

Call for BISA conference 2019

2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Department of International Politics, University of Aberystwyth, the first department of international studies in the world. This anniversary provides an opportunity to critically reflect upon whether there is a distinctive discipline of British international studies, what that discipline might be, what kinds of stories we tell ourselves about it, and how those stories shape us as a collegium in relation to others? More particularly, such questions demand an engagement with the history of international studies within the United Kingdom and how the discipline connects to the practices of the British state. Attention is also drawn to what the discipline may be today and how it may change in response to the myriad worlds within which it is embedded, including the uncertainties of a post-Brexit environment, as well as changing configurations of governance and power in the international system. Thus, alongside traditional concerns of war, diplomacy, trade, and finance, the centennial is a good time to evaluate how well equipped international studies in the United Kingdom is to respond to the challenges of the Anthropocene, climate change, inequality, migration, questions of identity, ubiquitous surveillance, and a revival of imperial nostalgia. It is also an opportune moment to contemplate the pedagogy of international studies, the role of international studies within contemporary British universities, and the composition of our academy. Put bluntly, does international studies in the UK have the people, institutional support, interdisciplinarity, methods, concepts, and theories to address the challenges of the next 100 years? If not, what is needed and necessary to address these challenges?

To pursue answers to the questions raised by 100 years of international studies in Britain, the conference programme committee invites individual papers, panels, and roundtables that engage with the themes identified above or any other topic that advances the understanding of international studies widely defined. It also encourages the inclusion of multiple perspectives, diversified panels, and innovative formats. *The deadline for submission of general proposals is 9th November 2018.* Proposals and abstracts must be submitted online via the [BISA website](#).

If you are submitting a panel or roundtable, please ensure you have all the details to hand before starting to complete the online forms, including all contact information for the convenor, chair, and discussant (if included), panel/round table title, description, paper giver/participant contact details including email address, paper titles and short abstract of no more than 200 words.

Panel/Roundtable Composition

As a part of BISA's commitment to equality and inclusion across all of its activities, panel and roundtable proposals should seek to represent the diversity of the profession. Section conveners and the conference programme chair reserve the right to intervene in the composition of panels/roundtables to ensure that this commitment is upheld.

Email addresses on proposals

Please ensure that the email used for the conference proposal is the same as the email address members use to login to the BISA website. This will ensure registration payments are linked to the programme participants and submissions are linked to your profile. ***The use of multiple email addresses will lead to registration errors*** and follow-up queries from the BISA conference team.

Innovative sessions

BISA is particularly interested in proposals for innovative panels and sessions which do not follow the usual format of academic paper presentations. This may include film and media presentations, interview conversations, creative activities, and professional development workshops. Proposals for innovative sessions should be sent directly to the BISA Conference Team (conferences@bisa.ac.uk) by the 9th November 2018.

Key BISA 2019 contacts

- Conference programme matters, withdrawals and programme changes: conferences@bisa.ac.uk
- General conference matters, registration, accessibility, visa letters, refunds etc. office@bisa.ac.uk

Registration

Registration for the conference will open on 15th January 2018 with a deadline for programme participants of 11th March 2019. After this date, non-registered participants will be removed from the programme.

Fees for 2019 [please note that to register for BISA, one also needs to be a member of BISA]

Fees for BISA 2019 will be listed by the end of November.

What is included in the conference fee?

As a registered charity, BISA continues to run the conference on a not for profit basis. This includes subsidising aspect of the conference to cover the full costs of organising the event. These costs include:

- Venue hire
- Venue Day Delegate rates – for buffet lunches and three refreshment breaks, WiFi, and AV hire;
- Evening receptions;
- Registration desk support, event insurance, and conference programme admin support
- PG bursaries

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the Royal Society 10-11 Carleton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. The Royal Society is within easy reach of public transport including the Picadilly Circus and Charing Cross tube stations.

Conference Hotels

There is not a dedicated conference hotel for BISA 2019. There are many options within walking distance of the conference venue as well as further afar. BISA is exploring budget accommodation options with a local university partner. Further information will be available by the time registration opens.

