

# Guide to the APSA 2017 Annual Meeting

Welcome to the 2017 American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting! Please use this guide for a brief introduction to the conference. If you have any questions, please email [meeting@apsanet.org](mailto:meeting@apsanet.org)

## PROGRAM PREPARTION

### Submissions

All submissions have been received by APSA through the [submission system](#) by January 9, 2017.

- The [conference theme](#) is "The Quest for Legitimacy: Actors, Audiences, and Aspirations."
- All participants must have a [complimentary APSA account](#) in order to be added to a submission. They do not have to be a member, but they will need an account.
- There is a limit of four papers per panel in order to have proper discussion in the allotted 90 minutes.
- [Read more about the rules](#), as well as learn more about our [session types](#).
- Notifications of acceptance were sent out on March 13, and all participants must confirm whether or not they'll participate.



### Paper Uploads

Conference papers must be uploaded to the submission system by August 14. Instructions will go out in early July.

### Preliminary Program

The preliminary program is now available online, including panel dates and times. APSA's online interactive program refreshes content every 24 hours. Keyword search and filter by content areas, date/time, author and more! Panel locations will be announced in early August. The conference mobile app will be available in August, and a print program book will be available on-site for a \$5 fee.

## ATTENDANCE LOGISTICS

### Registration

All conference program participants must register by June 12. The early bird rate will end on July 6. [Register online](#).

### Short Course Registration

All [short courses](#) are held on Wednesday, August 30. They provide diverse opportunities for professional development and offer attendees the chance to connect with scholars from a range of backgrounds. Pre-registration is required, and each short course has a \$25 fee. The short course(s) can be added on to your registration in the online registration system.

### Hotel

Room blocks are now open. Discounted rooms are available at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Parc 55, Westin St. Francis, Hotel Nikko, and the Grand Hyatt. [Make your reservation](#).

### Child Care

APSA does offer child care services. [Child care registration](#) is now available. Be sure to register before August 21.

### Travel Grants

APSA offers a number of travel grants. Applications were due by April 17, and notifications of acceptance have been sent out.

### Placement/e-Jobs

Attendees can connect with prospective employers for on-site interviews in our Placement room. More information will be in available in June 2017.

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## ON-SITE LOGISTICS

### On-site Check-in

Registration will be in the Hilton Union Square Yosemite Room. The tentative schedule, subject to change, is:

- Wednesday, August 30 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 31 – 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 1 – 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 2 – 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



### Sessions

All sessions will be held beginning Thursday, August 31, at 8 a.m. and end on Sunday, September 3, at 11:30 a.m. Sessions will be held at the Hilton Union Square, the Hotel Nikko, the Parc 55, and the Westin St. Francis.

### Panel Room Technology

Each panel room is outfitted with a projector and screen. Each participant who wishes to use a laptop should bring one along with them. Mac users should bring their own adapters.



## MUST-ATTEND EVENTS

### Plenary Addresses & Theme Panels

Plenaries are high-level panels relating to the conference theme. [Theme panels](#) are selected by the conference program chairs. APSA also offers [new session formats](#), such as mini-conferences, featured paper panels, teaching cafés, and more.

### Exhibit Hall & iPosters

Visit the Exhibit Hall in the Hilton Union Square Grand Ballroom on the Grand Ballroom level. The Exhibit Hall features more than 75 vendor and publisher companies, the APSA Lounge, sponsored receptions – and iPosters! The tentative Exhibit Hall hours, subject to change, are:

- Thursday, August 31 – 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 1 – 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 2 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### APSA All-Member Meeting

All APSA members are encouraged to attend this [official business meeting](#) of the association to learn about upcoming programming, governance initiatives, and more. The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 31, 12:00 - 1:30pm.

### 113th Annual Opening Reception

Join us on Thursday, August 31, at 7:30 p.m. to kick off the conference social events. This is a great networking opportunity!

### International Attendees Reception

APSA invites all international attendees to receive a special welcome to San Francisco and to meet other international attendee veterans and learn how they navigate the biggest political science meeting. The reception will take place on Thursday, August 31, at 7:30 p.m.

### Graduate Student Happy Hour

Capitalize on an opportunity to meet fellow up-and-coming scholars in the discipline and to make valuable connections for your research and career. This event will be held on Saturday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m.