



Call for Abstracts:

Notre Dame Graduate Conference in Political Theory and Constitutional Studies

We are pleased to announce that the first annual Notre Dame Graduate Conference in Political Theory and Constitutional Studies will take place on Friday, **May 3, 2024**. The core purpose of the conference is to build community among PhD students in these fields from programs across the country. As is infrequently the case at larger academic events, selected presenters will receive *individualized* feedback on their papers from ND graduate student discussants, as well as from faculty. The conference will also feature a keynote address by Dr. Bryan Garsten (Yale University).

We are accepting abstracts of 500-750 words for papers on subjects including but not limited to the following themes:

- Modern constitutionalism and jurisprudence
- Contemporary defenses and critiques of liberalism
- Humanity, technology, and environmental politics
- Political theory and literature
- Feminism and the family in the history of political thought
- The natural law tradition and intersections between political theory and religious thought
- The American founding and its legacy

Submissions are due by **January 14, 2024 at midnight EST**. Applicants must be current PhD students or candidates in a relevant field. We plan to select five papers and will notify applicants in early February 2024. Accepted students are expected to submit a full paper of 10,000 words or fewer two weeks prior to the conference.

The conference will take place in person at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Thanks to support from the Raymond Biagini Endowment for Political Theory at Notre Dame and the Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, we will provide full funding for transportation and lodging as well as a \$250 honorarium for each presenter.

Please email us with any questions at ptcsconference@nd.edu.

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