

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Graduate Conference in Ethics and Public Affairs 2022

**Building Back Better: Opportunities and Risks**

Nov 17-19, 2022 • Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

**The Event:** The Ethics and Public Affairs (EPAF) program at Carleton University is pleased to announce its sixth annual multidisciplinary graduate conference. This will be a hybrid face-to-face and online event. The first day will be fully virtual. The second and third day will take place live and in-person in Ottawa, ON Canada, featuring our keynote speaker and social events.

**The Call:** Graduate students are invited to submit abstracts for presentations related to one or more aspects of our conference theme from the perspective of political philosophy, ethics, political science, economics, social work, law, public health, public policy, and other related fields.

**The Theme:** The phrase “building back better” is being increasingly employed in calls and proposals for a global crisis recovery plan. The idea of what it means to build back better prompts us to rethink how we do and should organize our societies, institutions, and communities. The concept raises both normative and empirical questions: what does ‘better’ mean, and how can we get there from here? Conference presentations may address these questions with respect to any of the following:

- Ethics of recovery
- Climate action
- Public health infrastructure and emergency response
- Income inequality
- Dissent and public opinion
- Science and policy
- Social justice, movements, and activism
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Reconciliation
- And more...

**The Keynote Speaker:** Amandine Catala, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair on Epistemic Injustice and Agency, Department of Philosophy, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

**The EPAF Program:** The doctoral program in Ethics and Public Affairs at Carleton combines ethical analysis with the social sciences to allow students to gain the theoretical and practical tools required for proposing innovative and sound solutions to difficult social issues. The program is a collaboration between philosophers whose work addresses public issues and public policy specialists with interests and expertise in the values underlying those issues.

## Instructions for applicants

- Abstracts (with title) must be a maximum of 500 words.
- Abstracts must clearly state the thesis being defended (or the question being answered) and explain the relevance or importance of the chosen topic.
- Abstracts must include the structure of the main results, findings, or arguments.
- Abstracts should not include any identifying information.
- Abstracts should be submitted [here](#)
- Accepted abstracts will be allocated 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.
- Deadline for abstract submission: **July 31, 2022**
- Notification of acceptance by: **August 15, 2022**

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