

A CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PAPERS IN ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, OR OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINES

“Sustaining Democracy: Civil Society, Governance, and Accountability” 13th Annual Southern California Graduate Student Conference

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of Democracy

The Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine is pleased to announce the Thirteenth Annual Southern California Graduate Student Conference on Democracy to be held at UCI.

Doctoral students from California universities are invited to send their project proposals on research related to empirical issues of democracy at home and abroad, such as:

- The problems facing the democratic process in the United States, West Europe or other established democracies
- The development of sustainable democracies in Eastern Europe, East Asia, and other new democracies
- Sociological and economic conditions related to democratic development, such as inequalities
- The role of citizens within the democratic process and methods to expand citizen access and influence
- Democracy within institutions and social/political groups
- Democracy and markets
- International aspects of democracy promotion
- The “Democratic Peace” thesis
- The Democratic implications of new forms of communication and participation
- The role of information in Democratization in the developing world
- The role of Direct Democracy in national and subnational politics

The conference will provide an excellent venue for doctoral students to receive expert guidance on, and support for, projects on democracy-related topics. Faculty from UCI and possibly other California universities will serve as discussants. In addition, we anticipate publication of the best of the conference papers by the University of California's eRepository.

How to submit a proposal?

To submit a paper proposal for potential inclusion in this conference, please e-mail a one page abstract (150 words) by **March 10th** to Shani Brasier at (csd@uci.edu). Please include your name, a one paragraph biography, the name of a faculty member familiar with the proposed research, and a brief statement of the current research progress on the proposed paper (e.g. completed data collection, finished with analysis, completed first full draft).

The participants in the program will be notified by **March 14th**; completed papers should be submitted by **April 28th** for distribution to participants.

Travel expenses will be covered up to \$200 if coming by air or \$100 if driving.