**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS Deadline: 1 November 2024**

**AMERICAN PHILOSOPHIES FORUM**

**2025 Conference**

Communication

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**Dates:  3-5 April 2025** **Location:** **Austin, TX USA**

(Hilton Garden Inn, Austin Capitol District and the University of Texas, Austin)

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**The American Philosophies Forum** invites abstracts for its 2025 Conference on “Communication.”

Submissions are invited on any aspect of this topic, and authors should make clear what dimension(s) of this topic they propose to address. In this context, submissions may focus on any of the following non-exhaustive prompts:

* Communication as the transfer of information and as the sharing of meanings
* Successful, effective communication and communication failures and breakdowns
* Communication, interpretation, misinterpretation
* Communication and reality, words and objects
* Communication, language, and non-linguistic communication
* Communication and community
* The democratic value of argumentation and critical exchange
* The ethics of communication (with both friends and critics) in polarized times
* Communication and social participation and engagement
* Communication and knowledge, communication and truth
* Communication, justice, power, and violence
* Free speech, paid-for speech, free expression, censorship, and silencing
* Communication, misinformation, disinformation, and propaganda
* Communication, power, and media influence and control
* Communication, communication technologies, social media, and ethics in online relationships
* Communication in the digital age
* Communication, anonymity, truth, bias, media silos, hate, skepticism, and selectivity
* Communication, signs, rhetoric, and logic
* Communication and media literacy
* Communication, Artificial Intelligence, and Large Language Models
* Communication as action: how to do things with words
* Action as communication: how to mean things with acts
* Communication, affect, emotion, and style
* Communication, art, and creativity
* Communication, memory, history, and expectation
* Embodiment and communication
* Translation and communication
* Multi-linguicism and living, dead, and extinct languages
* Communication, the social self, self-communication, and self-presentation
* Silence, ineffability, and communication
* Communication, spirituality, religion, and a more-than-human world
* Non-human, inter-species, non-animal communication, and communication of nature

All submissions selected for presentation at the conference will reflect the broad mission of the American Philosophies Forum: “to contribute to the critical development, imaginative growth, and shared understanding of American philosophical traditions; and, to bring the resources of these multiple philosophies to bear on the reconstruction of contemporary culture and the amelioration of its problems.” Submissions and presentations may take, or include, any medium and media. Submissions which are primarily textual explications or exclusively historical in focus will not be accepted. Authors are very strongly encouraged to speak in their own voices. All authors shall attend the entire conference and all its sessions.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Deadline for Electronic Submission:

The deadline for receipt of all submissions is **1 November 2024**. Submissions received after midnight USA Eastern Daylight Savings Time on this date will not be considered. All submissions must be received in electronic form as a .DOC or .RTF attachment (and not in any other format) to an e-mail message sent to: [americanphilosophiesforum@gmail.com](mailto:americanphilosophiesforum@gmail.com)

Eligibility and Single Submission:

Persons who submit an abstract must be APF Associates. To become an Associate—there is no cost--, simply e-mail name, address, institutional affiliation (if any), and preferred e-address to: [americanphilosophiesforum@gmail.com](mailto:americanphilosophiesforum@gmail.com) (Note: The APF is not an academic “society.” There are no membership dues, registration fees, business meetings, or similar bureaucratic structures.). Only one submission per person is allowed. Multiple submissions will be rejected.

Anonymous Review:

Author information should be provided in the e-mail message to which the submission is attached. The submission itself must be ready for anonymous review: References, proper names, specific content, endnotes, or anything else that makes possible author identification are not allowed and will disqualify a submission. All submissions will be anonymously reviewed: persons who submit and persons who review will not know each other’s identity.

General Formatting:

All submissions must be double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1” top, bottom, and side margins. Do not include any other special formatting

Submissions:

Submissions length: 350-650 words. Shorter or longer submissions may be disqualified. **Authors of accepted abstracts must submit final essay drafts of *no more than* 15 pages (including any notes, images, or other content, all formatted as above) by 1 March 2025. Conference papers are expected to be *polished drafts* that profitably may be revised in light of conference discussions.** All papers will be made available electronically to participants a month in advance. At the conference, authors will be provided only 10-12 minutes to summarize, emphasize, or develop further the contents of the full essay--allowing significant time for questions, discussion, and genuine exchange.

Technology Needs:

Please indicate any AV/technology needs in the e-mail to which the abstract submission is attached.

Confirmations:

All who submit an abstract will receive confirmation of receipt--sent as a reply to the e-mail message to which the submission is attached. Confirmations will be sent by **5 November 2024.** Anyone who has not received confirmation by this date should e-mail a follow-up inquiry.

Decision Date:

Final selections will be made by **21 November 2024**. Anyone who has submitted an abstract but has not received notice of a final decision by this date should send a follow-up inquiry by e-mail.

For additional information about The American Philosophies Forum, see:

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