

Instructions for Proposals from Cognate Societies

Proposal deadline: July 1, 2026

Proposal submission procedure: Cognate society session proposals should be submitted by someone involved in the leadership or governance of the cognate society and emailed to Cognate Societies Chair, John Bickle, at jbickle@philrel.msstate.edu

Proposals must include:

- The title of the proposed session.
- Session topic(s)
- Society name
- Session organizer (leader or official representative of the cognate society)
- Session chair (can be the session organizer or someone different)
- A list of participants with name, affiliation, and contact email, including any non-presenting co-authors.
- A short descriptive summary of the proposal (100-200 words).
- A description of the topic and a justification of its current importance to the discipline (up to 1-2pp. or 1000 words).

Please note that in accordance with current PSA policy:

- No previously published paper may be presented at the PSA meeting.
- If an approved cognate society session subsequently loses participants, the cognate society should inform the PSA Cognate Societies Coordinator and propose alternates to maintain the quality and coherence of the session and adherence to PSA policies including the once on the program.