

Call for Papers

Sudan and South Sudan and its neighbors

The Sudan Studies Association calls for proposals for pre-organized panels, round tables, thematic conversations and individual papers for its 34th annual meeting to be held on May 22rd, 23th and 24th 2015, in University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

The Republics of South and the Sudan have created the potential to research and rethink the idea of the construction, the contentious and discontinuous changes that have been part of the systemic condition of the human experience of the place. This condition applies to the people and their ability to re-imagine new forms of inclusion, exclusion, colonization, liberation and conflicts that reflect themselves in this situation, identity formation processes of political bonds, inner and outer group relations play an important part in setting the foundations for constructive change, production of peoplehoods, identities and difference.

We therefore invite papers that engage with, but are not limited to, the theme: *Sudan and South Sudan and their neighbors*. As always, we expect to bring together scholars working in different disciplines to consider a wide array of ideas connected to this theme. With this in mind, we invite scholars working on any aspect of Sudan, South Sudan and their neighbors in contemporary or historical perspective to contribute theoretically innovative and empirically grounded papers, panels and presentations that might enhance our understanding of these issues. Though the central focus of the conference will be on this neighborhood, we would also welcome contributions on other substantive topics that consider Sudan and South Sudan in general perspective.

For those who require additional technology arrangements for Power Point or other similar programs for presentations please notify us ahead of time so that we are better able to accommodate you.

(1) Thematic Conversations:

Thematic Conversations are extensions of on-going conversations among scholars while exploring new trends and approaches to current or old questions. The conference provides an intellectual venue for like-minded scholars to continue in their discussion, deliberations that they started before in websites or other forums and engage into a face-to-face open academic exchange in an informal structure and within an open though captured audience. Although, there might

not be formal presentations, the conversations must have a session chair, participants and a topic.

(2) Roundtable:

Roundtables provide group(s) or team(s) of scholars an opportunity to sit down to discuss an issue, share opinions, or just to brainstorm through informed discussion and debate concerning the current issues and their state within the wider or the particular fields of scholarship. The roundtable format generally provides an open discussion where the chair and the participants engage themselves and the audience in active discussion.

Participants might or might not prepare papers but they should not lecture to the audience.

For panel proposals, thematic conversations and roundtables, an abstract of maximum 250 words should be sent together with a 250 word abstract for each paper. Please also include a proposal, names of chair and participating members of each proposed thematic conversation and roundtable.

All proposals will be peer reviewed.

Abstracts of proposed papers, panels and roundtables should be sent by March 1st, 2015 to Dr. Anne Bartlett University of San Francisco: a.bartlett@unsw.edu.au. A preliminary program will be announced by April 1st, 2015. Late proposals for papers will be considered only if space is available. Proposals and paper abstracts submitted earlier will receive preferential treatment in scheduling. Acceptance for presentation will depend on the quality of the abstract and the judgment of the program committee. Registration and conference fees must be paid before presenters will be placed in the formal conference program. Stipends of \$200 are available for assistance to a limited number of graduate students. Interested persons should contact SSA President Dr. Abdullahi Gallab at Arizona State University e-mail abdullahi.gallab@asu.edu

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