is encouraged in round table or poster sessions.

8) A paper must be SINGLE SPACED, not exceeding the CJPS manuscript submission word count of 8,000 and should not have been previously published. It must be completed by 17 May 2007 and e-mailed to the relevant section head and the other participants in the session. E-mail addresses will be available in the on-line programme. Please also forward an electronic copy (pdf format) to the CPSA national office for uploading to the conference website.

Failure to comply to the 17 May 2007 deadline will likely result in the chairperson excluding the presentation from the session. Further, the discussant will have no obligation to comment on the paper if he/she has not seen it previously. Such an action would be a loss to all attending the session.

9) It is recommended that authors bring copies of a one-page outline of their session to their presentation for the benefit of their audience.

10) Non-presenters willing to act as a chair and/or discussant are asked to contact the CPSA secretariat at cpsa@csse.ca.

11) Successful applicants will be contacted in early January to confirm needs for audio-visual equipment. Overhead projectors and screens are normally provided by the host university. CPSA requests that presenters be reasonable in their demands for AV equipment. CPSA cannot guarantee equipment other than overhead projectors and screens.

12) General inquiries should be addressed to the CPSA secretariat at cpsa@csse.ca.

13) Names of section heads and workshop organizers of the Programme Committee:

Canadian Politics – Leslie Seidle (IRPP)
Comparative Politics (Developing) – Kalowatie Deonandan (Saskatchewan)
Comparative Politics (Industrialized) – Éric Montpetit (Montréal)
International Relations – Gavin Cameron (Calgary)
Local and Urban Politics – Neil Thomlinson (Ryerson)
Political Behaviour/Sociology – Mebs Kanji (Concordia)
Political Economy – Steve Patten (Alberta)
Political Theory – Olena Hankivsky (SFU) and Bruce Baum (UBC)
Provincial and Territorial Politics – Alan Siaroff (Lethbridge)
Public Administration – Jonathan Malloy (Carleton)
Law and Public Policy – Joan Grace (Winnipeg)
Women, Gender, and Politics – Jocelyne Praud (Regina)
Plenary and Special Sessions – Cris de Clercy (Western Ontario)
Workshop 1 – Robert Young (UWO) and Neil Thomlinson (Ryerson)
Workshop 2 – Eric Montpetit (Montréal) and André Lecours (Concordia)
Workshop 3 – Mebs Kanji (Concordia)
Workshop 4 – Grace Skogstad (Toronto)
Workshop 5 – William Cross (Carleton)
Workshop 6 – Bruce Baum (UBC) and Olena Hankivsky (SFU)

14) Only e-mail submissions will be considered. Presentations will not normally be considered for inclusion in the CPSA conference unless they meet all of the requirements.

15) A proposal must be submitted to only one section. The section head of your choice will forward your proposal to another section head if necessary. If, after a few days of submitting your proposal, you have not had confirmation that your proposal has been received, please check with the secretariat at cpsa@csse.ca. Section heads will acknowledge acceptance or rejection of the proposal in December 2006.

16) Individuals will be limited to 3 presentations of which two can be papers. This does not affect chairs and discussants.

17) Criteria for Acceptance:

a) Normally, submissions by MA students will not be considered. Only those submitted in conjunction with an academic supervisor will be considered.

b) If a proposal does not fit, it will be considered for the poster session or rejected.

c) The content of the proposal must include a clear question, analytical rigor, originality and a scholarly contribution.

d) Proposals by junior scholars or proposals that do not fit in the established programme will be considered for the poster session.

e) If a proposal has much data or is clearly better presented as a poster, it will be considered for the poster session.

f) If the programme committee receives more quality proposals than it can accommodate in the programme slots, some may be considered for the poster session.

18) A single paper proposal must include a 250 word abstract. The submission form will not accept any text beyond the stated limit. The abstract should outline the argument or inquiry to be developed, identify the method of analysis to be used, show the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field, and locate what is proposed within the wider research interests of the author(s). If your paper proposal is accepted, the submitted abstracts will be made available on the CPSA web site.

19) A multiple paper panel proposal must be submitted by one individual. The proposal must include the title and a 250 word abstract of the session and a 250 word abstract for each paper. The submission form will not accept any text beyond the stated limit. Each abstract should outline the argument or inquiry to be developed, identify the method of analysis to be used, show the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field, and locate what is proposed within the wider research interests of the authors. If the panel proposal is accepted, the submitted abstracts for the papers will be made available on the CPSA web site.

Multiple paper panel proposals with an entire panel of presenters from the same department are not permitted as these types of sessions can easily be organized in the departments. Multiple paper panels with two out of four presenters from the same department are acceptable. Chairs and discussants can be from any institution.

20) A roundtable proposal must include a 250 word abstract. The submission form will not accept any text beyond the stated limit. The abstract should include a description of the argument or inquiry to be developed, the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field, and locate what is proposed within the wider research interest of the roundtable participants. Abstracts for individual presentations are not required but if available, please include them in the submission form. Please ensure to provide an e-mail address and institution affiliation for each presenter.

