

The IAFOR North American Conference on the Social Sciences 2014 (NACSS 2014)

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The International Academic Forum in conjunction with its global university and institutional partners is proud to announce the Inaugural North American Conference on the Social Sciences.

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NACSS Conference Theme 2014: "Individual, Community and Society: Conflict, Resolution and Synergy"

Conflict from earliest times has been a characteristic of the human condition. The struggle between our individual selves and our social selves arises from what makes us unique on the one hand, being challenged by our being part of an interdependent structure of relationships on the other.

The specific blend of experiences, abilities, attitudes, and aspirations, that helps to define us, can sit sometimes uncomfortably alongside our commitments to those closest to us, our communities and our cultures. This can lead to conflict at different levels.

Conflict within communities and societies is inevitable given that these groups are based on commonality of geography, values, attitudes, and beliefs that help to differentiate one from another. The dialectic engendered by diversity, however, although it may lead to conflict, can play an important role in the expansion of ideas in communities and societies. One major challenge of modern society is to harness the synergy that emerges from the interactive dialectic generated by these differences.

The North American Conference on the Social Sciences will include a variety of presenters representing a wide range of social science disciplines, expressing divergent views, searching for common ground, and creating the synergies that can inspire multi-disciplinary collaborations. In developing these relationships among ourselves, the role of the social sciences is strengthened as we take our place at the table, along with scholars in the STEM disciplines (i.e., science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), in seeking solutions to the complex issues and problems of the 21st century.

I sincerely hope that we will use this time together, not just for intellectual discovery and discourse, but to establish a common vision and to motivate each other to do our part in the creation of a better world.

We look forward to seeing you in Providence!

Professor Jerry Platt  
NACSS 2014 Conference Chair

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Vice-Chair, IAFOR International Advisory Board  
Director, IAFOR Economics Research Institute

## Journals

**Publishing Opportunities:** Authors of accepted abstracts will have the opportunity of publishing their associated paper in the official conference proceedings, and a selection of papers will be considered for inclusion in the internationally reviewed IAFOR journals associated with the conference.

## International, Intercultural, Interdisciplinary

The IAFOR North American Conference on the Social Sciences 2014 is organized as part of a five week series of academic events in the US organized by IAFOR. Those attending the NACSS 2014 will have the opportunity of attending The IAFOR North American Conference on Sustainability, Energy and the Environment (NACSEE2014) for no extra charge.

## Abstract Submission: General Information

The conference theme is "Individual, Community and Society: Conflict, Resolution and Synergy" and the organizers encourage submissions that approach this theme from a variety of perspectives. However, the submission of other topics for consideration is welcome and we also encourage sessions within and across a variety of disciplines and fields related to the Social Sciences, including the following streams:

### NACE2014 Conference Streams

Anthropology, Archaeology, Cultural Studies and Humanities  
Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences  
Computational Social Science  
Cultural and Media Studies  
Economics and Management  
Education and Social Welfare  
Demography, Human Geography and Population Studies  
Ethnicity, Difference, Identity  
Globalization and Internationalization  
Immigration, Refugees, Race, Nation  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Gender  
International Relations and Human Rights  
Journalism and Communications  
Linguistics  
Natural, Environmental and Health Sciences  
Politics, Philosophy, Ethics, Consciousness

Politics, Public Policy, Law and Criminology  
Psychology and Social Psychology  
Research Methodologies, Quantitative and Qualitative  
Social History  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Sustainability  
Teaching and Learning  
Technology and Applied Sciences  
Urban Studies  
Other