

# justpolitik

Second Annual  
Undergraduate Research Symposium  
April 18, 2009  
University of Maryland, College Park

## Call for Papers: justpolitik Undergraduate Research Symposium

*"Re-imagining the Political Sphere: Critical Thought and Social Justice in Everyday Life"*

The **justpolitik** Undergraduate Research Symposium is the culmination of the Honors Humanities 2008-2009 event schedule. Over the past academic year, Honors Humanities students have heard distinguished scholars and students alike discuss "politics" as a wide field of power relations played out in all facets of culture on both the macro and micro levels. In the tradition of humanistic study, **justpolitik** retains an interest in "realpolitik," but ultimately aims to discuss new approaches to politics with an investment in creating a more socially just world. This symposium shifts the focus exclusively to the emerging scholarship and creative applications of undergraduate students from the University of Maryland and the surrounding D.C./Baltimore metro region. All of the past **justpolitik** forums have successfully engendered critical engagement with politics as it relates to culture, identity, and activism. This symposium allows students to share some of their own work in the field. Our conference theme is "Re-imagining the Political Sphere: Critical Thought and Social Justice in Everyday Life," and we are seeking paper and panel submissions from students that will exhibit work on the cutting edge of scholarship in politics, activism, and critical cultural studies. We are especially interested in studies that challenge traditional notions of "politics," recognizing the political issues fused to all facets of life from identity construction to popular culture. **justpolitik** Undergraduate Research Symposium will consist of panel presentations, roundtable discussions, a keynote speaker (TBA) and the performance of creative arts projects.

Submissions due March 3, 2009 by 5 p.m.

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A donation will be made to offset this conference's carbon footprint.

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### Proposal Requirements

- Individual paper proposals will be accepted from undergraduate students
- Topics should intersect with conference theme, generally speaking, and should fall within the realm of critical studies of politics, activism, culture (popular or otherwise,) and/or identity; interdisciplinary projects encouraged
- Proposals should include name, email address, resume/C.V., paper title and abstract (no more than 500 words)
- Panel proposals (of up to three presenters) should include same as individual proposals PLUS description of panel theme/scope/purpose (250-500 words)
- Proposals will be accepted until Mar 3rd at 5 p.m.  
via email: [justpolitik2009@gmail.com](mailto:justpolitik2009@gmail.com)
- We are looking for work-in-progress; projects and papers in various stages of development will be included!
- Panels will be chaired by graduate student respondents chosen by the selection committee
- More info: [honorshumanities.umd.edu](http://honorshumanities.umd.edu)