

# RIA SCIA Annual Conference

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## Human (In)Security in an Unsettled World Call for Papers

In our unsettled world of intersecting human and environmental crises, or what has recently been termed ‘polycrises’, it can be argued that an urgent global governance challenge lies in actioning new visions and strategies of security. Two key tasks in addressing global security in the Anthropocene (the geologic era marked by human activity as the primary driver of environmental change) are: establishing holistic understandings of global security through effective communication of the overlapping human and environmental dimensions; and incorporating the range and interconnections of component elements – from climate security to military security, from food security to health security – in formulating policies that work to transcend insecurities on the ground, promote global cooperation and advance integrated strategies of security. This conference takes up this dual challenge of envisioning a wider discourse of global security, and setting out how to address the planet’s overlapping insecurities more holistically. It aims to attract papers that reflect on the multiple (in)securities of our contemporary moment, how they intersect in complex ways, and how more effective security responses can be achieved.

The Royal Irish Academy’s Standing Committee on International Affairs welcomes paper proposals on all aspects of global (in)security, including but not limited to:

- the differing impacts and experiences of human and environmental insecurity, in different domains and hierarchies, in communities across the globe
- the seven components of human security (community, economic, environmental, food, health, personal, and political) identified by the UNDP’s 1994 Human Development Report
- the ‘more-than-human’ aspects of global security that place ecological and wider environmental concerns more centrally in security strategies
- the historically dominant military aspects of global security that have prioritised understandings of security
- the discursive challenge of broadening discourses of securitization for more holistic global governance

- the transnational security strategies that illuminate the import of global solidarity
- the enduring military concerns of nation-states
- the geopolitical tensions and power politics of conflict that inhibit international cooperation on global security issues
- the institutional impediments of effective global governance by international organisations
- the lessons learnt from recent and ongoing global crises such as the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, and forced displacement and migration

High quality papers from the conference will be considered for publication in the RIA journal [Irish Studies in International Affairs](#). The submission of paper proposals requires all paper proposers to agree to publish their papers in the journal should they be accepted.

We welcome proposals from scholars in all academic disciplines, as well as current and retired practitioners in foreign policy, international development, government, NGOs and civil society. The committee strongly encourages applications from early career researchers and seeks to support diversity in the submission and selection of papers.

Paper proposals (300 words in length) should be completed on [this form](#) by Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 17:00.