

Winter 2024

# Graduate Student Newsletter



Dear Graduate Students,

As the Committee on the Status of Graduate Students, we are dedicated to advancing the interests of graduate students in political science. Our goals include shedding light on the “hidden curriculum” in academia and ensuring that all graduate students have access to different resources and opportunities to assist in their professional development.

## This newsletter series serves to do just that.

Graduate students registered with APSA will receive periodic newsletters featuring valuable resources and information, imminent deadlines for grant and funding applications, and upcoming opportunities like relevant workshops, conferences, and pre- or post-doc opportunities. In addition, the letter will advertise the Committee’s different projects aimed at students’ professional development.

While many of these resources are tied to APSA, we also strive to highlight external opportunities as well.

If you have a specific opportunity or resource you would like us to feature, please reach out to us at [grad@apsanet.org](mailto:grad@apsanet.org).

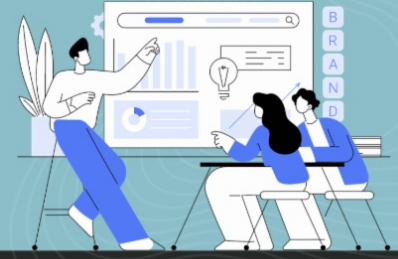
Sincerely,

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# UNPACKING THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM OF CONFERENCES WORKSHOP

Please join us for the first entry in our virtual professional workshop series!

January 11, 2024 at 2:00-3:00pm EST



**Please join us for the first entry in our virtual professional workshop series!** From drafting an abstract to selecting the best venue for your project to navigating the submission process, conferences can often seem daunting for graduate students. This workshop is all about covering key aspects of conference applications. By bringing you perspectives from individuals at different career stages and relationships to conferences, you'll learn how to: assess when your project is ready for a conference; target the best audience for your project; and gain insight into how papers are ultimately accepted. [Register Here.](#)

January 11, 2024 at 2-3pm EST

## Upcoming Deadlines

**6th GSIPE Mini-Conference:** Has economic globalization reached its peak? Is it slowing down? How can crises provide an opportunity to enhance cooperation and increase economic integration? What are the main instances supporting any of these trends? What are their causes and their consequences? Is globalization compatible with a more fragmented international economic system? Is globalization (still) a relevant and useful concept? The 6th GSIPE mini-conference seeks to answer these questions. Please submit your extended abstract of 400-500 words (make sure you clearly state the issue and its significance, research question/s, your argument, data and methods, preliminary findings if available, and most importantly, the contribution and originality of your project). For more information visit [this link](#) | **January 15, 2024.**



**Good Authority Fellowship Deadline:** The Good Authority invites political scientists (including advanced Ph.D. candidates) interested in writing for a broad audience to apply for a 12-month non-residential fellowship. Selected fellows will draw on insights from research – theirs and that of other political scientists – as it relates to timely events and evergreen issues and concerns. The Good Authority Fellowship application is a Google Form accessible via this link and also embedded below. [Applications](#) will require that you provide a link to your CV. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. pacific time on **January 15, 2024.**

**uOttawa CIPS Graduate Student Conference:** The Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) at the University of Ottawa is pleased to announce a call for proposals for our upcoming conference on “Exploring the “New” Terrain of Foreign Policy and International Relations (IR).” This conference aims to bring together graduate student scholars and researchers with policymakers and practitioners to delve into the dynamic and evolving landscape of global affairs. Learn more about the conference [here](#) | **Deadline: January 15, 2024**

**APSA 2024 Meeting Proposals:** The American Political Science Association (APSA) invites proposals for the 120th APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, September 5-8, 2024, held in Philadelphia, to address the latest scholarship in political science. The conference theme is “Democracy: Retrenchment, Renovation, & Reimagination.” APSA and the 2024 program co-

chairs, Danielle Allen, Harvard University, and Michael Neblo, The Ohio University, look forward to your participation in panels and sessions prepared by APSA's divisions and numerous related groups. Find the calls for proposals for the [2024 APSA Annual Meeting!](#) The submission deadline is Wednesday, **January 17, 2024**, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific.

