Call for Papers

Crisis and Transformation:
Rethinking Knowledges, Histories, Identities, Technologies.

2016 ASPECT Graduate Conference
Friday, April 1 – Saturday, April 2
The Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought
Location TBA
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
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Across disciplinary boundaries, the 2016 ASPECT graduate conference seeks to address crisis and transformation broadly defined. Graduate students of any level and irrespective of disciplinary affiliation are encouraged to submit abstracts of approximately 300 words based on papers that engage topics related to artistic, social, political, philosophical, cultural, theoretical, ethical, and critical concerns.

Trajectories of inquiry may include theoretical, critical, empirical, policy-oriented, and performative explorations of crisis and/or transformation. Particularly, we invite papers that engage issues of interdisciplinarity. We also welcome papers that emphasize nontraditional, marginalized, or non-heteronormative perspectives related to the conference theme.

Possible paper topics may include but are not limited to: biopolitics and the body; issues of dis/ability; ecological/environmental boundaries; contemporary matters of financial governance; materialities and subjectivities of things/objects; gender; geopolitics/international relations; identity politics; time and memory; marginalized knowledges; the question of modernity; approaches to non-conformism; non-violent versus violent forms of activism; moral and political philosophy; writing and history; patriotism/nationalism and disobedience/resistance; postcolonialism; post-Marxism and post-communism; race; religion and secularity; sexualities; critical security and critical terrorism studies; and violence and representation in the American polity.

Confirmed Plenary Speakers:
Dr. Simon Stow, College of William and Mary
Dr. Ariana E. Vigil, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Abstracts (of 300 words) are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, December 14, 2015. We are using the OCS system which will require you to create an account and upload your abstract to the following website: http://ocs.sfu.ca/aspect/index.php/aspect/ASPECT2016

Please provide the following:
1. Paper title, abstract, and five keywords that best describe your paper.
2. Names, affiliations, and contact information for each author – please include an email address and contact phone number along with your home institution, the degree you are pursuing, and your area(s) of study.

Full drafts of conference papers must be submitted to the conference organizers (via http://ocs.sfu.ca/aspect/index.php/aspect/ASPECT2016) by no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, March 14, 2016. Conference organizers will circulate final papers to respondents.

Papers presented at the conference may be solicited for peer review and possible publication in an upcoming issue of SPECTRA, the ASPECT Journal (spectrajournal.org). Please forward questions concerning SPECTRA submissions to editor@spectrajournal.org.

Contact:
Please direct all questions to aspectconferencevt@gmail.com
For urgent matters, please call ASPECT at: (540) 231-0698, Monday-Friday, 9-5 est.

About the ASPECT doctoral program:
ASPECT is a signature interdisciplinary and theoretically oriented doctoral program located in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech. Doctoral Students in ASPECT conduct research at the intersection of the humanities, social sciences, and the arts, with an emphasis on social thought, political thought, ethical thought, and cultural thought. ASPECT works closely with four core departments (History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion and Culture) and with the program in Government and International Affairs at Virginia Tech.

Dis/abilities
Virginia Tech is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in employment and education, and complies with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities act of 1990 (ADA), Amendment Act of 2008, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities. We are glad to assist and work to make the conference accessible to all. Please contact ASPECT if you foresee a need for arrangements.