



## Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

*Ninth Annual Graduate School of Public & International Affairs Student Conference  
Third Annual Association of Women in Public Health (GSPH) Student Conference*

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The Agora, an organization of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, in collaboration with the Association of Women in Public Health, a women's organization of the Graduate School of Public Health, will bring together students, academics, practitioners and activists to discuss issues relevant to global human security. The conference will provide an opportunity for graduate students to showcase their research while gaining valuable opportunities to network and share information on these issues.

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### **Transcending Boundaries: EnGendering Human Security**

**University of Pittsburgh  
April 2 - 3, 2004**

Through the process of globalization, we have come to recognize that security is not merely ensured through the defense of national borders but also through the security of the individual and the global community. The concept of human security, the protection from threats to not only human survival but also human dignity, has become paramount to academics, practitioners and activists. Defining human security is problematic given the multitude of factors influencing human vulnerability. Women, as a locus of vulnerability as well as empowerment, play a crucial role in defining human security. So we ask: What is human security? How do different cultural and religious voices impact this definition and policy implementation? Given that human security encompasses politico-economic, social and health dimensions, what linkages must be considered?

Paper, panel and poster presentations are sought from every discipline. Joint submissions of multiple papers that together form a panel or proposals for panels whose participants come from different disciplines are welcome. Submissions from the following themes of human security are encouraged but by no means is this list of topics exhaustive:

- Political security
  - peace and conflict resolution
  - democratization and women's rights
  - law and social justice
- Personal security
  - human trafficking/forced labor
  - women/children in conflict and war
  - civil liberties in the information age
- Health security
  - poverty, disease control, health disparities
  - human right to health
  - reproductive health
- Economic security
  - foreign workers rights
  - economic status of women
  - corporate social responsibility
- Food security
  - famine and intra-state conflict
  - hunger and cultural household patterns
- Environmental security
  - water/land use
  - sustainable development
  - energy management

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#### **Abstract Submission Guidelines and Registration**

Guidelines and registration information is located on the Agora website at [www.pitt.edu/~sorc/agora](http://www.pitt.edu/~sorc/agora)  
For more information, please email the conference coordinators at [TBCConf@pitt.edu](mailto:TBCConf@pitt.edu)

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