



Boston International Security Graduate Conference

Teetering on the Brink: Emerging Threats in Contemporary Security Studies

Call for Papers

The Northeastern University International Security Working Group is currently accepting abstracts for a one-day conference to be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 in Boston, MA. This conference seeks research broadly related to themes of contemporary and emerging threats. It will serve as a **forum for graduate students to present works-in-progress and receive faculty and peer feedback**. We are eager to engage with a broad definition of security issues and actors, from a variety of geographic contexts and methodological approaches. More information may be found at the conference website: neuinternationalsecurity.weebly.com Small travel grants may be available for scholars traveling from outside the Boston area.

Submissions on any policy-relevant topic in contemporary security are encouraged, including:

- Civil Wars and Intrastate Violence
- Non-State Actors and Non-Traditional Security Threats
- Intervention, Peacekeeping, and Sanctions
- International Security Alliances
- Intelligence Agencies
- Bridging Policy and Academic Gaps
- Methodology Challenges in Conflict Analysis
- Teaching Conflict

Submission Guidelines:

We will accept submissions for two categories of work: early-stage and late-stage. Please clearly indicate to which category you are applying.

1. **Early-stage work:** Presenters should have a clearly-defined research question, a mostly or fully complete literature review, and be seeking guidance on data sources, theoretical framing, or modes of analysis. Please submit an extended abstract (250-500 words, not including works cited) outlining the goals of the project, progress so far, tentative data collection and analysis plans, expected outcomes, and what you are seeking input on. This is a great opportunity for students working on their dissertation prospectus, but non-dissertation projects are also welcome. If accepted, presenters will be need to submit a 3000+ word paper with a thorough literature review and detailed research plan.



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2. **Late-stage work:** Presenters should be seeking feedback prior to journal submission or during R&R. Please submit an extended abstract (250-500 words) outlining the argument, theoretical framing, methods, results, broader implications. A full version of the paper should be sent to the session commentator by February 9, 2018.

Abstracts should be emailed to Katharine Petrich at petrich.k@husky.neu.edu by 11:59 p.m. on December 18, 2017.

Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: December 18, 2017

Notification of acceptance: January 5, 2018

Full paper submission deadline: February 9, 2018