



Call for Papers: Government, Human Rights and the Cult Phenomenon



Washington, DC
July 3-5, 2014

The International Cultic Studies Association (**ICSA**) is conducting its 2014 Annual International Conference jointly with Info-Secte/Info-Cult of Montreal at the Sheraton Silver Spring, which is located 10 minutes by subway from downtown Washington, DC. The conference will take place from July 3-5, 2014. On July 2nd there will be pre-conference workshops on research and education and a pre-conference orientation for former members of cultic groups. The conference itself will include special tracks for mental health professionals and former members of groups.

Attendees and speakers at past conferences have been diverse, including academicians, researchers, helping professionals, former and current group members, families, clergy, educators, and others. Individual presenters at ICSA's annual conference will have 30 or 45-minutes for paper delivery and discussion, depending upon how many speakers we put in a particular time block. Panel organizers have 90 minutes for the panel. It is recommended that no more than four people speak on a panel.

ICSA is firmly committed to freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion. Consistent with these values, ICSA's policy with regard to conferences has been to encourage a wide range of viewpoints. Opinions expressed are those of the speakers and do not necessarily reflect the views of ICSA's directors, staff, or supporters.

The Conference Committee is especially interested in submissions pertinent to the conference theme, "government, human rights, and the cult phenomenon." However, the Committee will consider proposals on all aspects of the cult phenomenon, including victims' perspectives, psychological and social manipulation, religious fanaticism, terrorism, law enforcement, treatment, prevention, and legal, social, and public policy aspects of manipulation and victimization.

ICSA is not able to offer financial assistance to speakers, although we do give speakers a discount in the registration fee.

Proposal abstracts should be in English and should succinctly describe:

1. Question(s) to be explored; purpose of paper/panel
2. Method(s) used to answer question or address purpose
3. Results or conclusions that are expected or have been found

Panel organizers for the ICSA Annual Conference, send the following:

1. Panel title
2. Participants' names, e-mail addresses, affiliations, street addresses, phone(s) and biographical profiles (under 200 words)
3. Paper titles
4. Audiovisual needs
5. An abstract (300 words **maximum**) for each paper

Individual presenters for the ICSA Annual Conference, send the following:

1. Your name, e-mail address, affiliation, street address, phone(s), and a biographical profile (under 200 words)
2. Paper title
3. Audiovisual needs
4. An abstract (300 words **maximum**)

Deadline: November 1, 2013

Send your proposal to the
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