



Political Geography  
Specialty Group

## 2014 PGSG PRECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

University of South Florida, Monday April 7 2014

8:00 – 8:15	Check-in & registration (Marshall Student Center, USF-Tampa)
8:15 – 8:30	Welcoming remarks (Heron Room)
8:30 – 10:00	Sessions I and II
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 11:45	Sessions III and IV
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45	Plenary panel
1:45 – 3:15	Sessions V and VI
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 5:00	Session VII and VIII
5:30	PGSG Annual Dinner (Taj Indian Cuisine, 2734 E. Fowler Ave.)

### 8:00-8:15 Check-in and registration

**\$20** registration fee for faculty and postdocs, receipts provided; no fee for grads.

Additional details at: <http://www.politicalgeography.org/pre-conference/>

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<b>8:15-8:30 Welcoming remarks -- Heron Room (3709)</b>
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Reece Jones, University of Hawai'i  
Jayajit Chakraborty, University of South Florida

<b>8:30 – 10:00 Sessions I and II</b>
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**Session I: Militarism and Diplomacy** - Heron Room (3709)

Chair: Ken Madsen, Ohio State University

**1. Frames of Law: Operationalising & Transnationalising the Battlespace**

Craig Jones, University of British Columbia

**2. Plugged in: social media and the military**

Alasdair Pinkerton and Peter Adey, Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London

**3. Assembling Foreign Policy: Materiality and banal (trans)nationalism in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office**

Jason Dittmer, Department of Geography, University College London

**Session II. Urban Engagements** – Sandhill Crane Room (3708)

Chair: Karen Culcasi, West Virginia University

**1. (In)Visible Boundaries: The Negotiation of Urban Citizenship in the Uneven Housing Development of Nanjing**

Sarah Tynen, Department of Geography, University of Colorado

**2. Perspectives of Power Relations through Urban Development Projects in Tallahassee, Florida**

Peter Wood, Department of Geography, Florida State University

**3. Inducing the 'Phantom Region' of Central Germany – Governing through Spatial Organisation-in-Becoming**

Roger Baars, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany,

**4. The car and the *Folkhem*: Automobility and the Making of Modern Sweden**

David Jansson, Department of Social and Economic Geography, Uppsala University, Sweden

<b>10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break</b>
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<b>10:15 – 11:45 Sessions III and IV</b>
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**Session III: Borders and International Relations** - Heron Room (3709)

Chair: Reece Jones, University of Hawai'i

**1. Borders: Marxist Territories and Postcolonial Terrains**

Paolo Novak, SOAS, University of London

**2. Towards a Conceptual Framework for Analyzing Boundaries and Frontiers in Zomia**

Borislav Nikoltchev and Fred M. Shelley, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, University of Oklahoma

**3. Developing Borders: Migration Management and Ukraine's Contested Future**

Austin Crane, Department of Geography, University of Washington

**4. Urban Diplomacy, The Study of Function and Role of Cities as the New Actor in International Relations**

Seyed Hadi Zarghani, Geography Department, Ferdowsi University, Mashhad

Mansoure Eskandaran, Political Sciences, Mashhad Islamic Azad University

**Session IV. Networks and neighborhoods** Sandhill Crane Room (3708)

Chair: Darren Purcell, University of Oklahoma

**1. Transnational Networks of Power in the Global Food System**

Dereje Gultineh, Geography, Environment Science, and Policy, University of South Florida

**2. Hegemonies of Solidarity: the Dynamics of Connection and Control in Fair Trade Coffee Production Networks in Chiapas, Mexico**

Lindsay Naylor, Department of Geography, University of Oregon

**3. The End of a Regional Integration Narrative? External Perceptions of the EU in Times of Crisis**

Veit Bachmann, Department of Human Geography, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany

**4. Re-imagining the European 'neighborhood': Gas Pipelines and other Ties that Bind**

Corey Johnson, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**11:45 – 12:45 Lunch**

**12:45 – 1:45 Plenary Panel – Florida Politics -- Heron Room (3709)**

*Chair: Pratyusha Basu, University of South Florida*

Fred Shelley, University of Oklahoma

Jason Dittmer, University College, London

Martin Bosman, University of South Florida

Susan MacManus, University of South Florida

**1:45 – 3:15 Sessions V and VI**

**Session IV. Geopolitics: From comedy to the Apocalypse** Heron Room

Chair: Corey Johnson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

**1. Assessing the Humor of Late-Night Comedians' Arab Spring Jokes**

Darren Purcell, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability,  
University of Oklahoma

**2. 'America's Finest News Source'?: Geopolitical Counter-cultures and The Onion Newspaper**

Adam Levy, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado-  
Boulder

Edward C. Holland, International Studies, Miami University

**3. A Geopolitics of Cold War Comics: Narratives of Identity & Ideology from Turkish popular culture**

Kyle T. Evered, Department of Geography, Michigan State University

Emine Ö. Evered, Department of History, Michigan State University

**4. Competing Environmental Apocalypses: Post-Politics and the Possibility of a Radical Apocalyptic**

Tristan Sturm, Department of Geography, York University

**Session VI. Conflict and Memory** Sandhill Crane Room (3708)

Chair: Alec Murphy, University of Oregon

**1. Peace, Power, Security and Space in Kurdistan, Iraq: a grounded transect**

Till F Paasche, Soran University, Kurdistan Region, Iraq,

James D Sidaway, Department of Geography, National University of  
Singapore

**2. Are Women the True Civilian Keepers of the Peace?**

Sara Koopman, Wilfrid Laurier University

**3. Young people's Politics in the Abyss: 'Organized Memory' in Post-1968 Mexico City, and a Disruption of its 'Genetic Axis' in Roberto Bolaño's Amulet**

Nicholas Jon Crane, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

**4. Geography and the New Political Economy of Intelligence**

Susan Roberts, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

<b>3:15 – 3:30 Break</b>
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<b>3:30 – 5:00 Session VII and VIII</b>
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**Session VII: Elections, Democratization, and the North-South Binary** Heron Room (3709)

Chair: Jayajit Chakraborty, University of South Florida

**1. The Political Geography of Apportionment: 1960-2010**

Kenneth C. Martis, Department of Geography, West Virginia University

**2. Open Data, Political Crisis and Guerrilla Cartography**

Samuel Rufat, Université de Cergy Pontoise, Paris, France

**3. Weakening of the State, Decline of Sovereignty and the Processes of Democratization in the Third Millennium**

Avv. Simona Epasto, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Educational and Cultural Studies, University of Messina, Italy

**4. How Useful is the 'Global North' – 'Global South' Binary? An Invitation to a Conversation**

Alexander B. Murphy, Department of Geography, University of Oregon

**Session VIII: The Nation Between Borders-** Sandhill Crane Room (3708)

Chair: Natalie Koch, Syracuse University

**1. Reproducing the Nation? The Political Geographies of Assisted Reproductive Technologies**

Carolin Schurr, Department of Geography, University of Zürich, Switzerland

## 2. Backward Spaces in the Modern Chinese Nation

Afton Clarke-Sather, Department of Geography, University of Delaware

## 3. The “Warm” Nationalism of Jordan: The Creation of a Multi-scalar and Contested National Identity

Karen Culcasi, Department of Geography, Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University

## 4. Graffiti, Art, and Advertising: Re-Scaling Claims to Space at the Edges of the Nation-State

Kenneth Madsen, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

**5:30 Dinner : Taj Indian Cuisine, 2734 E. Fowler Ave.**  
**Tampa, FL 33612, [www.tajtampaindiancuisine.com](http://www.tajtampaindiancuisine.com)**

