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The Politics Network invites scholarship that deals with political history, institutions, organization, and mobilization, as well as the politics of policy-making and political processes across time and place. We are concerned with politics on multiple levels (local, regional, national, inter- & trans-national), as well as politics' intersections with a broad range of other entities, processes and organizations: the state, the economy, cities, work and organized labor, culture and knowledge production, welfare state institutions, social citizenship, and education. Sessions listed with the Politics Network frequently overlap with the following networks: States and Society; Culture; Macro-Historical Dynamics; Migration/Immigration; Race and Ethnicity; Women, Gender, and Sexuality; Urban; Economics; Labor; and Criminal Justice/Law.

In keeping with the traditions of the SSHA we encourage interdisciplinary panels and welcome paper submissions from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives. **While complete panel proposals are preferred (including author-meets-critics book sessions), we will also do our best to place high-quality individual paper submissions.**

The submission deadline has been extended to March 15, 2012; submissions can be made via the following link: conference.ssha.org. Consistent with the 2012 conference theme of "Histories of Capitalism," we are especially interested in works with an emphasis on the intersection of politics and capitalism. We are also interested in works on the following more specific topics:

- the politics of money, banking, finance, and financial regulation. Given the conference theme, we are especially interested in papers and sessions dealing with crises of capitalism in general and financial crisis in particular
 - politics and technology, knowledge and expertise
 - politics and religion
 - grassroots movements and new political forces, including nativist politics, religious and new democratic movements, the netroots, the Tea Party and the Occupy Wall Street movements. Papers dealing with new technologies and social media in politics are particularly welcome.
 - politics in/of Europe, Latin America, China and the Middle East, including US and Canadian relations with China
 - in light of the 50th anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis, and ongoing tensions with Iran, papers or a session on the politics of nuclear containment or proliferation
- the politics of welfare, entitlements, social and regulatory policies--including health care,

housing and pensions; gay marriage; gun control; labor and employment; etc.

- the politics of economic, monetary and fiscal policy
- the politics of education and educational finance. Specifically, the program committee invites works on state funding decisions, calls for privatization of public institutions or separating flagship institutions from state systems, and plans to measure faculty “productivity” in terms of research funding and course enrollments.
- topics dealing with any of the above that make specific reference to Canada, employ US-Canada comparisons, or pertain specifically to Vancouver, given that Vancouver will be the location of the 2012 SSHA meetings