Call for Papers

The organizers of the 2016 Postgraduate Forum (PGF) of the German Association for American Studies (DGfA/GAAS) are delighted to announce the annual call for submissions for this year’s conference to be held at the Department of English and American Studies at the University of Hamburg from October 6–8, 2016.

The PGF is an annual forum where young scholars working in the interdisciplinary field of American Studies who have completed their MA (or equivalent) can present their current research as work in progress and discuss it among their peers. Participants are welcome to give an overview of their (post)doctoral project, discuss case studies, or focus on methodological or theoretical questions as well as present essays or dissertations. We welcome traditional paper presentations as well as alternative formats from the various disciplines affiliated with the field of American Studies without topical restriction.

We cordially invite you to submit an abstract of 200–300 words by July 15, 2016. In addition, proposals should include a brief biographical sketch, detailing your academic background, your university affiliation, the status of your project, and your research interests. We especially encourage young researchers who have little or no conference experience to participate. Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes as we seek to facilitate lively discussions. Speakers will be required to send one-page summaries or updated abstracts of their papers, which will be distributed to the other participants prior to the conference, by September 15, 2016.

Please send all proposals to: pgf@dgfa.de

Selected contributions will be published in the peer-reviewed online journal Current Objectives in Postgraduate American Studies (COPAS).

Please visit our website regularly for further information on the conference, its venue, accommodation options, and more: https://pgf2016blog.wordpress.com/. We also kindly ask all participants (presenting and non-presenting) to register for the conference in Hamburg no later than August 31, 2016 via this website.

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