The Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) at McGill University, is pleased to announce that it is now accepting abstracts from PhD and Master’s students for papers to be presented at the Annual Graduate Student Conference taking place online on Monday, March 15, 2021, hosted online by McGill University. The conference is organized annually in collaboration with the Centre d’études sur la paix et la sécurité internationale (CEPSI) at the Université de Montréal and the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS) at the University of Ottawa.

The theme of this year’s conference is *Global Governance: Vulnerability and Resilience in Uncertain Times*. The retreat from many multilateral institutions and breakdown in international cooperation we have seen over the past decade has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, several long-standing fault lines among institutions and practices of global governance across multiple issue areas have been amplified by the unique circumstances which currently shape our world. This conference hopes to bring together original research ideas that tackle both new and longstanding questions related to Global Governance, broadly defined. Topics may include the protection and rights of migrants and refugees, violence and armed conflict, climate change and the environment, multilateral institutions, the global health system, protectionism, nationalism, and economic development. We also strongly encourage any submissions that discuss the disproportionate burdens of the pandemic on women, and submissions related to women’s rights and/or gender issues more generally.

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

March 15, 2021, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

**Global Governance: Vulnerability and Resilience in Uncertain Times**

Deadline for abstract submission: December 18, 2020
Proposed papers are expected to take a close look at past or present issues in one or more of these areas and inquire about their implications for policy and theory of global governance. Their original contributions should look to present new theories, approaches, methodologies, or sources of evidence to further enhance our understanding of these areas.

This conference is an opportunity for graduate students (Masters and PhD) to share their research, hone their presentation skills, and network with other researchers. Participants will receive feedback on their work from CIPSS/CEPSI & CIPS affiliated professors during thematic panels.

Abstract submission guidelines:

Please send the abstract for the proposed paper and a brief biographical note to cipss2020.mcgill@gmail.com in a single attachment. The attachment should be a one-page Word document containing: 1) the title of your paper and a 300-500-word abstract describing the paper that you are planning to present; and 2) a 100-word biographic note including the corresponding (first) author’s institutional email, current degree program, level of study (PhD or MA), and department and university. In the case of co-authored papers, one person should be identified as the corresponding author. Abstracts will be blind reviewed by CIPSS/CEPSI-CIPS members using a scoring system based on theoretical contribution, originality, analysis, and policy relevance. Please note that no identifying information will be sent to reviewers with your abstract. If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified in January with an invitation to submit your full-length paper (4500-8000 words) by the end of February. Abstracts and papers may be submitted and presented in either English or French.

Key dates:
- Deadline for abstracts and biographical note: December 18, 2020 midnight;
- Authors are notified of acceptance or rejection: January 31, 2021 midnight;
- Deadline for submission of accepted papers: February 19, 2021 midnight;
- Deadline for submission of an electronic copy of presentation: March 8, 2021 midnight.

For any other questions, please contact the Conference Committee at cipss2020.mcgill@gmail.com.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and to having you join us in March for this event.

The organizing committee