In order to allow sufficient time for each presentation and a good discussion during the one hour and 45 minutes session, it is recommended that a maximum of 4 presenters participate on a roundtable.

21) A poster proposal

The poster sessions have been introduced to accommodate work that relies heavily on tables/graphs/figures, or work that is still at a conceptual stage (although the poster must include at least preliminary results). The poster session will be held in the late afternoon, and will give presenters an opportunity to discuss their work with interested conference attendees.

The poster session will be held in one room at the conference. Presenters will be asked to be present at the poster session.

A poster board surface, 4' high and 6' wide will be provided for poster presenters. On this surface, the author(s) will attach the following: the title of the presentation and authors; a copy of the abstract (in large type); an introduction, methods, results, and a short bibliography; and any tables or figures that communicate the results of the research. These items should be mounted on the poster boards at the beginning of the conference and remain until the end of the conference or until the day the author leaves the conference. Poster presenters should note that visual representations of results will be more effective than text.

Individuals may submit proposals as either papers or posters. In addition, the Programme Committee may decide that some proposals would be more appropriate as posters, and will notify potential presenters by 15 December 2006 if they are to present their work as posters.

A prize for the best poster will be awarded by the Programme Committee. The award of a three-year membership in the CPSA (including three years of the CJPS) will be presented to the recipient at the conference dinner.

22) A proposal within a workshop

The programme will include a number of half-day and full-day workshops, each organized around a particular theme. Proposals within a workshop should meet all of the conditions set out above in 17), 18) or 19). Please be sure to provide an abstract, including a description of how the proposal fits within the workshop theme. All conference registrants may attend the workshops.

Workshop 1 – Canadian Politics/Provincial Politics/Local and Urban Politics: Cities, Policy and Multilevel Governance in Canada

Organizers: Robert Young (UWO) and Neil Thomlinson (Ryerson)

This workshop features papers about public policy in Canadian municipalities. They flow from a major SSHRC-funded initiative that focuses on the participation of social forces in policy making and on the structure of intergovernmental relations that produces policies. The workshop will include, first, a theoretical and methodological overview of the project and papers on policies from the federal government point of view. The second session will be about three policy fields in various provinces. The final session will concern policy making in particular Canadian cities.

Workshop 2 – Comparative Politics (Industrialized): Canadian Federalism in Comparative Perspective

Organizers: Eric Montpetit (Montréal) and André Lecours (Concordia)

The Comparative Politics (industrialized) section for the 2007 Canadian Political Science Association conference calls for papers for a workshop on 'Canadian Federalism in Comparative Perspective.' We will consider papers presenting research on a variety of sub themes, including intergovernmental relations, federalism and political parties, federalism and public policy, that compares Canada with other countries. We invite submissions in both French and English.

Workshop 3 – Political Behaviour/Sociology: Assessing the Canada Election Study's contribution to Canadian political science.

Organizer: Mebs Kanji (Concordia)

The Canadian Election Studies (CES) have been conducted now for more than four decades. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together representatives from the various CES teams and others who may be interested to examine and assess the CES's contribution to Canadian political science. What are the major methodological contributions? What are the core theoretical advances? What are the big picture stories relating to elections and voting behaviour? And should we continue to invest in these studies in the future? If so, do we need to consider making any changes in our current approach?

Workshop 4 – Law and Public Policy: Public Policy Failure

Organizer: Grace Skogstad (Toronto)

This workshop addresses policy failure as a theoretical and analytical concept. Although our libraries are full of titles of policy failure (be it human rights, urban, aboriginal, housing, social welfare, environmental or another policy domain), the concept itself is under-theorized. The most common approaches examine policy failure as a technical and/or normative exercise: policies are rated as failures when they do not realize stipulated or desirable goals. This workshop is intended to go beyond empirical analyses of policy failure in particular domains to improve our theoretical understanding of the politics of policy failure. It asks the following questions. First, what constitutes policy failure? Why is the inability to realize public policy goals in one instance deemed a policy failure whereas it is not in another instance? Is policy failure a constructed concept, with rhetoric and argument crucial to popularizing the idea of policy failure? Or are the politics of policy failure more a matter of real political considerations: that is, policies fail when they fail to serve the interests of powerful political interests? Second, how does the institutional, ideational, and political context of policy making affect the politics of policy failure? Do some institutional auspices and political environments provide refuge to failed policies more so than do others? Third, to what extent do governments' desire to avoid policy failure—for example, in areas where policy making is plagued by unknowns and risks—shape the politics of policy-making? Fourth, what is the connection between policy failure and policy change; that is, is policy failure a vital pre-requisite to paradigmatic policy change, as Peter Hall has suggested? And fifth, what research design and methodologies are most appropriate for the study of policy failure? Papers that address any of the above five themes are invited for this workshop.

Workshop 5 – Canadian Politics: The Study of Political Parties in Canada

Organizer: William Cross (Carleton)

The workshop will begin with a roundtable that will consider the “brokerage model” of party politics. While students of Canada’s parties often use this term to describe some of our parties (and occasionally the party system) it is not clear exactly what the term means. The roundtable will explore this question and will consider whether the brokerage party is a uniquely Canadian phenomenon or if the model can be used to explain party organization and behaviour in other political systems.

