

12th Annual

Environmental Politics & Governance Conference

Hosted by the La Follette School of Public Affairs

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Wisconsin, USA | 29 June-1 July 2026

Call for proposals

The [Environmental Politics & Governance](#) (EPG) network invites proposals for papers at its [12th annual conference in Madison, Wisconsin, USA](#). The conference showcases the world's best emerging research on environmental politics and governance, offers authors valuable feedback on work in progress, fosters an international community of environmental politics researchers, and seeks to shape the future of the field. The 12th conference builds upon the success of previous EPG conferences held in Seattle (2015), Zurich (2016), Bloomington (2017), Stockholm (2018), Santa Barbara (2019), Oslo (2020/2021), Penn State (2022), Glasgow (2023), Quebec City (2024), and Sachseln (2025).

The 2026 EPG conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison seeks papers that offer significant theoretical and/or empirical insights on all domains of environmental politics and governance. The EPG welcomes studies that employ any combination of rigorous quantitative, qualitative, or other innovative empirical research designs. In keeping with the [Wisconsin Idea](#), **the 12th EPG is particularly interested in research that carries important real-world implications for environmental policy, management, and governance.**

Format

The conference will feature 35-40 papers presented in a single track of panels and poster sessions, with lively discussion of each paper. Participants read and comment on other participants' papers in advance of the meeting, and all participants take part in every session. It is not possible to participate remotely.

The conference is also intensely social, offering ample time for casual conversation. Participants take all meals together, and evenings feature off-site dinners and social time.

Submission Process

Paper proposals should provide the following information submitted through the link below:

- 1) Author names, affiliations, and contact information;
- 2) Information on authors' participation in past EPG Conferences;
- 3) An anonymous PDF file with a paper title and a detailed abstract of no more than 1,000 words that outlines the work's research question, theory, data, and methods, along with the contributions to the field of environmental politics and governance. The abstract may include one table or figure, as appropriate.

We will consider **works-in-progress** only; please do not submit published, forthcoming, or accepted work. Authors of an accepted proposal are expected to share the paper with conference participants two weeks before the conference.

Proposals should be [submitted online here](#). **The deadline for proposals is 31 October 2026.**

All submissions, including those by EPG steering group members, will undergo double-blind review. The conference chair will rely on these reviews when setting the final program.

Logistics

There is no conference registration fee. The La Follette School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will provide all meals at the conference. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to Madison; the La Follette School will provide lodging as needed for one presenting author per accepted paper. Participants who can do so are asked to cover their own accommodation expenses so that limited lodging funds can be directed toward early career scholars and others without access to research/travel funding.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is located on the shores of Lake Mendota in Wisconsin's capital city. Direct flights to Madison's Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) are available from major U.S. hubs. For broader international options, Milwaukee (MKE) and Chicago (ORD) airports are within comfortable driving or bus distance.

Participants should plan to arrive on Tuesday afternoon (29 June 2026) for a welcome reception and depart on Thursday morning (2 July 2026). *All participants are expected to attend the full conference, including meals and evening events, contributing to discussions and building a community of scholars.*

Timeline

Proposal submission deadline: 31 October 2025

Invitation to participate / notification of paper acceptance: December 2025

Deadline to accept invitation: 31 January 2026

Deadline to submit papers: 15 June 2026

12th EPG Conference: 29 June-1 July 2026

Conference host

The [La Follette School of Public Affairs](#) is proud to host the 12th EPG Conference. Please contact conference chair Manny Teodoro (mteodoro@wisc.edu) with any questions.