ISOL GLOBAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Towards a New Research Agenda on Social Power and Human Flourishing

POWER WITH PURPOSE

CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

February 19–20, 2027 | Online | Registration is free

Invitation

The symposium invites original contributions that advance understanding of social power, power relationships in organizations, leadership, and human flourishing. In keeping with ISOL Global Foundation's longstanding tradition of bringing scholarship and practice into meaningful dialogue, submissions are invited through two distinct but interconnected tracks: Academic Contributions and Practice-Based Contributions.

We particularly welcome work that critically examines established assumptions, proposes new conceptual frameworks, brings Eastern, Western, and Southern wisdom traditions and scholarship into dialogue, offers empirical or practice-based insight, and contributes to the emerging research agenda on Power with Purpose.

Research Themes

1. Rethinking Social Power
2. Power with Purpose
3. Global Wisdom Traditions, Power, and Leadership
4. Power, Leadership, and Human Flourishing
5. Power, Peace, and Global Well-Being
6. Shaping the Future Research Agenda

Track I — Academic Contributions

Conceptual, theoretical, empirical, interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, philosophical, review-based, and methodological contributions are welcome.

1. Title of the paper
2. Author(s), affiliation(s), and contact information
3. Selected Symposium research theme
4. Background and purpose
5. Research question(s) or objective(s)
6. Theoretical or conceptual framework
7. Methodology, where applicable
8. Key findings, emerging insights, or expected contribution
9. Theoretical, practical, or societal implications
10. Five keywords

Track II — Practice-Based Contributions

Cases, interventions, organizational initiatives, leadership practices, policy experiences, community-based work, innovative models, and reflective practitioner contributions are welcome.

1. Title of the contribution
2. Author(s), organizational/professional affiliation(s), and contact information
3. Selected Symposium research theme
4. Background and context
5. Key issue, challenge, or opportunity addressed
6. Practice, initiative, intervention, model, case, or experience being presented
7. Key insights, outcomes, or lessons learned
8. Relevance to social power, leadership, or human flourishing

9. Practical, organizational, policy, community, or societal implications

10. Five keywords

Practice-based contributions need not follow a conventional academic research-paper structure. They should demonstrate thoughtful reflection, relevance to the Symposium themes, and potential to contribute to meaningful scholar-practitioner dialogue.

Submission Guidelines

1. Length: 1,000-1,500 words (excluding references)
2. Language: English
3. Formatting: Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1-inch margins, double-spaced
4. Referencing Style: APA 7th Edition, where applicable
5. File Format: Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or PDF
6. For enquiries: sunita.singhsengupta@isolglobalfoundation.org

Accepted extended abstracts will be included in the ISOL Global Foundation International Symposium Book of Abstracts.

Evaluation Framework

Academic Contributions

- Relevance to the Symposium theme and selected research theme
- Clarity of purpose and research question/objective
- Conceptual or theoretical grounding
- Rigor and appropriateness of approach/methodology, where applicable
- Originality and contribution to knowledge
- Potential implications for research, practice, policy, or society

Practice-Based Contributions

- Relevance to the Symposium theme and selected research theme
- Clarity and significance of context
- Quality and distinctiveness of the practice, case, intervention, initiative, or model
- Depth of reflection and evidence of learning or outcomes
- Transferability of insights and/or depth of contextual learning
- Potential contribution to scholar-practitioner dialogue and human flourishing

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Important Dates

1. Submissions Now Open
2. Extended Abstract Deadline: December 1, 2026
3. Notification of Acceptance: December 20, 2026
4. Presenter Confirmation & Registration: January 15, 2027
5. International Symposium: February 19-20, 2027

Symposium Chair

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Details and submissions: https://isolglobalfoundation.org/isol-symposium/

Please visit the symposium website and choose Submit Academic Abstract or Submit Practice-Based Abstract.