



**UNIVERSITY OF GHANA  
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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM  
ON  
THEORY AND PRACTICE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN A CHANGING WORLD**

**APRIL 16-17, 2015**

### **Background**

There is a reciprocal relationship between theory and practice of the Social Sciences. The challenge of time in the social sciences provides the basic fuel for change. Social scientists in a changing world are dynamic and ingenious in the struggle to produce relevant knowledge, build social institutions and engage in practices for the good of mankind. Changes in the epistemology of disciplines are not radical but subtle as they maintain the bedrock foundations while incorporating new ways of understanding and doing, which facilitates the progress of human society. The changing world requires an adaptable social science that reflects these changes over time and varies across cultures and space. Closing the gulf between theory and practice is important in contemporary social science in order to make current practices relevant to the development of society. What are the changes taking place in our disciplines via our own research, which contributes to the development of theory and practice?

This call is intended to explore and showcase the various methodological, theoretical and practical changes in our various disciplines as responses to broader change and the aspirations of society in achieving our common developmental goals. As the first colloquium of the School of Social Sciences, the organizing committee invites abstract submissions that straddle the different disciplines under the following headings:

- i. Ageing and Disability
- ii. Poverty, Migration and Development
- iii. Natural Resources Management
- iv. Climate/Environmental Change
- v. Child Development and Education
- vi. Youth and Development
- vii. Health and Development
- viii. Urbanization and Crime/Security
- ix. Politics, Corruption and Development
- x. Gender and Development Issues
- xi. Human Rights Issues
- xii. Social Protection
- xiii. Sports and Development

- xiv. Social Media and Technology
- xv. Economic Growth and Employment
- xvi. Finance and Development

This list is illustrative and **NOT** intended to be exhaustive. Other topics relevant to the theme are welcome. We are especially interested in new research that addresses emerging issues related to the central theme.

The conference will include an opening ceremony and there will be parallel sessions.

### **Instructions for Submitting an Abstract**

You are invited to submit an abstract of not more than 250 words to the Chairperson and members of the Colloquium Committee at ([sscolloquium@ug.edu.gh](mailto:sscolloquium@ug.edu.gh)) by **March 5, 2015**. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **March 20, 2015** and presenters will also be notified of their session title and time by **April 3, 2015**. Abstracts must contain the following information: **Title of Paper, Name, Department and Email Address** of the author(s). Please note that all abstracts and papers will be posted on the UG website with the final programme, for colloquium participants to review in advance.

Authors are encouraged to collaborate to form panel sessions. A panel comprises four papers. Submissions for panel presentations should include a summary of 300 words maximum and an abstract for each paper / presenter. The panel organizer will be informed of the decision regarding the panel before individual panel members will be contacted. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to team up with graduate students to form panels.

### **Summary of Important Dates**

- **March 5, 2015**: Deadline for submitting abstracts
- **March 20, 2015**: Authors are notified of abstract acceptance
- **April 3, 2015**: Presenters will be notified of their session title and time