The second session will be devoted to a comparative consideration of provincial parties and the state of research on these. We are interested in papers considering party organization and behaviour both within a province and across several provinces. The final session will be devoted to PhD thesis research on party politics. We envision a roundtable session in which PhD students will present an overview of their thesis research. This might be in the form of a single chapter situated within the larger project or an overview of the project explaining the objectives and methodology. The purpose of this session is to learn about the research being done in PhD programs on political parties and for graduate students to benefit from the comments of more senior colleagues at the thesis writing stage. We encourage proposals for participation in all three sessions from all those engaged in research on Canadian political parties.

Workshop 6 – Political Theory: Canada's Racial Contract

Organizers: Bruce Baum (UBC) and Olena Hankivsky (SFU)

The workshop will engage political theorists in Canada's political and historical legacy with respect to "race," racism, and racialization. We are bringing philosopher Charles Mills (U of Illinois at Chicago), author of the influential book, *The Racial Contract* (Cornell, 1997), to anchor this. He will outline his provocative notion of the "racial contract," which he uses to critically analyze the role of race and racism in the history of Western nation-states.

The time is ripe for this kind of workshop in Canada generally and within Canadian political science in particular. Talk of race and racialization in Canada is generally

eclipsed by the discourse of multiculturalism, which doesn't always confront these issues squarely.

We invite paper proposals that present thoughtful and creative engagements with Mills's basic idea of the "racial contract" as it relates to Canada. This could be either direct engagements with and extensions of Mills's theoretical perspective as it applies to Canada or engagements that use Mills's work more as a point of departure for different but complementary analyses.

23) Responsibilities of presenters

Presenters must be current members of CPSA (see #2 above). ALL presenters must register for the conference. Presenters should prepare comments outlining the major points of their papers. In the event of unforeseen circumstances and you are unable to attend, you are asked to notify the respective section head as soon as possible. Your professionalism in this regard is appreciated.

A good presentation is a must for a successful session. Listed are some guidelines for preparing an oral summary of a paper: No paper should ever be read verbatim from the text. Such presentations are often not only dull but also incomplete due to time constraints imposed by the chairperson; an author reading from text may be cut off by the chairperson before reaching the most significant aspects of his/her presentation. Highlights may be given covering such points as purpose of the study, description of the sample, methodology, problems, major findings, conclusions, or recommendations. The amount of time devoted to each highlight may vary depending upon the author's evaluation of the importance of each area related to his/her paper. Inexperienced extemporaneous speakers are advised to prepare a "reading text" of approximately 5-7 typed pages.

Presenters in round tables and at poster sessions are requested to bring copies of their summaries to the sessions. Doing so will enable participants to discuss the topic more effectively.

24) Responsibilities of chairpersons and discussants

The chair is responsible for monitoring the entire session. The success of a session often depends upon the chair's ability to restrict the time of speakers' presentations and temper the discussions from the floor in order to allow sufficient time for interaction within the presentation. Some of the most important responsibilities of the chair are to:

- Open the session at the scheduled time and set the context with a few brief introductory remarks;
- Introduce the participants before their presentations;
- Maintain strict time limits for each speaker and discussant;
- Moderate panel or floor discussions; and,
- Adjourn the session in time to allow the room to clear before the next session begins.

Chairs are requested to report the name(s) of any no shows and the session number to the section head.

In sessions where discussants are expected to prepare comments in advance, the CHAIR has the option to drop from the programme any author not submitting a copy of his/her presentation to the appropriate discussant two weeks before the meeting.

Discussants are to prepare, in advance, appropriate analytical or critical commentaries of the significance and contribution of the papers presented in a session. Time constraints on the length of the discussions are established by the chairs. Discussants are under no obligation to comment on papers they have not received prior to the meeting.

25) Instructions for Submitting a Proposal

Please read/print the Instructions for Submitting a Proposal, that will soon be

available on the website, before submitting your proposal.

Travel Grants Policies

CPSA Annual Conference, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
May 30-31, June 1, 2007

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1. Student applicants must be members of the Canadian Political Science Association during the conference year. All other applicants must be members for two consecutive years prior to application.
2. Applicants must be paper-givers or presenting a poster at the conference (one grant per paper or poster).
3. Applicants must:
 - a. be non-tenured faculty members or
 - b. be students in the third or subsequent year of a doctoral program or
 - c. be postdoctoral researchers or
 - d. have received their doctorate in the past five years and not be presently employed full time.
4. Priority will be given to applicants who did not receive a travel subsidy the previous year.
5. Travel grants will be awarded only to applicants who are employed (in the case of 3(a)) or study or reside (in the case of 3(b)) or reside (in the case of 3(c)) more than 500 km (air travel distance) from the conference site.

To be considered Travel Grant Application Forms must reach the Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Political Science Association, Suite 204, 260 Dalhousie Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7E4, fax: 613-241-0019, e-mail: cpsa@csse.ca by 15 February 2007.

Please contact the CPSA at cpsa@csse.ca for a copy of the application form.