WSSA 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 in the Annual Conference. The conference is envisioned as a space 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.

Courtesy

This exchange is most effectively accomplished in an environment characterized by courtesy and respect for all attendees and one that is free of disruptive agendas, unwarranted criticism, and/or harassment. To this end, we expect all individuals who attend the conference to conduct themselves in a manner that establishes a safe and respectful atmosphere conducive to respectful general discourse and discussion, even when discussing issues of grave and sometimes emotional importance. Those who violate the standards of professional and respectful conduct may be asked to leave the meeting immediately and without refund. Discrimination, harassment or any inappropriate behavior will be reported to the WSSA Executive Council and might result in additional sanctions to those members that fail to conduct themselves in a professional and collegial manner.

Registration and Name Badge Policy

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

The Western Social Science Association has the authority to issue complimentary name badges to accredited journalists, invited plenary speakers, dignitaries designated by any of the affiliates and/or other people who have not been required to pay for a conference registration. Affiliates and sections who wish to have such badges made must contact the Communications Director no less than three weeks before the conference beginning date.

Any individual not wearing the official name badge while in any event space leased by WSSA will be asked to retrieve their name badge or register for the conference, whichever is appropriate.

Recording Speakers

It is the policy of the Western Social Science Association that video recording and/or voice recording are not allowed during any breakout session, without the **explicit** consent of the

presenter(s) being recorded. The Western Social Science Association considers all presentations made during the conference to be copyright protected and only the presenter of the paper can give consent for the presentation to be digitally recorded.

Anybody found to be recording a presenter, without explicit consent of the presenter, will be asked to stop the process of recording. If that individual refuses to stop the recording, they will be asked to leave the session. If the individual refuses to leave the session, hotel security will be contacted.

Accredited Journalists

Accredited journalists are invited to attend the Western Social Science Association Conference at no charge. All journalists will be required to present themselves to the Conference Registration Desk with their credentials. Journalists 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.