

Call for Papers: International Graduate Conference 2023

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We the People? Perspectives on Crises, Conflicts and Social Movements in North America and Beyond

As a vanguard of globalized capitalist democracies, nations and communities in North America are at the forefront of the culminating polycrisis shaping our time. After a period of tumultuousness raising concerns of the health of democracy, it is vital to understand factors of change. From the pandemic and the climate catastrophe to widespread movements for social justice - dynamics of change are deeply intertwined and interconnected globally. Thus, it is important to be sensitive to these relationships of power, dependence and influence.

Therefore, we dedicate the 2023 GSNAS Conference to perspectives on contemporary crises, movements, and opportunities in the US and Canada - and beyond. We cordially invite multidisciplinary contributions that address the challenges and chances of our time - from history, culture, literature, political science, sociology and economics with a focus on North America to comparative perspectives featuring the North American case(s).

We call for papers and contributions across disciplines from graduate students, post-docs, academics, or activists relating, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Democracy, populism
- Power and conflict
- Modes of capitalism and exploitation
- Social and ecological justice
- Activism and social movements
- Queer and decolonial perspectives
- Gender and feminism
- Modes of communication

Abstracts should be submitted online [here](#). Keep in mind that submitting completed papers is encouraged. All submissions need to be received by **March 18th**. Confirmations of acceptance will be sent by April 14th. In case you have any questions, you can contact us at cfp-gradconference2023@gsnas.fu-berlin.de.