

Conference Date:
October 11th and 12th, 2021

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Call for Conference Paper and Panel Proposals: Remittance
Studies: Making And Mapping A Field

August 21st, 2021

The deadline for paper and panel proposals

Description:

JUSTREMIT and the Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University invite paper and panel proposals for consideration for the first JUSTREMIT Conference "Remittance Studies: making and mapping a field". Today, scholars study remittances through the prisms of old and stale theoretical frameworks and disciplinary practices. These theories and frameworks were not created to study remittances, but they are all we have. When we study remittances and development today, we use the framework of development forged in the 20th century. When we think about remittances and justice, we are pulled into tired debates that lend little clarity and much confusion. When we inquire into remittances and health, wealth, and wellbeing we often find ourselves fitting remittances into pre-given boxes. We know the answers before asking the questions and the evident puzzles and paradoxes that abound are passed over. This conference will discuss ongoing research in remittances (broadly understood) and try to start a conversation on what Remittance Studies could and should be. What would remittances-first concepts and theories look like? What are the ethics of studying remittances? What are the politics of remittances? What are the technological and regulatory foundations of remittances? What debates should be abandoned altogether? Which questions need to be asked? What should be the role of states, international institutions, policy makers, service providers, academics, and remitters themselves in shaping the world of remittances? We invite papers on a range of topics.

JUSTREMIT has embedded interests in Senegal, global justice, ethnographic methods, the governance of remittances remitters, the geopolitics of remittances, and the ethics of remittances. However, we are open and eager to invite papers/panels on other topics (regulatory, legal, practical, technological, etc), methods (especially new, exploratory, or experimental methods), regions, and concepts/theories. Papers will be grouped into panels (the number of which will depend on the number of applications and organizational feasibility).

Schedule:

We hope to keep the conference small, to one day, and without parallel panels so that participants can participate in the whole event. If there is a groundswell of interest, we will run concurrent sessions and perhaps a second day. The only fixed moment on the agenda is that there will be a final concluding roundtable for all participants which will address the question: "What should Remittances Studies be?"

Paper Proposals:

We invite academics of any level (including ABDs), representatives from international organizations, service providers, and representatives of civil society organizations to participate. Please send a short abstract (300 words) of your presentation topic to justremit@fgga.leidenuniv.nl by August 21st, 2021.

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Paper/Panel Selection:

Papers will be selected in terms of fit.

Fees:

There are no fees. However, JUSTREMIT is starting a fund to recognize student papers related to remittances with a small cash prize. Attendees are welcome to contribute to that fund. Details will follow.

Who We Are:

JUSTREMIT is an ERC funded projects involving a political theorist, an ethnographer, and two PhD candidates undertaking a interdisciplinary study of remittances and global justice. The Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University (The Hague campus) is the institutional home for JUSTREMIT and a leading Centre for Security Studies. Matthew Hoyer is the PI for JUSTREMIT and Associate Professor of Global Justice at Leiden University. Ms. Melissa Tanusubroto is the Student Assistant for JUSTREMIT.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew (j.m.hoye@fgga.leidenuniv.nl) or email justremit@fgga.leidenuniv.nl and one of us will get back to you.