

# Call for Papers: SPSA Annual Conference University of Geneva, 5–6 February 2018

The working groups of the Swiss Political Science Association invite scholars to submit contributions for the 2018 annual conference. Please find below a list of the working groups meeting in Geneva. Interested researchers should upload their abstracts (maximum of 500 words) until October 6, 2017. Abstracts can be submitted online via the following web page:

<https://www.svpw-assp.ch/conference-2018/call-for-papers/>

Please take note of the following important dates:

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Oct. 6, 2017	Call for papers closes
Nov. 20, 2017	First draft of the program
Nov. 30, 2017	Registration for the conference opens
Jan. 15, 2017	Registration for the conference closes
Jan 20, 2017	Deadline for submitting the paper to the panel chair

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## #SPSA18 Guiding Theme

The conference's guiding theme in 2018 is *International Migration Governance: Chances and Limits*. Unlike with flows of goods and finance, where states have established global institutions to coordinate their policies, no parallel development has taken place with regard to the international mobility of persons. Apart from an increasingly contested regime for the protection of refugees created after World War Two, very little cooperative action has emerged to address large movements of refugees and migrants. In times of rising nationalist tendencies in domestic constituencies, the limits of unilateral and uncoordinated national policies become more and more salient. Why is it so difficult to achieve international governance over this key area of states' interdependence, and under which conditions may we see meaningful international cooperation develop? These are the questions that will be addressed in the

keynote speech and subsequent round table.

We have invited Prof. Dr. James Hollifield as *keynote speaker* at our annual conference 2018. James Hollifield is Ora Nixon Arnold Fellow in International Political Economy, Professor in the Department of Political Science, and Director of the Tower Center at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, as well as a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations and a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, DC. Hollifield has served as an Advisor to various governments in North and South America, Europe, East Asia and the Middle East and Africa, as well as the United Nations, the World Bank, the IDB, the OECD, the ILO, the IOM, the EU, and other international organizations. He currently chairs working groups at the World Bank and the IDB and serves on the International Advisory Board of the National Center for Competence in Research (NCCR for Migration and Mobility) of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

## List of the Working Groups Meeting at #SPSA18

	WORKING GROUP	CALL FOR PAPERS
1	International Affairs	Open call
2	European Studies	Open call
3	Security Policy	Open call
4	Public Policy	Open call
5	Representation and Political Behaviour	Open call
6	Political Theory	Open call
7	Gender and Politics	Open call
8	Political Economy and Social Policy	Open call
9	Empirical Methods	Open call
10	Development and Environment	Open call
11	Federalism and Territorial Politics	Open call and specific call
12	International Political Sociology	Open call and specific call

## Specific Call: Federalism and Territorial Politics

In view of the Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association, the Federalism and Territorial Politics working group plans to organise a section on *Urban Transformations and Local Political Elites*.

Addressing Swiss as much as international scholars, proposals should cover one of the following themes:

1. *The role of urban transformations on the composition of local political elites in cities*, e.g. the role of demographic/socio-economic changes, institutional/partisan rules, party systems, local policy competences for democratic representativeness and professionalization of elected urban elites.
2. *The role of urban political elites and democratic institutions for responding to urban transformations*, e.g. the role of urban leaders and public accountability for responding to housing shortage and spatial segregation in cities.

Additionally, we will consider proposals from the wider field of research on territorial politics and federalism (open call).

Preference will be given to theory-led empirical enquiry, making use of original datasets and/or comparative scholarship. Both synchronic and diachronic approaches are welcome. Depending on submissions, workshop discussions will be grouped into two to three thematic sessions.

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## Specific Call: International Political Sociology

International Political Sociology (IPS) has become a distinct and rapidly growing field of research in International Relations and Political Science. IPS draws on a variety of reflexive approaches from social constructivism to critical theory, historical materialism, feminist, post-structuralist and post-colonial theory to analyse contemporary social, political and economic transformations in international politics. Standing at the intersection between International Relations, Political Theory and Critical Sociology, it provides distinct analytical frameworks and enables distinct empirical research strategies. The IPS Working Group endeavours to provide a platform for presenting and debating IPS research; to foster collaboration and exchange between scholars working in IPS; to support the development of junior Swiss or Switzerland-based researchers working in this tradition; and to create national and international scholarly networks, while also promoting dialogue with other specialised subfields of political science.

For the 2018 Annual SPSA Conference, we combine an open call with a specific call for papers. We invite abstracts for papers adopting any kind IPS approach to international politics, whether more empirical or more conceptual in orientation.

For the specific call, we are particularly interested in papers addressing the following themes:

1. The power of regulation and standardisation in IR
2. The governance of bodies and identities in IR
3. Gender and International Political Economy (e.g. gender and land grabs, public-private partnerships, neoliberalisation of feminism, etc.)

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