Relevance, Quality, and Expedience: Political Science Responds to COVID-19

Similar to other nations, the United States is firmly in the grip of a global pandemic, with little end in sight. What do we know about the political origins and consequences of this public health scourge—and what do we still need to learn about it and other phenomena like it? In order to better bridge the distance between political science and political practice, the American Political Science Association 2020 Annual Meeting is making a special call for paper submissions and panels directly related to the connection between COVID-19 and politics. These submissions are open with respect to subfield and can be conceptual, theoretical, and/or empirical in scope. We encourage submissions at any level of analysis, including individual-level and institution-centered research. Finally, but no less importantly, we welcome submissions from all methodological approaches. The goal behind this specific call is to make our discipline more responsive to significant political trends unfolding on the ground. In that vein, we hope to facilitate the dissemination of high-quality political science research on a crucial topic by illustrating the depth and breadth of our discipline.

We anticipate inviting up to 10 new panels expressly related to the politics of COVID-19. We plan to make final decisions about these new panels within two weeks of the deadline. Please consider applying.