

Dear Foundations Section Participants,

We write in our capacity as co-chairs of this year's Foundations section to share with you our thoughts regarding developing events. First and foremost, as two scholars from the Global South (and one of us non-tenured), we were deeply dismayed to read the APSA Council's email regarding their decision to move forward with the conference. We not only reject this statement but also find it personally upsetting as a rationale for moving forward with an in-person stance. We stand in solidarity with workers.

Foundations is the largest section at APSA, having increased just this past year to 61 panels. APSA Council's statement and lack of moral leadership leaves us now in a vacuum of uncertainty and frankly for a section as large as ours, in an impossible logistical mess. We understand the importance of an in-person conference for our members, particularly our own precarious workers and graduate students, and for rebuilding our community in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic. But to echo our Foundations leadership's recent email, we feel strongly as well that no section should put its members in a position to cross picket lines.

Where does that leave us as a section? As you may know, barring a change in APSA Council's position, the Foundations business meeting and reception are canceled at this time. We had hoped to host a Keynote Address by [Karma Chavez](#), "Coalition in Times of Exhaustion" (appropriately titled given current events), however, that will also be canceled as an in-person event. We will be following up in the coming days on whether or not it will be moved on-line.

Regarding individual panels, at this point we strongly encourage you to speak with fellow panelists as soon as possible to coordinate your individual positions. Should you choose to move your panels online, we encourage you to fill out the following form [to move your panels and events online](#). PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT US regarding assistance to rebuild these panels since we do not have such capacity. We put an immense amount of work into organizing this year's program (specially given the 30% growth in the number of panels assigned to our section this year). Given APSA's lack of leadership, we stand in protest with workers and will no longer be available to provide our continued free labor to support a resolution we find deeply disappointing and manipulative of Global Southern scholars and graduate students. **Instead please contact [APSA](#) at meeting@apsanet.org** to be removed from the program or for further assistance.

Lastly, we strongly encourage you to voice your position to [APSA Council](#) and to support workers in their demands to sign the APSA labor section's [draft letter](#). We deeply regret that Council's position has forced us to cancel events and that we will not see many of you in-person, but hope to see many of you at online APSA.

In Solidarity,

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