

IPSA Call for Papers for Madrid Congress, 8–12 July 2012: Gender RCs

I. IPSA Pre-Congress Workshop Announcement

**Joint Call by RC 7 (Gender and Development), RC19 (Gender, Politics and Public Policy),
RC52 (Gender and Globalization)**

Pre-Congress Workshop¹ to be held 7 July 2012

In this together? Women's movements and the politics of intersectionality

Theories of intersectionality highlight the ways in which multiple axes of identity—including race, class, sexuality, age, disability, motherhood and so on—interact at many levels of women's lives. These intersections of identity have long complicated any notion of feminist 'sisterhood' or solidarity, while simultaneously drawing attention to the multiple forms of discrimination and oppression that many women experience.

While these insights are not new, they continue to have significant implications for the way in which women engage in politics and activism, raising questions of voice, authority and legitimacy. This is true both in domestic and transnational contexts, in movement organizations and in online communities, and in politics that is focused on the state or constituted in social and cultural spaces.

The Pre-Congress Workshop for RCs 19, 7 and 52 seeks to examine the ways in which intersectionality continues to influence women's movement organizing. How does intersectionality create new voices and spaces? How is it imposing silences? How has intersectionality changed feminists' relationship to each other? To states and institutions? How have these insights changed the way that women's movements organize between the Global South and North?

If interested in submitting paper or panels to this joint effort for the PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP, please contact the relevant RCs at www.ipsa.org or the conveners: Melissa_haussman@carleton.ca (RC 19); Mariel Lucero (RC 7), rc07women@yahoo.com.ar; or Nancy Kwang Johnson (RC 52), mailto:nancykwangjohnson@unyt.edu.al.

¹ Thank you to Sarah Maddison, RC 19 Vice-Chair (and Chair from 2012-2015 with incoming Vice Chair Anne Marie Holli).

II. RC19 (Gender, Politics and Policy) Call for Papers for IPSA Congress

Theme for RC 19 panels at the Congress (8–12 July 2012):

“Re-ordering Boundaries, Shifting Power” – Governance Shifts and Gender

As the RC on Politics, Policy and Gender, we are seeking papers that cover themes related to the above, which can include:

- intrastate changes (such as election of Socialists in Spain and the decriminalization of abortion and gay marriage); electoral quota adoption
- interstate changes-whether states are finding ways to cooperate with each other in policy areas such as “sending” and “receiving” countries with respect to migration or refugee status, for example;
- devolution of previously supranational responsibilities to national governments (Lisbon Treaty delineated the role of national Parliaments for the first time) and national to subnational (such as “expensive” women’s social policies and assignment to sub-national levels of government where tax and administrative resources are generally fewer);
- the ratification and institutionalization of certain supranational treaties and mechanisms since the last IPSA Congress, such as increased size of EU, ratification of Lisbon Treaty and EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; new UN Agency for Women, headed by former Chilean President Michele Bachelet; and increased number of bilateral trade agreements between Global North and South.

Panels and papers which include comparisons of Global Southern and Northern states are especially sought but all panels and papers will receive enthusiastic consideration!

If interested in submitting papers or panels, please contact RC 19 through www.ipsa.org or individuals: Melissa_haussman@carleton.ca, or sarah.maddison@unsw.edu.au.

III. Panel to be co-sponsored during the Congress (8–12 July) with RC 28 (Federalism)

Title: "The Jurisdictions of Federalism or the Politics of Scale: Opportunities for Women's Activism?" (thanks to Sonja Walti)

If interested in submitting papers for this panel, please contact IPSA RC 19 or 28, or the conveners, Sonja Walti (walti@american.edu) or Melissa Haussman (Melissa_haussman@carleton.ca)

IV. Important Deadlines (thank you to Marian Sawyer)

July 1 Deadline for interested individuals to submit papers as individuals directly to IPSA site

August 18 Deadline to submit RC panels

October 7 Deadline to submit abstract/paper proposals

November 18 Deadline to submit travel grant applications

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January 13 Travel grant applicants are notified of final results

March 11 Registration Deadline for paper givers, discussants and chairs who wish their names to appear in the printed program. All panel chairs must register by this deadline.

June 1 Deadline for paper presenters to upload papers