

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The First *South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood* Conference  
October 28 and 29, 2016 at Loyola University Chicago  
On the Theme of *Identities in Transition*

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This is a call for papers for the first South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood Conference. This interdisciplinary conference will explore the lives of South Asian women and girls belonging to South Asia and the diaspora. The conference theme – *Identities in Transition* – intends to bring into focus the changing context of South Asian societies from diverse perspectives.

The conference hopes to bring together collectives and individuals from various disciplines who engage with questions of gender, identity, empowerment, development, history, health, economy, religion, and cultures of South Asian women and girls. We invite proposals that discuss topics of relevance and highlight changes in worldviews, practices, creations, ideas, and challenges for this population particularly in the last 20 years. Academic scholars, policy advocates, counselors, and social service providers can submit proposals for inclusion in this conference. Artists, dancers, and creators of performance and media pieces such as audio or visual documentaries related to the conference theme are also encouraged to submit their work for presentation at the conference. The conference is also open to submission from Master's and Ph.D. candidates from disciplines such as South Asian Studies, International Studies, Social Work, Women and Gender Studies, Nursing, Sociology, Anthropology, Business, and Psychology among others.

The conference will take place over the course of two days – Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – at Loyola University Chicago. The conference program includes keynote addresses, panel presentations, and an opening night reception and networking event.

## **Possible Session Themes:**

Conference proposals may fall under, but are not limited to, one of the following themes: Education and Schooling, Women and the Workplace, Religion and Ritual, Health and Well-being, Mental Health, Politics and Conflict, Economics of Production, Technology and Media, Art and Culture, Relationships and Social Processes, and Philosophy of Life. Panel submissions are also welcome.

## **Submission Instructions and Review Process:**

All proposals must be submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/hnv6fxn> by **September 12, 2016**.

The conference committee will select proposals based upon their relevance to the topic of South Asian womanhood and girlhood, technical merit, and importance of findings. The committee will review creative and visual submissions and make selections based on relevance to the theme of the conference, creativity, and form/style. Applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Conference website: <http://sawgconference.wix.com/home>. Registration page: [luc.edu/ssw/sawgconference](http://luc.edu/ssw/sawgconference)

Any additional queries may be directed to [sawgconference@gmail.com](mailto:sawgconference@gmail.com) or Dr. Shweta Singh, Conference Committee Chair and Associate Professor at Loyola University Chicago, School of Social Work at [ssingh9@luc.edu](mailto:ssingh9@luc.edu). The subject line should say SAWGCONFERENCE.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59pm on Monday, September 12, 2016**

**We look forward to seeing you in Chicago, IL!**