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.

PROGRAM PREPARATION

Submissions
All submissions must be received by APSA through the submission system by January 9, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific.

- The conference theme is “The Quest for Legitimacy: Actors, Audiences, and Aspirations.”
- Submission titles are limited to 80 characters, and the abstracts are limited to 5000 characters.
- Do not use the back button on the web browser when in the submission system.
- Each page has its own help section and instructions. You can find it in the gray navigation bar at top.
- 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 will go out on March 13, and all participants must confirm whether or not they'll participate by March 20.

Paper Uploads
Conference papers must be uploaded to the submission system by August 15. Instructions will go out in early July.

Preliminary Program
The preliminary program will be available on May 22, 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
Conference Registration will open on March 20. All conference program participants must register by June 10. The early bird rate will end on July 1. 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 will open in early 2017. Discounted rooms will be available at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Parc 55, Westin St. Francis, Hotel Nikko, and the Grand Hyatt. Learn more about the hotels.

Child Care
APSA does offer child care services. Child Care registration will be available on May 22.

Travel Grants
APSA offers a number of travel grants. Applications are due by April 17, and notifications of acceptance will be sent on May 26. Apply here.

Placement/e-Jobs
Attendees can connect with prospective employers for on-site interviews in our Placement room. More information will be in available in May 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, 8/30 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 8/31 – 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 9/1 – 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9/2 – 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.

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, 8/31 – 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, 9/1 – 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9/2 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 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. Date/time TBD.

113th Annual Opening Reception
Held the first official night of the conference, this reception kicks-off the conference social events and 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.

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!

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.