

## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS

Small, Middle and Emerging Powers in the UN System  
Trinidad and Tobago, June 4-6, 2009

The Academic Council on the United Nations System is now accepting paper and panel proposals for presentation at its twenty-second Annual Meeting in Trinidad and Tobago, 4-6 June 2009. All Annual Meeting sessions will be held at the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies. Information on accommodations will be available shortly.

ACUNS members interested in giving a paper must submit: a brief abstract (250 words) and full contact information, including professional affiliation, to the ACUNS Secretariat. Members may also propose roundtables and panels by submitting a panel/roundtable description; abstracts for individual contributions; and full contact information for all participants.

**The final deadline for receiving proposals at the Secretariat office is March 1, 2009; however, please note that submissions will be reviewed and accepted or declined (and applicants notified accordingly) as they are received. Once all spaces are filled a waiting list will be established.**

Submission via e-mail attachment is preferred. Selection of panels and paper presenters will be made by a program committee and all applicants will be notified as soon as a decision is made on their proposal.

One of the most striking developments of the last 20 years is the redistribution of power in the international system. While the United States remains powerful in many domains, states with burgeoning economic and/or military might, sometimes combined with regional influence, are demanding our attention. What does this shifting power distribution mean for the United Nations system? What are these states demanding of the UN and its affiliated agencies? How are they responding? In what ways is the UN system a vehicle and/or an obstacle to small island states like Trinidad or to emergent powers like Brazil? To the degree that newly powerful states might seek to influence the direction of the UN system, what form might this take? Which issues might small, middle and emerging states emphasize in the multilateral system and with what effects?

Trinidad and Tobago is host to the 5<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit in 2009. Therefore, in addition to the themes outlined above, papers pertaining to either of these bodies or to the themes that they are emphasizing at their meetings would be welcome. These include energy security; environmental sustainability; violence, crime and terrorism; and the promotion of prosperity, especially in the Caribbean and the Americas. Proposals on other topics relating to the UN system and/or to the broader ACUNS mandate will also be considered. Anyone presenting on a workshop panel must be, or become, a member of ACUNS and will be expected to register for the Annual Meeting.

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