

World Social Science Forum 2018



The International Social
Science Council (ISSC)

Date September 25 to 28, 2018
Venue Fukuoka Convention Center,
Fukuoka Japan
Host The International Social Science
Council's WSSF 2018 is hosted by
Kyushu University, supported by
Science Council of Japan (SCJ)
and Japan Science and
Technology Agency (JST) [TBD].
Website <http://www.wssf2018.org/>

- is a membership-based scientific organization, established by UNESCO in 1952.
- is the primary body representing the social, economic, and behavioral sciences at a global level.
- aims to bring the best social science to bear on the biggest social challenges of our times.
- has supported a number of international research initiatives around the world including *Future Earth*.



Main Theme

Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures

Invitation from Chair of the WSSF2018
Local Organizing Committee

"The social sciences and humanities have a vital role to play in achieving security and equality for sustainable futures, in dialogue with citizens and decision makers. We look forward to welcoming participants to Fukuoka, to share and expand the knowledge that can help create a more sustainable world. Fukuoka is an outward-looking city, characterized by its coastal location and history as a regional trading hub. It is fitting location for the first World Social Science Forum in Asia"

Kazuo Miyamoto
Vice-president, Kyushu Univ.

** This is an excerpt. For his full message, please see <http://www.wssf2018.org/>. Thank you.

Subthemes

1. Sustainability and security
2. Cybersecurity, cyberattacks, hybrid warfare
3. Human security
4. Security and the 2030 Agenda
5. Globalization, diversity, and cultures of belonging
6. Development and inclusion in urban and rural area
7. Gender equality and security
8. Health, safety and biosecurity
9. Freedom, democracy and security

The growing complexity of the challenges facing societies worldwide has given rise to increasing concerns about security, across a range of different sectors. Life in the Anthropocene era is calling into question the sustainability of human activities, with critical implications for equity, and for food, water and energy security. From issues of freedom and democracy to cyber- and bio-warfare, the changing nature of conflict highlights the complexity and interrelatedness of old and new threats to human security. The Forum seeks to create a platform for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, to contribute to transformations to the sustainable world.



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Call for Session Proposals

The theme of WSSF2018 is *Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures*.

A wide range of sub-themes will allow encompassing discussions and expose attendees to a variety of research fields, methods, and applications. Proposals for parallel sessions under the listed sub-themes of WSSF2018 are now invited.

Key dates: Submission Deadline / Selection / Outcome Notification

- ✧ Submission Deadline: [September 1, 2017](#)
- ✧ Selection: Proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee (SPC).
- ✧ Outcome: Feedback on session proposals and notifications of acceptance will be sent out to all applicants by email no later than November 30, 2017.

Session format and requirements

- ✧ A session format is, in principle, a 120-minute symposium in English, featuring paper presentations.
- ✧ A session generally consists of 5 presentations, with time for discussion. Session organizers are free to design sessions as they see fit.
- ✧ Presentations will be followed by discussion among presenters, or with discussants, led by a chair.
- ✧ Sessions should be international. Speakers should come from at least two different countries.
- ✧ Interdisciplinary sessions are particularly welcomed. Sessions with non-academic speakers are also welcome.
- ✧ You may propose a full session with all the papers and presenters set in advance. However, proposed sessions with only one or a few pre-selected papers are also welcomed. In this case, the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) will help allocate additional accepted papers to the session. An official call for papers will be released by the SPC at a later date. The session organizer will be able to review and select from the listed prospective papers that have been accepted by the SPC.

Submission

Access to the WSSF Session Abstract Submission Online System via the WSSF2018 Website:

<http://www.wssf2018.org/>

- Registration (Personal Information)
- Organizer (& Co-Organizer(s)) Registration
- Session abstract submission: Include session title, most relevant Forum Sub-theme, Session description, (name(s) and affiliation(s) of presenter(s) and title(s) of their presentation)
- Presenters' paper abstract(s) submission: Attach presenters' paper abstracts to the Online System (, where presenters are proposed).