

CONFERENCE POLICIES

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Code of conduct

The Western Social Science Association (WSSA), including its affiliates and sections, is committed to creating and ensuring an intellectually inclusive and respectful environment for all participants at the Annual Conference. WSSA hosts the conference in order to create an environment for the free exchange of ideas, research and information, which celebrates the diversity of disciplinary backgrounds, experiences, and commitments of all the WSSA members and affiliates. This exchange is most effectively accomplished in an environment characterized by courtesy and respect for all attendees. To this end, we expect all individuals who attend the conference to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner that establishes an atmosphere conducive to civil discourse and discussion. WSSA commits to promptly respond to any reports of violations of this policy. The reporting of such behavior can be made to the Conference Manager, the Executive Director of WSSA, and/or any Officer or Council Member of WSSA.

Registration and Name Badge Policy

All space leased from the host hotel for events listed in the conference's Program of Events is private space, out-of-bounds to persons not registered for the Conference or otherwise invited to attend the Conference. The space is open for all registered attendees of the conference; however, no individual, other than hotel staff, may enter or remain in space leased by the Western Social Science Association without identification officially issued by the WSSA, a conference name badge. These official name badges issued by the WSSA must be worn while in any of the space leased by the Association.

The Western Social Science Association may issue complimentary name badges to accredited journalists, invited plenary speakers, dignitaries designated by any of the affiliates, and to other people who have received complimentary conference registration. Affiliates and sections who wish to have such badges made must contact the Communications Director no later than the last day of pre-registration.

Any individuals not wearing their official name badges while in event space leased by WSSA will be directed to immediately retrieve their name badge or to register for the conference, as appropriate.

Recording of Speakers

It is the policy of the WSSA that video recording and/or voice recording is not allowed in any space leased by the Association without the **explicit** consent of the persons being recorded. The WSSA considers all presentations made during the conference to be copyrighted by the presenter, and only the presenter of the paper can give consent for the presentation to be digitally recorded. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit presenters from recording their own presentations.

Any person found to be in violation of this policy will be asked to stop the process of recording. If that individual refuses to stop the recording, he or she will be asked to leave the session. If any individual refuses to leave the session, hotel security will be contacted.

Accredited Journalists

All journalists whose credentials are recognized by the Western Social Science Association are invited to attend the conference at no charge. WSSA follows the recommendation of the [American Press Association](#) regarding events. Upon arrival, all journalists are required to present themselves to the Conference Registration Desk with their credentials. Journalists whose credentials are accepted will be provided a name tag and are then invited to attend any session or other non-ticketed function during the duration of the conference, bearing in mind that they are required to adhere to this Code of Conduct. Failure to do so will have the same consequences for journalists as for all other attendees.

Any person violating the standards or policy noted above will be counseled and reminded of such. Those not choosing to adhere to the above will have the privilege of the attending the conference revoked.