**APSA Graduate Support Fund:** The APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students has launched a support fund to help students with unexpected, emergency costs. This fund has a quarterly allocation cycle. The January 2024 support fund application process will run as a lottery system. There is no review process— this fund is for graduate student members of APSA and all applications are eligible if certain conditions are met (being registered as a graduate student member of APSA). **Applications will open at 8am EST on January 15, 2024 and close at 5pm EST January 21, 2024.** After applications have closed, all applications will receive a number. APSA staff will then use a random number generator to select the maximum number of applications to be funded. We anticipate that we will be able to fully fund 8 applications for the January 2024 cycle. Those who are not part of the applications randomly selected to be funded will be eligible to reapply for funding in the March 2024 application cycle. For more information about the fund, [please visit this link](#). | **Deadline: January 21, 2024**

## Upcoming Opportunities

**Teaching in the Time of ChatGPT: A Conversation on Navigating AI in the Classroom:** This discussion panel is hosted by the WPSA Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Virtual Community and will address concerns and considerations for navigating generative AI in political science and public administration classrooms, including a range of strategies and ideas to implement. The event is hosted on Zoom and free to attend. [Register here](#) | **January 17, 2024 at 12pm EST**

**Propose an online workshop:** Do you have an idea for a professional development workshop you would like to see the APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students host this year? Please reach out to our committee at [grad@apsanet.org](mailto:grad@apsanet.org). We are in the process of planning programming for this year and want to hear your ideas for the type of professional development you can use!

## Spotlight Resources



This month's featured research is the recently published book *"Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond"* edited by Kevin G. Lorentz II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan. This book is free through APSA and includes chapters ranging from before your graduate school journey begins through the beginning of your academic or non-academic career post-graduate school. We will highlight some specific chapters throughout the school year but wanted to ensure all graduate students know about this phenomena resource.

To read chapters from this book, [visit this link](#).

# Virtual Communities

*This section features current communities which graduate students can join for free or low cost. We will share this table with each newsletter. If you have a virtual community you would like to share, please contact us at [grad@apsa.net](mailto:grad@apsa.net).*

## Virtual Workshop for Historical Political Economy

The Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy (VWHPE) aims to be a central hub for discussing state-of-the-art research in the field of HPE. It allows for members of the international HPE community to come together on a regular basis, learn about recent work on a broad variety of topics, and join a critical conversation.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Tine Paulsen at [tpaulsen@usc.edu](mailto:tpaulsen@usc.edu).

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## Western Political Science Association Virtual Community

WPSA Virtual Communities bring academics together on Zoom or other virtual platforms for scholarly, pedagogical, and/or professional development in political science and related fields. Virtual Communities (VCs) are organized around a variety of academic specializations or themes. Each community meets approximately once a month in formats that may include panels, colloquia, workshops, reading or writing groups, pedagogy discussions, mentoring opportunities, peer support groups, social/networking events and more, depending on the interests of its co-chairs and participants. Currently, 25 co-chairs are collaborating to organize 10 independent Virtual Communities.

[Learn more](#) about joining these communities.

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## POCAIsoKnowStuff

POCAIsoKnowStuff's goal is to foster cross-institutional collaboration and networking across subfields and rankings, especially for graduate students and early-career scholars. They do this through promoting scholarship, celebrating professional wins, and serving as a resource for mentoring efforts in the discipline to resolve issues that arise from the underrepresentation of people of color in Political Science. They serve as an interlocutor for those seeking to contact POC Experts, to learn about issues facing people of color in the discipline, and to advocate as allies for people of color in the discipline. In doing so, their aim is to create space for meaningful dialogues that foster a healthy community of POC Experts in Political Science.

