

CALL FOR PAPERS
ISAC/ISSS Annual Conference 2009
The Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort and Spa
Monterey, California
Thursday, October 15 – Saturday, October 17, 2009

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS DUE: JULY 31, 2009

(Later proposals will be accepted until September 4 on a space-available basis)

**Conference theme: Insecurity and Durable Disorder – Challenges to the State
in an Age of Anxiety**

The 2009 annual conference of the International Security Studies Section of ISA and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey from October 15 to October 17, 2009. This call for papers describes the theme of the conference and requests proposals for papers and panels.

Insecurity and durable disorder: the structural sources of global insecurity have sparked a contentious debate in the disciplines of IR theory and security studies. A growing body of literature asserts that global insecurity will flow from a series of system drivers that constitute a new series of friction points in the international system.

In its latest report *Global Trends 2025*, the National Intelligence Council identified population growth, resource scarcity, environmental degradation, and food shortages as systemic sources of instability over the next quarter century. The world will have another 1.2 billion inhabitants in the next quarter century – with much of that population residing in a fresh-water scarce environment. Resource scarcities – particularly in the energy sector – promise to unleash a host of pressures on states that may cause those states to reconsider their trust in the predictable functioning of international markets. Some postulate a future where states will increasingly view militarization as an option to secure their access to raw materials upon which their economic viability depends. Climate change promises its own set of challenges as rising sea levels and weather patterns increase the vulnerability of coastal populations around the world. Meanwhile, trends in global demographics will produce overpopulation in an urbanizing, developed world while areas such as Europe and Russia face the prospect of aging and declining populations. Technology diffusion threatens to unleash a new round of nuclear proliferation to non-state actors. These systemic challenges promise to fuel and shape the durable disorder of international politics.

As these structural forces gather momentum over the next quarter century, state-based security institutions today remain rooted in the Cold War past. Most modern militaries in the developed world remain structured and organized to address interstate conflict. Powerful bureaucratic and political interests surrounding these institutions mitigate against a process of reorienting their capacities to address the systemic threats to international peace and security.

How is the state to respond to the unfolding environment? We invite you to the annual ISAC/ISSS conference to explore the foreign and security policy issues that will confront the international community over the next quarter century. This year's conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort and Spa in beautiful Monterey, California, from October 15 to 17, 2009. We welcome the submission of papers and panels that address the following areas:

- Proliferation of conventional and unconventional weapons and their technologies
- The impact of food shortages on international peace and security
- The role of global population demographics on the structure of the international system
- The impact that environmental stresses from climate change will have on regional security and stability,
- The prospect that developing states will consider militarizing their pursuit of energy security, potentially leading to renewed conflict between developed states,
- The ability of state-based institutions to successfully respond to changes in the strategic environment
- The nature of warfare in the unfolding environment

Proposals for panels and papers on other topics are also invited, and early submissions are especially welcome. The regular deadline for proposals is July 31, 2009; submissions after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis until September 4, 2009.

Until the conference web site is set up, proposals (including your name, institutional affiliation, working title, and a short paragraph summarizing the paper or panel) may be sent to either of the conference program chairs:

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