

Third Annual Boston University Graduate Research Conference in International Relations

“Fault Lines and Fragmentation in International Systems”

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Boston University Graduate International Relations Council, in conjunction with the Boston University Department of International Relations, invites graduate students to submit a manuscript for presentation at the Third Annual Graduate Research Conference in International Relations (GRCIR), “Fault Lines and Fragmentation in International Systems,” held Friday and Saturday, February 22-23, 2013, on the Boston University campus.

Beneath the façade of globalization lie fault lines and fragmentation, reminding us of the core differences that threaten our international systems. This conference seeks to analyze the political, economic, cultural, ethnic and religious manifestations of those fractures, to better understand the anatomy of divisions and distinctions, and to explore the consequences of splintered international systems.

Central issues to be considered include:

- Globalization
- Economic alliances and rivalries
- Development
- Global governance
- Security and geopolitics
- Regionalization
- Nationalism
- Conflict and conflict resolution
- Democratization and revolution
- Demography and culture
- International architecture for diplomacy, trade, and finance
- Religion
- Global and national identities
- International environmental policy

Though the main thrust of the conference will be rooted in the theory and practice of international relations, graduate students from **any** academic discipline are welcome to apply and participate, in the hope of stimulating lively and informed debate from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. Students of Government, History, Religion, International Relations, Political Science, Regional Studies, Security Studies, Economics, Cultural Studies, and Environmental Policy are especially encouraged to apply.

Panels will be organized according to the topics proposed in the applications received. A reception will be provided for conference participants following a keynote address on Friday evening, and lunch will be provided for participants on Saturday afternoon.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until Saturday, January 5, 2013. Primary criteria for selection are quality of research, relevance, and originality. All manuscripts must have been written as a graduate student. 500-word abstracts, not final drafts, are required for the application. Full-length papers are to be brought to the conference. Please note that a \$25 registration fee will be collected upon arrival to the conference. The application is available online at <http://bit.ly/PRcbxg>.

For inquiries, contact the conference organizers at GIRCBoston@gmail.com.