Postgraduate Conference Bursaries

Applications for Postgraduate Bursaries will open on 15th January 2019. The deadline for applications is 15th February 2019. Eligibility is restricted to postgraduate members of BISA who have had a paper proposal accepted for the conference. Please note that bursaries cover registration costs and a modest contribution towards travel and accommodation. BISA prioritises awarding bursaries to those PG members who are not in recipient of other forms of funding or scholarships from research councils, home institutions, or other sources.

Child Care

We are working to find high-quality child-minders and nanny services for BISA 2019. More information about costs and booking will be available when registration opens.

Accessibility & Equality

BISA has adopted an accessibility policy for the conference which details our commitment to providing an event that is accessible. We will also undertake monitoring of our delivery of services so we can ensure improvements for future events.

Guidance for Participants at BISA Annual Conferences

Frequency of Appearances

Each year, the BISA conference is over-subscribed., often with the wait-list numbering in the 100s. In order to maximise the number of participants, BISA members can present only ONE paper at the annual conference, including co-authored papers. BISA members can also appear either as a roundtable participant, discussant or chair on two further panels (maximum of three appearances). The exception is that BISA members may present two papers if one of these is part of a learning and teaching themed panel. These limits will ensure increased opportunities for participation by all BISA members.

Submission Types

- **Panels:** panels must have a title, abstract and five papers (no discussant) or four papers with discussant (complete with title, abstract and authors details) and at least one chair. Titles need to be less than 10 words and abstracts need to be less than 200 words. You will need to select a working group section to which you are submitting your panel.

Please note: papers submitted for panels should not be submitted a second time independently of the panel. If the panel is not accepted, the papers submitted on the panel go into the normal waiting pool with all of our other papers.

- **Roundtables:** roundtables are similar to panels but participants do not present papers. At least one chair and a minimum of four participants (maximum six participants) are needed to submit a roundtable, along with title, and abstract. Titles need to be less than 10 words and abstracts

need to be less than 200 words. You will need to select a working group section to which you are submitting your panel.

- **Papers:** individual paper submissions should include a title and an abstract. Titles need to be less than 10 words and abstracts need to be less than 200 words. You will need to select a working group section to which you are submitting your panel. With individual paper submissions it is important to make clear the wider debates, puzzles, or themes to which the paper makes a contribution as it can be difficult to place narrowly focused single case studies onto panels without that information.

Participation of Postgraduate Students

Postgraduate participation in the conference is encouraged. Such participation is most effective when students interact with more senior members. Thus, all postgraduate panels are not permitted.

Withdrawal

Every year, BISA has far more proposals for the conference than it has space for in the programme. As a result many proposals are excluded. Because of this, a withdrawal deadline of 11 March 2019 has been introduced. If you notify BISA by this deadline, you can cancel your participation (and registration, if applicable, subject to a £30 admin fee). This also allows time for the Conference programme chair to find a substitute participant. Failure to cancel by that date will result in no refund of registration fees and could lead a member not being allowed onto the programme of future conferences. Withdrawals past the deadline due to lack of funding and other professional or personal commitments are not considered sufficient reasons for exemption from the penalised withdrawal list.

Working Group Sections

Working groups with 74 or less BISA members will be allocated at least four panels (two of which are guaranteed for inclusion on the programme and are mandatory for each group). Working groups with more than 75 BISA members can organise a section of at least five panels. Working groups with over 100 BISA members can organise a section with at least 10 panels. BISA will show flexibility and try to ensure that all proposed panels are included on the conference programme, subject to panel slot availability.

Working group conveners take overall responsibility for the selection and execution of their section's contribution to the conference programme; They should undertake a specific themed call for papers (if applicable) and ensure that panels/roundtables have a diverse composition.

In making a call for papers, Working Group conveners should remind their members of the frequency of appearance stipulations noted above.

Section chairs should identify panel chairs and discussants (if applicable) and maintain a reserve list of proposed papers in case of withdrawals.

For more information please refer to the BISA website at www.bisa.ac.uk or email office@bisa.ac.uk