First Call for Proposals

Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 8: Global Policy and the Discontented

In an age where pro-globalization arguments are derided as “globalist conspiracies,” how are we to understand the role global relationships play in policymaking? How should academics and policymakers navigate this new landscape? Twenty years after the publication of Saskia Sassen’s Globalization and its Discontents, Susan Strange’s Mad Money, and John Ruggie’s Constructing the World Polity, globalism is undergoing re-evaluation in the public realm.

Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 8: Global Policy and the Discontented, McMaster University’s eighth annual Graduate Conference, invites interventions speaking to the questions raised in the fields of Globalization and policy studies. The conference will be held March 8-9, 2019 at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. We welcome graduate students from all disciplines to submit proposals for a paper or poster presentation addressing any aspect of public policy that has a global dimension. This includes, but is not limited to, the disciplines of Political Science, International Development Studies, Sociology, Cultural Studies, History, Business, Geography, Law, Psychology, Environmental Studies, Labour Studies, Health Studies, and Philosophy.

The conference draws upon McMaster’s expertise in the field of international and comparative public policy, to unpack the global dimensions of policy and bridge the gap between international relations, international political economy, and public policy. This year we are excited to welcome Dr. Judy Fudge (McMaster School of Labour Studies) and Dr. Hayden King (Ryerson University, Yellowhead Institute) as plenary speakers, and will be closing the conference with a roundtable discussion exploring the usefulness and impacts of ‘globalization’ as a conceptual framing for studying policy and relationships at the international level. We are also excited to be able to offer participants the opportunity to submit their papers for publication in McMaster Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition’s refereed Working Paper Series.

Panels will be organized to group similar papers providing critical analysis on topics such as Social and Health Policies, Indigeneity, Economic Policy (including Finance and Trade), International Development Policy and Practice, Postcolonial, Decolonial and Feminist Politics, Social Movements, Labour issues, North-South Relations, the Environment, Infrastructure, Security, Austerity and Neoliberalism, International Organizations, Higher Education, and Borders and Migration.

We encourage proposals for posters and thematic panels. To propose a panel, please email globalization.conference@gmail.com to discuss.

The conference is open to Masters and PhD students. It provides the ideal setting to connect with fellow students and faculty in their research area, which can help foster networks and ongoing collaborations. Each participant will also receive in-depth feedback from a faculty discussant on their written papers. The conference also includes a professional development workshop designed specifically for graduate students interested in the academic and non-academic job markets. New this year, selected papers will have the opportunity to be published in the Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition’s Working Paper Series.

To apply, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words along with 2-3 keywords (e.g. ‘health policy,’ ‘climate change,’ ‘international law,’ etc.). Abstracts should include a title and details of the argument to be developed, the method of analysis to be used, types of evidence to be presented, the paper’s contribution to the literature or this year’s theme, and may include the style of presentation to be given.

Applications should be done through the conference website, where you can find other details of the conference as well. If you have any questions, please send an email to globalization.conference@gmail.com.

Some financial assistance is available to help cover travel expenses for those coming from outside of Hamilton.

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