CALL FOR PAPERS

COGS (Council of Graduate Students) invites you to participate in a symposium on perceptions of threat in today’s changing world. The April 3, 2015 symposium begins at 8:45 with coffee and pastries and ends around 5:30. Graduate students whose research intersects with any aspect of this topic may submit a title and short abstract (up to 250 words) to brow3821@umn.edu by February 15, 2015.

Presentations will be 25-minute talks with five minutes for questions from the audience. Submitted abstracts will be judged based on their fit with the symposium topic and not on their finality of study. As such, preliminary findings are acceptable, as are proposed lines of research. Applicants will be informed of acceptance by March 2, 2015. All presenters will be invited to a dinner with the keynote speaker following the symposium.

The goal of the symposium is to have University of Minnesota graduate students from a broad range of programs present their work as it pertains to the theme. For example, in 2015 we might face economic, environmental, geopolitical, societal, and technological risks. Fiscal crises from advanced economies could have both local and cascading global impacts. Climate change is a key driver of uncertainty and changing weather patterns. Income disparity threatens to reshape the existing social order. Technological advances introduce new vulnerabilities that can be exploited. The symposium aims to present research that considers the causes and/or consequences of perceived sources of threat, as well as responses to these perceptions.

COGS welcomes participation from graduate students of every college and department.

ABSTRACTS DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2015

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