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CENTRE FOR SYRIAN STUDIES

University of St Andrews

Call for Papers: The 4th CSS International Conference on Syria:

“The Syrian War: Later Evolution, Future Prospects”

The Centre for Syrian Studies (CSS) at the University of St Andrews in Scotland invites submission of abstracts for papers to be given at its Fourth International Conference on Syria to be held 1-3 August 2018 in St Andrews, Scotland.

The theme of the conference will be the late Uprising period since roughly 2015, with the focus on issues such as the sectarianization of the conflict; the evolution of the balance of power among groups in the conflict; governance and civil society amidst civil war in both regime and opposition areas; diplomacy and external intervention in the conflict; the Syrian diaspora; and issues of “reconciliation” and “reconstruction.”

Submissions are especially welcome from junior scholars, including graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. Contributions by Syrian scholars are especially welcome. Several senior scholars will be invited to chair panels and act as discussants along with the Centre director, Professor Raymond Hinnebusch, and other senior fellows of the Centre. Original research based on empirical data and/or new theoretical approaches are encouraged. Papers should be scholarly, not polemical.

Please send 200 word abstracts and a CV by Dec 15 to Dr Jasmine Gani at jkng@st-andrews.ac.uk Those selected to present papers will be notified by 30 January 2018. Panelists will be expected to provide a full paper draft by May 30th 2018. Delegates should plan to arrive for a plenary session and reception in late afternoon 1 August and to depart on 4 August.

The best papers will be eligible for inclusion in the Centre’s multi-volume series on the Syrian Uprising (see here for volume 1, due for publication in 2018: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Syrian-Uprising-Domestic-Factors-and-Early-Trajectory/Hinnebusch-Imady/p/book/9781138500501>)

Those whose papers are accepted will be provided with free accommodation and most meals. Limited travel grants may also be available on the basis of need and the quality of the paper draft (hence decisions on this will be made on receipt of participants’ conference papers; assistance will normally take the form of reimbursement for part of pre-purchased tickets; those needing pre-purchase financial help should plan to submit their draft paper earlier). Those who wish to attend without giving a paper are welcome; for such participants, an on-line site for conference registration will be opened in due course.