



Revitalizing the United Nations for Human Rights, Peace and Development

Thursday to Saturday, June 15–17, 2017

Sookmyung Women's University | Seoul, Korea

Hosted by Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System (KACUNS)

2017 will see a new UN Secretary-General taking office on the 38th Floor at UN Headquarters, following the end of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's second term. The new SG will be faced with a number of ongoing global, regional and other challenges, and will be confronted with new issues that will arise over time. The SG also will have the job of continuing to build on the momentum of recent milestone agreements, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Commitments to Action from the World Humanitarian Summit.

While the transition in the leadership of the United Nations is likely to be a central interest for many ACUNS members, the [2017 Annual Meeting](#) notably also marks the [30th anniversary of the founding of the Academic Council](#). This year's meeting, therefore, will offer a relatively rare opportunity for members—that is, a moment to reflect on the achievements of one Secretary-General and to consider the agenda of the new leader of the global body, while connecting those reflections to discussions of the role of ACUNS and its members in promoting innovative scholarship and greater understanding of the UN system and its place in meeting global governance.

This is the first ACUNS meeting to be held in East Asia, or in Asia broadly. We will be working with colleagues of the KACUNS in Seoul, Korea, to reach out to UN studies associations, institutions and individuals in the region. We very much welcome this as an important bridge-building initiative; thus we will look for scholarly papers that might identify and engage regional as well as global topics including but not limited to the promotion and protection of human rights; the challenges of peace and development; supporting global civil education; the dynamics of relations amongst Asian states on issues of human rights, peace and development, and how these take shape within the UN framework—including the possibility of peaceful reunification; the evolving roles of regional bodies, non-government organizations, civil society and the private sector; as well as shifts in relations between the region and external actors.

Proposals on the Annual Meeting theme—"Revitalizing the United Nations for Human Rights, Peace and Development"—and on the subthemes and issues raised in this introductory note, in addition to other topics relating to the UN system and the broader mandate of the Council, will be considered.

You are invited to discuss these, and many other challenging issues, at the 2017 ACUNS Annual Meeting.

Call for Papers - Workshop Panels

The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) now is accepting workshop paper and panel proposals for presentation at its thirtieth Annual Meeting, organized by the Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System (KACUNS), to be held 15–17 June 2017 at Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea.

Current ACUNS members in good standing (including new or newly-renewed members) will be given priority consideration for their proposals, but non-members including senior graduate students and interested practitioners are welcome to submit proposals.

PLEASE NOTE: in order to present at the AM17 workshops, Council membership will be required: this includes all persons participating in a full panel team proposal.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- > **To register, and to submit proposals for presentation, visit:** www.acuns.org/am2017
- > **Deadline: The deadline for uploading your proposals at www.acuns.org is Monday, April 10, 2017.**
- > **Submissions:** To submit an individual proposal or a full panel proposal, you will be required to upload full contact information, the paper/panel title(s), abstract(s) of no more than 200 words, and biographical note(s) of no more than 250 words.

PLEASE NOTE: proposals will be accepted and evaluated, and panel spaces will be allotted, on a first-come rolling basis subsequent to the issuance of this Call. Once all panel spaces have been filled, a waiting list will be established for any subsequent proposals received.

- > **Registration:** Once your proposal is accepted you are required to register for the 2017 Annual Meeting at www.acuns.org/am2017

Registration Fees:

ACUNS Member	\$125
Non-Member	\$200
ACUNS Student Member	\$75
Student Non-Member	\$150

Event locations:

Sookmyung Women's University. Web site: <http://e.sookmyung.ac.kr/>

Questions about submissions: contact the ACUNS Secretariat at: admin@acuns.org

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