CALL FOR PAPERS

Association of Global South Studies Conference
19-21 October 2023
Decatur, GA

Conference Theme: The Global South: Exploring the Past, Engaging the Present, Imagining the Future.

The Association of Global South Studies welcomes individual papers or panels from any discipline related to the study of the Global South. Typically, 75-minute panels consists of three to four presenters. Register online at https://form.jotform.com/230665568117158 Send registration questions to the program coordinator Brian Parkinson, brian.parkinson@gsu.edu The deadline for proposals is 1 September 2023. Applicants will be informed within two weeks of submission if their proposal has been accepted. Applicants must register for the conference at the time of submitting their proposal. If a proposal is rejected or the applicant decides not to attend and notifies the treasurer Paul Rodell rodell@georgiasouthern.edu by October 16 the registration fee will be refunded.

Conference Registration

All paper presenters must be registered for the conference by 5 October 2023. Individuals should register online at https://form.jotform.com/230665568117158 All questions about or problems with the online registration site should be addressed to AGSS treasurer, Paul Rodell at rodell@georgiasouthern.edu People not presenting papers but who wish to attend the conference must register by 5 October 2023. The conference registration fee includes the Opening Reception on Thursday October 19 and the Awards Banquet on Saturday October 21. A combination ticket for guests to attend the Opening Reception and the Awards Banquet but who will not attend the paper presentation sessions can be purchased online for $100 before 5 October 2023.
2023 Conference Registration Fees

Option 1: Global North Resident, Standard registration: $200 [comes with a complimentary one-year membership].

Option 2: Global South Resident, Standard registration: $80 [comes with complimentary one-year membership].

Option 3: Lifetime member registration: $140 [if interested in obtaining a lifetime membership for $400, contact Paul Rodell].

Option 4: Student registration, all regions: $80 [comes with complimentary one-year membership].

Conference Venue

[Hyperlink to map]

Call Courtyard By Marriott Decatur Downtown directly to book your room: +1 404-371-0204.
Places to Eat and Drink in Decatur

The New York Times has described Decatur as the place where Mayberry meets Berkley: “Decatur is anchored by a late 19th-century courthouse (now the DeKalb History Center) and a leafy square dense with some of the state’s best restaurants, pubs, and shops. The Conference Hotel is within a short walking distance of excellent places where participants can enjoy a meal, unwind over coffee or cocktails, or savor artisanal ice-creams: For further information about the conference site, please contact site coordinators James Winchester james.winchester@gcsu.edu and Sunita Manian sunita.manian@gcsu.edu for more information.

Many restaurants are within a short walk from our conference venue, most with outdoor seating so that you can enjoy Georgia’s beautiful Fall weather:

Cocktails at Kimball House: The New York Times describes it as a restaurant “furnished in a swirl of leather and marble, encapsulating the town’s spirit: mod meets traditional. Epicures return for the constantly changing menu, the raw bar and for some of the best cocktails in Georgia, like the Kimball House martini (gin, Cocchi Americano, French vermouth and orange bitters).”

Twains is just one of several local breweries located within walking distance of our conference venue. Independent Distilling Company produces small-batch handcrafted spirits that focus on local and quality ingredients in Georgia.

You might be hard-pressed to figure out which of the three ice-cream shops you would want to try first: the hand-crafted ice-cream at Cold Stone Cremery, Jeni’s, or Butter and Cream.

The Dancing Goat Coffee Bar serves excellent Batdorf and Bronson coffee. You might need this the morning after, if you visited the other venues in this section.

Nearby Activities

There are many interesting places to visit and things to do in Atlanta, such as the MLK Jr. National Historic Site. Many of these activities are accessible by MARTA.
Historical Note

Decatur was named in honor of Stephen Decatur, a popular early-American naval hero. Decatur was born in 1779 in Maryland, but was raised in Philadelphia. He joined the newly formed U.S. Navy when he was 19.

Stephen Decatur is best known for the 16 February 1804 action in Tripoli when, as a lieutenant, he and 75 Sailors set the captured frigate Philadelphia on fire during a daring raid on Tripoli harbor. Philadelphia had been surrendered to the enemy by her commanding officer, Captain Bainbridge, when she ran aground on a reef off Tripoli harbor. The Tripolitans took the captain and crew captive, and then floated and towed Philadelphia into Tripoli harbor for plundering. Lieutenant Decatur and his crew, aboard Intrepid entered Tripoli harbor disguised as a merchant ship flying British colors, with the mission of destroying the Tripolitan’s prize. Under the ruse of losing their anchors in a storm, the cloaked Intrepid was given permission to moor alongside Philadelphia until morning. A Tripolitan guard’s warning that the ship’s occupants were American came too late as Intrepid’s crew boarded Philadelphia, overcame the Tripolitans, and set the captured frigate ablaze.