

## **DEADLINE EXTENDED: No Going Back: Global Communication and Post-Pandemic Politics VIRTUAL Conference**

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Call for Papers

Date:

April 8, 2020 to April 9, 2020

Location:

Pennsylvania, United States

Subject Fields:

Area Studies, Asian History / Studies, African History / Studies, Cultural History / Studies, Women's & Gender History / Studies

Please note that the CARGC Fellows Early Career Conference, "No Going Back: Global Communication and Post-Pandemic Politics," will now take place **virtually** on April 8 and 9, 2021. **We have also extended the deadline for submissions to October 15, 2020.**

The Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARGC) at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania invites early career scholars, as well as artists, activists, journalists, and others, to submit abstracts for consideration. We are accepting submissions for both "traditional" academic and multimodal creative work.

Please check the CFP for updates and guidelines for submission: <https://bit.ly/2Vh2Tjo>

We would appreciate it if you would forward this email to colleagues and students in your department and others to whom this may be of interest. Questions may be directed to: [cargcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:cargcfellows@gmail.com).

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### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**UPDATE: Given the circumstances, the conference will take place virtually. The first day, April 8, will be focused on participants and the second day, April 9, will be open to the general public.**

### **No Going Back: Global Communication and Post-Pandemic Politics Biennial Early Career Conference**

*The conference will be held virtually on April 8 and 9, 2021.*

The second biennial early career conference by the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARGC) at the Annenberg School at the University of Pennsylvania asks: What are post-pandemic politics? We understand post-pandemic, not as a myopic focus on COVID-19, but rather as an optic illuminating both persistent and emergent conditions of inequity and precarity. We also use post-pandemic as an opportunity to imagine new forms of politics, community, solidarity, and action.

- We invite early career scholars, activists, artists, and journalists to reflect on the crucial role of communication in this moment of rupture and offer the following questions as a provocation for participants:
- What can the critical study of global communication – in all its expansiveness and imaginative force – offer us in a moment when uncertainty, insecurity, and risk have saturated hegemonic imaginations of the global?
- How might these times, which have both exacerbated and highlighted marginalization and oppression across global Norths and Souths and along lines of race, class, gender, and other axes of identity, move us towards justice and anti-oppression?
- What other ways of coming together, collective action, and organizing have been brought to the forefront of dominant imaginations, and what ways of being and living remain possible outside their ambit?

We invite a range of interventions, be they artistic, activist, academic, or some combination thereof, on post-pandemic politics in the context of global communication. Possible topics may include:

- Affect (paranoia, exhaustion, anxiety, grief, joy, shame, pressure, hope, etc.)
- Communication and Rights (privacy, freedom of speech, harassment, etc.)
- Connectivity (broadband, virtualization of life, audience practices, etc.)
- Data science (Big Data, small data, profiling, tracing-and-tracking, etc.)
- Discipline and Surveillance: (state, corporate, and community surveillance, violence through surveillance, internet of things, artificial intelligence, etc.)
- Globalization and Communication (the global and the local, North-to-South, South-to-South, South-to-North processes, transnationalism, nation, borders and citizenship, etc.)
- Humor (memes, online humor, entertainment, political satire, etc.)
- Inequalities (digital inequalities, communication inequalities, structural inequalities, like those related to gender, race or
- ethnicity, class, sexuality, and others.)
- Infrastructures and Materialities (communication and media infrastructure, power concentration, etc.)
- Journalism (news productions, news reception, misinformation, polarization, etc.)
- Labor (precarious labor, gig economy, unionization, etc.)
- Media representations ((in)visibilities, audience reception, etc.)
- Social Movements and Activism (digital activism, feminist activism, anti-racist movements, etc.)
- Visual and sound communication (videos, photographs, visual and sound interventions, etc.)

**Date and Place:** The conference will be held virtually on April 8 and 9, 2021.

**Submissions:** Contributions can take the form of academic papers or other creative and multimodal works (audio submissions, short film or documentaries, or creative writing). Please, follow the specific guidelines for each type of submission. Submit your work using [this form](#).

**Review Process:** Submissions will be reviewed based on clarity, significance, relevance, creativity, and how well they respond to the conference theme. Only submissions that meet the submission guidelines will be considered. For any questions about the submission or review process, please reach out to [cargcfellows@gmail.com](mailto:cargcfellows@gmail.com).

**Deadline:** The deadline for submissions is October 15, 2020.

*This conference is the second biennial early career conference at the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARGC) at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Its inaugural conference was held on March 27 and 28, 2019 and featured a keynote conversation at Slought, a not-for-profit organization based at the University of Pennsylvania, entitled "Practicing Decolonization," as well as presentations by 13 early career scholars.*

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