[Learn more](#)

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## Authoritarian Political Systems Group

The Authoritarian Political Systems Group (APSG) is an online seminar series for researchers studying issues of authoritarian politics. We intend to connect researchers working on different aspects of autocracies and with different regional concentrations. Our bi-weekly seminar will provide an opportunity to receive feedback on their work in progress. We welcome presentations by scholars in comparative politics, international relations, and political theory as well as with different methodological approaches (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, formal modeling, etc.). We particularly encourage submissions from traditionally underrepresented groups including women and minorities, as well as early-career scholars (e.g., graduate students, post-docs, junior faculty).

[Learn more](#)

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## Junior Americanist Workshop Series (JAWS)

The Junior Americanist Workshop Series aims to provide an alternative opportunity for junior scholars (ABD grad students, post docs, and pre-tenure faculty) who study American politics (behavior or institutions) to present and get feedback on their work and to network with other scholars with similar interests. While we focus on showcasing work from junior scholars, we welcome everyone (all ages/ranks/experience levels) to attend our events!

[Learn more about JAWS](#)

[Join the JAWS Discord community](#)

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### **Junior IO Scholars Workshop**

The Junior IO Scholars Workshop is a virtual, interdisciplinary, graduate-student-run workshop where graduate students, pre- and post-docs, and junior faculty can present and solicit feedback on their work. This workshop will be an opportunity to receive substantive feedback from peers and leaders in the field, and to develop a community of scholars with shared research interests.

We invite people working on international organizations, broadly defined, inclusive of international law, foreign policy, and related areas, to participate and/or sign up to our mailing list. Additionally, we encourage participation across different types of research, including theoretical, interdisciplinary, empirical, and policy oriented work.

[Learn more about the Junior IOs Scholars Workshop](#)

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### **Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop**

The Graduate Student International Political Economy Workshop (GSIPE) is a virtual, interdisciplinary, graduate-student-run workshop. We aim to provide a venue for graduate students (including pre-docs and post-docs) to present works-in-progress and solicit feedback from their peers and faculty.

We invite graduate students and faculty from Political Science and Economics with an interest in International Political Economy (broadly defined) to participate, and to sign up for our mailing list. We welcome papers in all stages of progress and job market papers.

[Learn more](#) about the Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop

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### **Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop**

International Security (JSISE) Workshop, previously GSISE, is a virtual, interdisciplinary, junior-scholar-run workshop. We aim to provide a venue for junior scholars (including graduate students, post-docs, and untenured faculty) to present works-in-progress and solicit feedback from their peers and faculty. To this end, we hold monthly panels and various workshops for practice job talks. We invite junior scholars from political science, international relations, and related disciplines with an interest in international security (broadly defined) to participate. Papers in all stages of progress as well as practice job talks are welcome. The workshop is committed to promoting the work and voices of Black, Global South, Indigenous, POC, LGBTQ+, and women scholars.

[Junior Scholars in International Security \(JSISE\) Workshop](#)

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### **Chinese Politics Research in Progress (CPRP)**

Chinese Politics Research in Progress (CPRP) is a virtual workshop with the following objectives: 1) promoting intellectual exchanges of ideas on frontier research of Chinese politics, and 2) building a dialogue between China scholars and the broader political science

community. To this end, this workshop encourages presentation of question-driven research on fundamental issues in political science and Chinese politics.

We welcome presentations by scholars at all career stages (e.g., graduate students, post-docs, junior and senior faculty) in comparative politics and international relations and with different methodological approaches (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, formal modeling).

[Learn more about the Chinese Politics Research in Progress \(CPRP\) workshop](#)

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### **Women in Legislative Studies**

Mission statement: To engage, support, and promote women who study legislative politics.

We define legislative politics broadly to include legislatures, legislators, legislative elections, legislative representation, and relations between legislatures and other branches of government. We embrace legislative scholars and scholarship from diverse perspectives, such as gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality. We study a wide variety of lawmaking bodies—the U.S. Congress, U.S. state legislatures, comparative legislatures at the national and subnational level, and international legislatures.

[Learn more about Women in Legislative Studies](#)

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