Call for Papers

Global South Hub @Center for Social Science Research

George Mason University

Second Global South Graduate Student Conference

May 4-5, 2023

"Staying Alive: Precarity and Survival in the Global South"

Deadline for **submitting abstracts**: February 15, 2023

Deadline for **submitting papers for the best student paper award**: April 10, 2023

The Global South Hub, housed within Center for Social Science Research (CSSR) at George Mason University,
is organising its second *Global South Graduate Student Conference*
May 4-5, 2023
scheduled to be held virtually *over Zoom*.

A condition of contemporary life has been precarity, understood as the absence of social stability due to failing institutional support and inadequacy of care. The COVID pandemic and climate change has worsened the vulnerabilities of those living at the margins. What are the many forms that these vulnerabilities take in the global south? How do they intersect with the other forms of exclusions based on race, class, gender etc.? How do people go on living despite the rising risks to survival?

We invite papers that look at any part of the world through the lens of the global south, through its methodologies, knowledges, paradigms, histories, sociologies, and anthropologies. While we value comparisons and transnational connections, all papers from all parts of the world written with the global south as a state of mind are welcome.

Themes:

- Dispossessions and displacement

- Marginalities, edges within the Global South
  - Climate change
  - Global inequality & poverty
  - Public health
- Production of knowledge
- Diaspora & global mobility
- Political economy
- Building solidarity and emerging forms of collective action

We are inviting submissions of abstracts **by February 15, 2023,** from current graduate students at any stage of their study, across disciplines within humanities and social sciences, from any part of the world. We will notify you about acceptance by February 25, 2023. We are also inviting draft papers from students with accepted abstracts to be submitted for the best student paper awards competition **by April 10, 2023**. The award will carry a cash prize of $300 for the winner and $200 for runner up, along with a certificate.

The best student papers will be invited to be submitted to a special issue volume of a journal dedicated to the conference theme.

Note: The submission of papers is only for the award and is not a requirement for the conference. All students with accepted abstracts will be invited to make conference presentations.

Please submit a **250-word abstract with** your name and academic affiliation by February 15, 2022 using this link. Presentations should be given in English and not exceeding 15 mins.

Guidelines for the paper submission:

I. Title: Title should be concise, clear, suggestive of the paper. Creative titles are acceptable within measures.
II. The final paper should be 7,000-8,000 words on an average, including abstract, appendices, tables, etc., and excluding references.
III. Should be single authored and unpublished papers by graduate students.
IV. Consistent citations, preferably ASA style. We recommend this link to access a quick ASA style guide.
V. Best papers will be considered for a special issue publication, therefore, we encourage papers with original research and arguments.

Any questions or concerns may be addressed to: Cssr@gmu.edu

For more details, visit https://cssr.gmu.edu/events/14122

Organizing Committee:

Deepika Hooda (dhooda@gmu.edu)

Kevin Nazar Pastor (dnazar@gmu.edu)

Karthik Balaji Ramanujam (kramanuj@gmu.edu)

Golzar Salih (gsalih@gmu.edu)

Blake Vullo (bvullo@gmu.edu)

Faculty Advisor: Manjusha Nair

Please use this link to submit abstracts: https://forms.gle/gELEi6suwpftvbvx6

For more information, please visit the website:

https://cssr.gmu.edu/research-hubs/global-south-research-hub