

Call for Papers: Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory

The Department of Political Science at Duke University will host its twelfth annual Graduate Conference in Political Theory on **February 19th and 20th, 2026**. Our keynote speaker will be **Katrina Forrester** of Harvard University.

We seek completed drafts of papers from graduate students on any topic in the fields of political theory, political philosophy, the history of political thought, or related disciplines. We particularly welcome submissions that will engage a broad audience. Accepted participants will be reimbursed for travel and provided with lodging during the conference.

In addition to building community among graduate students from different institutions, this conference offers participants the opportunity to receive feedback on their work from scholars in the field. Each selected student paper will have its own faculty discussant drawn from the community at Duke or the broader Research Triangle. Participants are expected to attend the entire conference.

To apply, please submit a full draft of your paper up to 10,000 words long as a pdf. The paper should be formatted for blind review with no identifying information. [The link to submit is here](#). (A Google account is needed in order to sign-in to the submission form; please email us with any questions.)

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, December 12, 2025**. Accepted conference participants will be required to circulate their final paper by Thursday, February 5, 2026. If you have any questions, please email dukegcpt@gmail.com.