



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## The Commons: Exploring Common Ground in Uncommon Times October 10-12, 2019 | Hyatt Centric Arlington

In an age of fragmentation, polarization, and rising incivility, how might we think not just about what divides us, but also about what can bring us together – across disciplines, cultures, and communities? For the 2019 AGLSP Conference, we invite papers that examine a broad range of perspectives on common ground, the challenges to it, as well as the promise it holds. And where better to reflect upon such matters, than in a city harboring both special interest groups and great public institutions, partisan rancor and visions of a more perfect union? So, come join us in Washington, D.C. and engage in lively discussions, as we seek to explore common ground in these uncommon times!

**Proposals due March 15, 2019.** Proposals may be submitted using this [online form](#) and should be a maximum of 250 words. Notification of acceptance will be given by May 15, 2019. Chosen presenters should expect to prepare a 20-minute presentation to be delivered in person at the conference in October. AGLSP encourages proposals from students and alumni, as these conference presentations provide both an opportunity for professional development, and a showcase for the work done in our programs.

Please visit the [AGLSP website](#) for conference details. Conference registration will open in late March.

### Topics to Explore:

- Collectivism and individualism
- Common denominators and lowest common denominators
- Common good
- Common ground
- Common readings, common core, “cultural literacy”
- Commonalities and differences
- Commonness and ordinariness
- Communal spaces, collective living, and cohousing
- Consensus and discord
- Digital commons and knowledge commons
- Discourse, civil and uncivil
- Environment, ecology, social ecology
- Inclusion, relation, and marginalization
- Internationalism, globalism, and cosmopolitanism
- Nationalism and tribalism
- Notions of common heritage, values, or destiny
- Open source software, freeware, and shareware
- Public art, public history, and public intellectuals
- Public or private space, property, and interests
- Social and asocial media
- Solidarity and stewardship
- Tragedy of the commons
- Utopian and dystopian visions



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