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## Call for Papers/Abstracts

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**CALL FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS**  
**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE COMPARATIVE STUDY OF**  
**CIVILIZATIONS**

2019 Annual ISCSA Conference

Please join us for the 49th Annual Conference  
of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations  
to be held June 25-28, 2019

El Retiro San Inigo, THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS  
(near both San Jose Intl. and San Francisco Intl. Airports)  
300 Manresa Way, Los Altos, California USA 94022

DEADLINE for Abstracts is April 1, 2019

Conference Theme:

**Comparison of Civilizations:**  
**Ancient and Modern and Theories of Civilizational Studies**

This year's conference promises several exciting and new approaches. When ISCSA was founded in 1961 it crafted itself as big-picture, multi-disciplinary society. In the following years, increased specialized focus of academic research affected this orientation and the dynamics of actual ISCSA activities. Recently, there has been a surge of academic interest in transdisciplinary and meta systems approaches. This presents a unique opportunity for the society to do several things: revive its founding orientation; encourage new thoughts and approaches; and encourage diverse classical approaches within different disciplines. The 2019 49th conference is structured to begin this process. All current and future members are urged to take an active part in this process.

To broaden participation and the sharing of ideas, we will strive to maximize plenary session during the conference. Plenary sessions will be organized to reflect the variety of sub-themes. We are also planning to include a special session for "Young Scholar Papers".

**Examples of illustrative thematic topics could include:**

- Comparative Models of Economic Development
- Comparative Legal Histories
- Comparing Literatures in China and the West
- Asian-American International Relations
- Asian Culture, Values and the West
- Africa, Polynesia, Latin America, the West and Globalization
- Comparative Environmental Protection and Survival of Civilization
- Histories of Science and Institutional Development
- What Constitutes “Wisdom” or “Justice” Among Disparate Civilizations?
- How to Encourage Constructive Engagements and Encounters Between Civilizations
- Comparative Religion and How it Relates to Civilizations
- Comparative Economic and Political Systems
- The Importance of Cultural, Linguistic and Artistic Studies

As always, other topics with civilizational relevance are welcomed. Send Abstracts of up to 300 words describing your proposed paper by May 15, 2019, simultaneously to both ISCSC Vice President Michael Andregg at [mmandregg@stthomas.edu](mailto:mmandregg@stthomas.edu) and to ISCSC Executive Director, Peter Hecht at [peter.hecht@iscsc.org](mailto:peter.hecht@iscsc.org). Abstracts are requested to be in English, using MS WORD, Times New Roman, 12-point font. Accepted abstracts will be included in program materials and Conference Proceedings. Those submitting abstracts will be notified within two weeks of submittal regarding acceptance for presentation at the conference.

All Abstracts should include: your name, contact email, phone number and professional affiliation on the document itself. Please see the ISCSC website <http://www.iscsc.org> for conference updates, details, registration, logistics and transportation suggestions. The website will be updated as new information becomes available.

Whether submitting an Abstract for presentation or not, you are warmly invited and encouraged to register and attend the 2019 Conference at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. A firm **DEADLINE for CONFERENCE REGISTRATION is June 25th, 2019.**

Please note: The unique venue of the conference presents an opportunity for young scholars and students in the vicinity - who may otherwise be unable to afford fulltime attendance - to participate as day commuters. Interested local students are encouraged to contact our special sub-committee for Young Scholar Assistance by contacting either Dr. Michael Andregg (Conference Chair) at [mmandregg@stthomas.edu](mailto:mmandregg@stthomas.edu) or Dr. John Grayzel, at [jagrayzel@alumni.stanford.edu](mailto:jagrayzel@alumni.stanford.edu) for further information.

Sincerely,



Lynn Rhodes, President, ISCSC