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Call for Papers IAPSS World Congress 2017

“The Meaning of Politics”
Department of Political Science
Central European University
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Deadline for abstract submissions: January 22, 2017.

The International Association for Political Science Students launches its **Call for Papers** for the **IAPSS World Congress 2017** in Budapest; one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. This is the largest international conference for political science students, organized every year: this year in partnership with the Department of Political Science at **Central European University**. If you are interested in presenting your paper at the IAPSS World Congress 2017, you are kindly requested to submit your abstract before **22 January 2017**. Join us at the largest conference for students of Political Science, International Relations and related studies in 2017!

The Topic

We have been fascinated by politics for millennia. The Greek Aristotle's notion of humans as 'political animals' marks one of the first associations that links 'people' to 'the political', however, what this link means remains far from clear because of the historical transformations of the concept of politics. Throughout time, the concept of what 'politics' is and what it is not has varied depending on the historical and political context of the time. By justifying slavery, Plato and Aristotle denied slaves the character of political actors; and in Republican Rome, the plebeians and aristocrats had a different political scope of action according to their condition. In contemporary times, current dilemmas about the boundaries between 'politics' and the 'nonpolitical' appear in discussions such as the role of bureaucracies on policy making, the functioning of international organizations and actors such as the UN, EU, Council of Europe, the African Union, or UNASUR on politics issues, or the controversies on 'social sensitive areas' during negotiations of trade agreements.

A reflection around the meaning of politics should also deal with some key concepts like 'Institutions', 'Regimes', 'Conflicts', 'Human Rights' etc. in a non-conventional way. The discussion about the meaning of politics requires moving our focus beyond the formal machinery of the government. And in so doing it, this discussion encompasses a whole array of layers and a multitude of arenas, going beyond the traditional state-focused research. Moreover, a thorough examination of our major topic, '**the Meaning of Politics**', it will also be necessary to explain how the political realm interacts with the economic, social, cultural or legal realm.

Call for Papers

The IAPSS World Congress 2017 seeks to establish an academic discussion about how different meanings of 'politics' affect decision making on various issues of societal importance. We welcome papers from undergraduate, graduate and PhD students, as well as from young scholars from different academic perspectives such as comparative politics, international relations, international political economy, political theory, security studies, public policy and administration, regional and area studies as well as political psychology and behavior studies, and international law, among others.



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The key topics to be addressed include (*but are not limited to*):

- The role of experts in the policy making process
- Normative perspectives on politics: Politics as a way to promote values
- 'Politization', 'de-politization' and 'hyperpolitization'
- Politics and Institutions
- Governance, Domestic Politics, and Foreign Policy
- Politics and Policies: How political decision-making affect public policy outcomes?
- The Politics of Human Rights
- Social structures, economic actors and political dynamics
- Public perceptions and beliefs about 'politics' among elites and publics: How are they related to the dominant approaches to politics in social sciences?
- Citizenship, political culture and global engagement: Origins of political participation.
- The idea of politics in International Relations Theory
- Ideology, Alliance Formation and Foreign Policy
- Legitimacy of political decisions
- Political dynamics and international integration: Rethinking the concept of 'Global', 'Regional', 'National' and Local'
- The political aspects of the European 'crises' and political influences on crisis management
- Varieties of political power in the international order
- The Politics of International Law
- Levels of Government and decision-making: Bureaucracy as a (non)political actor
- Asymmetries in political relations: Theories of dominant (active/aggressive) and non-dominant (passive) actors from a gender perspective
- Politics of Humanitarianism: How decision-making processes and political priorities affect the politicization of humanitarian outcomes
- The features of democratic politics: citizen participation and deliberation
- The locus of politics in authoritarian regimes
- Political Economy of Neoliberalism: Beyond the Washington Consensus
- Patterns of populist politics around the globe
- Corporations, Political Parties and Parliaments: The process of political lobbying
- NGOs, Think-Tanks and Consultancy Groups as political actors
- Political-ness of the media: Threat or opportunity to democracy?

Guidelines for Paper Submissions

Please send us your **abstract** of no more than **250 words** by submitting an online form at www.iapss.org. This form also includes the name of the author(s), the title of the paper, key words, home university, and email address (es). Abstracts should be submitted by **22 January 2017**. Selected candidates for student panels will be informed by **15 February 2017**.

Full papers should be submitted via the available online form at www.iapss.org by **17 March 2017**.

Congress Registration

Please note that you need to be register for the conference by purchasing your ticket in the **IAPSS Web Store**. The final deadline for registrations is **1 March 2017**, but a discount will apply if you register by **12 February**.

IAPSS Scholarships and IAPSS Travel Grants

IAPSS' budget on grants is limited, as most of our incomes are from membership and events fees. However, we strongly believe that it is crucial to facilitate the participation of most talented young researchers of all specializations at IAPSS' largest annual event. Therefore, there will be an open call among successful abstract authors, launched for applications for:

- **IAPSS Scholarships** - special grants awarded to **maximum two students** who demonstrate both academic excellence and pressing financial need, covering expenses up to 1000 € each.
- **IAPSS Travel Grants** - a limited number of partial grants distributed on the basis of academic merits and financial needs, covering expenses up to 500 € each.

Please note that all grants are handed out on-site in cash (EUR) during the conference - not in advance, and upon the condition of successful accomplishment of the paper presentation. If you wish to apply for either a scholarship or a travel grant (see above), please choose the respective option when submitting your abstract.



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Please note that both IAPSS Scholarships and IAPSS Travel Grants are competitive and the travel grants usually only cover a part of individual travel costs. We therefore encourage you to start searching for other third-party funds at an early stage. Students whose abstract has been accepted will receive more details regarding the requirements and deadline for submission.

The **IAPSS Fee Waiver** is offered to Student Research Committee and Academic Think Tank members, who successfully present their research at the World Congress, and other selected guests from IAPSS' partner associations. Please note that you cannot apply for the IAPSS Fee Waiver.

Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any further questions at: wc-panels@iapss.org

We very much look forward to your submission.