

Call for Abstracts: Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 2021

Virtual conference date: April 30 -May 1, 2021

Abstracts due: February 27, 2021

The Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression invites applications to participate in the eighth annual Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (FESC). The conference will be held virtually on **April 30 & May 1**. We ask all those interested in presenting a paper to submit an abstract by **February 27, 2021**. Those interested in serving as a discussant should also respond by this date.

At FESC, scholars and practitioners discuss works-in-progress on the freedoms of speech, expression, press, association, petition, and assembly, as well as on related issues of knowledge and information policy. FESC has become a fixture on the calendar of leading First Amendment thinkers and scholars nationwide. The paper titles and attendees from prior conferences are available [here](#).

Each accepted paper is assigned to a discussant, who will summarize the paper, provide feedback, and lead a discussion. Workshop sessions are typically lively discussions among authors, discussants, and participants. Sessions will run from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon. Conference participants are expected to read the papers in advance and to attend the entire conference.

We accept papers on a wide array of freedom of expression and information policy topics. Although participation at the conference is by invitation only, we welcome paper proposals from scholars, practitioners, and free speech advocates all over the world. Please feel free to share this call for submissions widely.

Submission Details

- Titles and abstracts of papers should be submitted electronically to Heather Branch [heather.branch@yale.edu] no later than **February 27, 2021**. Abstracts should be no longer than one page, and should be submitted as a PDF file saved under the file name “[last name, first name] – [paper title].” Please use the subject line “FESC Paper Submission” in your email.
- Those interested in attending the conference or acting as a discussant should also contact Heather Branch [heather.branch@yale.edu] no later than **February 27, 2021** to indicate their interest. Please use the subject line “FESC Participant” in your email.
- Authors will be informed whether their paper has been selected on or before **March 14, 2021**.
- Workshop versions of accepted papers will be due on **April 15, 2021**, so that they can be circulated to discussants and other conference participants.