

Call for Abstracts - **Food (In)Security Research Network: International and trans-disciplinary perspectives**

*16th October 2013, UN World Food Day
University of Warwick, Coventry*

This one-day conference, supported by the BISA-PGN and GEM PhD School, will be the starting point for a new multi-disciplinary postgraduate community where members come together to discuss important issues and ideas related to their research on food security. World Food Day is a fitting day to discuss the international dimensions of food security, a complex topic that is highly affected by international trade regulations, the incorporation of food and agricultural within multilateral institutions, and international actors whose decisions have significant impacts. It is also increasingly elevated to the top of government agendas and the focus of scholarly inquiry; however it has not yet gained a foothold in IR.

Confirmed Speakers: Professor Liz Dowler (University of Warwick), Professor Wyn Grant (University of Warwick), Dr. Leandro Vergara-Camus (SOAS), and Dr. Stephen Biggs (University of East Anglia)

Abstract submission guidelines

Maximum **500 words**. Abstracts can be for full papers, works in progress or posters. Please include brief details about the Author (e.g. Name, educational affiliation, email address, area of research).

The conference theme strongly supports proposals focusing on the international dimensions of food security; however proposals from various theoretical, methodological and disciplinary perspectives, and empirical papers/posters/presentations based on any regions of the world, such as Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe are welcome. Potential sub-themes include:

- The role of international actors and institutions in the global food and agricultural system, and in global food security
- Agrarian social movements and ground-up initiatives to ensure food security at local, national, regional and international levels
- The role of the state in promoting food security and its relationships with other stakeholders
- Green, organic, Geographical Indication and Fair Trade supply chains and markets
- The role of science, biotechnology and businesses
- Sustainable and conventional agriculture and food production, distribution and consumption
- Food security and/or food sovereignty

Selected postgraduate presenters may apply for partial travel reimbursement.

Please send abstracts and questions to **Foodsecuritynet@warwick.ac.uk** by 10 July 2013. Accepted proposals will be notified by 20 August 2013.