

# **Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Social Philosophies in Times of Crisis**

## **Forty-Second International Social Philosophy Conference**

Sponsored by the North American Society for Social Philosophy

University of Texas at El Paso and Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez

El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua

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We are excited to announce that NASSP's 2025 conference will be held jointly at two cross-border campuses over three days: July 17th in El Paso, Ciudad Juarez on July 18th, and El Paso for July 19th. The two campuses are just across the border from each other; NASSP will provide information about transportation options. Those who choose not to cross the border will be able to attend all talks via Zoom. Some talks will be held in Spanish with translation to English.

Those interested in presenting at the conference are invited to submit abstracts of proposed presentations. Proposals in all areas of social philosophy (broadly construed) are welcome, whether the content is contemporary or historical, Western or non-Western, analytic or Continental. This year, submissions may be made in both English and Spanish.

This year's conference theme is **Crossing Borders, Building Bridges**. Although proposals in all areas of social philosophy are welcome, submissions on this theme are especially encouraged. Some possible topics include:

- Migration and justice
- Border militarization
- Refugees
- Reproductive health access across borders
- Social identities and borderland identities
- World traveling
- Ambiguity and liminality
- The limits of philosophy and dialogue with other disciplines
- Philosophy for children
- Filosofía de la frontera
- Latin American philosophy
- Philosophy of liberation
- Indigenous philosophy
- Democracy in crisis
- Collaboration and respect across differences
- Solidarity and coalitional politics

Abstracts must be submitted on or before **March 1, 2025**. Acceptance/rejection decisions will be emailed to authors by March 31, 2025.

We welcome submissions from both members and non-members, but we require that all presenters join the North American Society for Social Philosophy if their papers are accepted and they wish to present at the conference.

Submissions may take the form of **individual submissions** for traditional presentations or **panel submissions**.

### **Individual Submissions**

Abstracts of 250-500 words should be submitted to the [2025 NASSP Abstract Submission](#) form. Abstracts should:

- Be prepared for anonymous review.
- Convey an identifiable and engaging thesis, argument, or overall perspective.
- Motivate the author's approach to the issue, by conveying the outlines of the argument or explaining why a particular theoretical frame is helpful for understanding the topic.
- Be clear and well-written, avoiding jargon when possible and explaining it when necessary.
- Demonstrate some engagement with the relevant literature, either through brief citations or an awareness of existing contributions.

NASSP will host an optional workshop via Zoom on abstract writing in January, dates to be announced.

### **Panel Submissions**

Panel submissions are best suited to groups of three or more scholars with related work. The default format for panel submissions is to have three presenters speak individually on a related theme or topic, followed by comments or open discussion by the panelists on each other's work, followed by audience Q&A. However, submissions may also propose alternative formats, including moderated discussions, a single paper with commentators, a session honoring the career of a particular scholar, or an author-meets-critics session.

Panel submissions should be submitted to the [2025 NASSP Panel Submission](#) form.

Panel abstracts should aim for the same qualities as individual submission abstracts. Panel submissions need not be prepared for anonymous review but should include:

- An abstract for the topic of the whole panel (250-500 words).
- The format of the panel. Include time estimates for the different aspects of the panel, ensuring that no panel lasts longer than a typical session, which is two hours long.

- Abstracts for each participant (250-500 words).
- The names of participants who are willing to attend, if relevant.

**The Program Committee:**

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Dan Lowe, University of Michigan (chair)

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**Local Hosts:**

Michael Ball-Blakely, University of Texas at El Paso

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**Accessibility and Inclusivity**

NASSP is committed to creating an inclusive intellectual community where philosophers from historically marginalized groups feel welcome and are able to participate. NASSP recognizes that there are a variety of barriers of entry due to systemic discrimination and oppression that might prohibit participation in its events and governance (and in professional philosophy more broadly). NASSP is committed to removing those barriers and challenging oppressive norms within the profession more broadly, specifically (though not exclusively) for those related to race, ethnicity, Indigeneity, sexual orientation, ability, class, or gender.

Accommodations will be available either in a residence hall or at a hotel near both campuses.

Questions? [contact@northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org](mailto:contact@northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org)

***Social Philosophy Today***

Papers presented at the conference are eligible for consideration for publication in *Social Philosophy Today*, a peer-reviewed journal published electronically and available for print on demand. Although most articles published in *Social Philosophy Today* are based on papers presented at the conference, the journal is not a proceedings volume. Only those articles recommended on the basis of peer review will be accepted for publication.

**NASSP Conference Awards for Graduate Students:**

The North American Society for Social Philosophy awards an annual prize of \$800 for the best Graduate Student Paper on a topic in social philosophy. Prizes will only be awarded to conference attendees who are still enrolled in a program towards a degree beyond the B.A. or first university diploma at the time of the conference. (Note that if the paper is coauthored then all the authors must meet this requirement.) There is no obligation to use prize money for conference-related costs.

To be considered for this award, full papers of no more than 3,000 words must be submitted on or before March 1, 2025 to [gradaward@northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org](mailto:gradaward@northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org); please include a word count with submission. Abstracts must also be submitted according to the above instructions for individual submissions, as only those whose abstracts are accepted by the program committee will be considered for the graduate award.

**NASSP Support for International Presenters**

The NASSP will waive fees for conference registration and for the banquet for those participants traveling from outside of the United States and Canada.