

The AGS International Graduate Student Conference 2025

Trump 2.0: Reshuffling the International Deck

Call for Papers Abstract Deadline

Sunday, January 12, 2025 (23:59 CET)

Date: Friday, April 18th, 2025

Location: 6th Arrondissement, Paris, France

To register as an attendee, please [register here](#) or visit <https://forms.gle/RQPybuCyUp6GZFFC9>

The American Graduate School in Paris (AGS) is now accepting submissions for the 19th edition of the International Graduate Student Conference.

The Theme is:

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Theme and objectives:

Donald Trump's reelection has sent shockwaves through the global community, prompting a reevaluation of established norms, alliances, and power dynamics. As the world grapples with the reality of four more years of his "American First" approach, it is imperative to analyze the far-reaching consequences of his reelection on international relations, diplomacy, trade, security, and beyond. His unconventional approach to foreign policy reshaped alliances, challenged international norms, and sparked both admiration and criticism worldwide.

This conference provides a timely platform to investigate these consequences in the field of international relations. We encourage participants to explore the potential shifts in not only U.S. foreign policy, but also that of the international community. This conference provides an opportunity for graduate students, postgraduate researchers, and professionals to share their research findings, exchange ideas, and engage in meaningful discussions regarding the reshaping of international institutions, the future of multilateralism, and the evolving role of the US in an increasingly multipolar world. Through thought-provoking discussions and rigorous academic exchange, we aim to uncover strategies, ways to adapt, and analyze the responses of global actors that will be employed in navigating this reshaped landscape.

Join us in Paris as we embark on this intellectual journey to decipher the global reverberations of Trump's 2024 reelection victory and chart a course forward in an era of profound uncertainty and transformation. We look forward to your active participation as we cover a wide range of topics, allowing participants to approach the theme from diverse perspectives and disciplines within the field of international relations.

Who can submit?

Participation in panels is selective. We invite submissions of academic papers from graduate and senior undergraduate students. This conference is also open to professional practitioners and academics that investigate various international relations, diplomacy, and global affairs.

Your project must be related to the field of International Relations and Diplomacy.

Who can attend?

Attendance is free and open to all non-presenters. However, for in-person participation an RSVP with guest information is required to fulfill security requirements. Please register for the [event here](#) or visit: <https://forms.gle/RQPybuCyUp6GZFFC9>

Possible conference paper themes include but are not limited to:

- US foreign policy shifts and their global implications
- Impact on international trade agreements and economic partnerships
- Prospects for global economic growth and stability
- Shifts in the balance of power and the rise of new players
- Consequences for multilateral institutions and global governance
- Challenges to international norms and diplomatic conventions
- Reshaping of alliances and regional power dynamics
- Implications for global security and conflict resolution
- Impact on arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation efforts
- Influence on international environmental policies and climate change efforts
- Effects on human rights, democracy, and rule of law worldwide
- Role of social media and public diplomacy in shaping international perceptions
- International perspectives on Trump's foreign policy approach
- Consequences for global migration patterns and refugee policies
- Implications for global technology governance, digital sovereignty, cyber security, and digital diplomacy
- Impact on global cultural exchange and people-to-people diplomacy
- Role of arts, education, and cultural initiatives in bridging divides and fostering understanding
- Cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in a polarized world

Submission Guidelines and Important Dates

We welcome submissions from graduate students, postgraduate researchers, and professionals in the field of international relations and related disciplines. Senior undergraduate students with **2 faculty recommendations** may also apply.

To submit your abstract, please:

1. Visit our [submission portal](#) or visit <https://forms.gle/5cQeZ6L6nwZy5TrL9>
2. Complete all required fields

3. Submit your abstract (200-350 words) through the provided form
4. If applicable, include your travel grant/fee waiver application

Your submission should include:

- Research topic/paper topic and methodology (if applicable)
- University affiliation (degrees earned and in progress, with concentration)
- Professional affiliation (if applicable)
- Prior conference presentation experience (if applicable)
- For senior undergraduate students: **TWO (2)** letters of recommendation from faculty

Full papers are not mandatory at the initial stage of acceptance. **If accepted, the deadline for draft papers is 07 April 2025**, to facilitate meaningful discussion by the panel moderators.

Selected conference papers may be considered for publication in the *Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Development*, an online, open source, peer-reviewed academic journal published jointly by Arcadia University and the American Graduate School in Paris. Please visit the journal website to [learn more](#).

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- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** Sunday, January 12, 2025 (23:59 CET)
- **Working Draft Submission** (as close to completion as possible): Monday, April 07, 2025, to be reviewed by panel moderators

Fees and Conditions

All accepted candidates are required to pay a **non-refundable 70€ registration fee**. This fee helps to cover organizational and administrative costs but does not include personal expenses such as transportation and accommodation. Fees are payable via bank transfer to AGS within 10 days of receiving the acceptance letter. Failure to pay the fee will result in forfeiture of the conference spot. The registration fee is **non-refundable** for accepted candidates who confirm participation but are unable to attend.

Students facing financial hardship may apply for a fee waiver by submitting a brief statement of need along with their abstract submission. All requests will be handled confidentially and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

For any questions about the conference, please contact **Renée Stoute** at conference@ags.edu.

Visa

The conference committee may provide visa letters upon request to accepted candidates and moderators. In addition to verifying attendance at the conference, candidates may be asked to sign a visa liability agreement and provide a letter of attestation from their school. Please note that participants are responsible for fulfilling the visa procedure according to their home country's rules and regulations in connection to entering France.

Travel Grant and Fee Wavier Opportunities

The American Graduate School in Paris is committed to making the International Graduate Student Conference accessible to participants from diverse backgrounds. We are pleased to offer a limited number of travel grants and fee waivers to support students who may face financial barriers to attending the conference.

Travel grant applicants should submit a brief letter (up to 500 words) outlining their financial need and how attending the conference would contribute to their academic and professional development. Please indicate whether you are applying for a travel grant, fee waiver, or both. This letter should be included with the abstract submission and other application materials.

The grant committee will review all applications and award grants based on the demonstrated need and the potential impact of the conference on the applicant's academic journey. Successful applicants will be notified of their grant award along with their acceptance to the conference.

Please note that travel grant funds are limited and will be allocated on a competitive basis. Additionally, the grant may not cover all travel expenses. We encourage all participants who require financial assistance to apply.

For any questions regarding the travel grant application process, please contact the conference organizing committee at conference@ags.edu.

We look forward to your submission and to engaging in insightful discussions!

This conference is organized by graduate students enrolled in the American Graduate School in Paris' Ph.D. and MA programs in International Relations and Diplomacy in partnership with Arcadia University and under the leadership of Dr. Ruchi Anand, Faculty Conference organizer since 2006.

Contact

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