Call for Papers: Special Issue on Forecasting in the Social Sciences for National Security (J17-1)

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Introduction

In recent years, the subject of forecasting has steadily increased in importance as policy makers and academic researchers attempt to respond to changes in world events. Academic projects seeking to advance the state of the art in forecasting have a natural policy application with the potential for improving the world by helping to identify and respond to problems and opportunities before they fully emerge. On July 26th (Date may change slightly), National Defense University in Washington D.C. will host a small conference co-sponsored by U.S. Strategic Command to advance the state of the art in social science forecasting as applied to national security.

The goal of this conference is to attract papers that engage in rigorous theoretical and empirical research on the application of forecasting to National Security problem sets. These papers should have a focus on applications that support policymakers, military planners, or the warfighter on the ground through forecasting of national security relevant events or decisions. Relevant examples include, but are definitely not limited to:

Interstate or intrastate conflict initiation or termination, the creation or abandonment of a WMD program, extra-legal attempts to seize control of a state, re-alignment of formal or informal alliances; additionally, methodological approaches may include, but are not limited to, large sample statistical analysis, laboratory experiments, field experiments, formal models and computer simulations.

Papers submitted to the conference, and accepted after peer review, will be published in this special issue of JDMS. However, papers for the special issue are not limited to conference papers.

Instructions for manuscript submission

Authors are invited to submit their manuscripts online at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jdms. Papers submitted should not be concurrently under review at another journal, or similar venue.

For manuscript formatting and other guidelines, please visit the Author Guidelines for JDMS at SCS.org. Please note in your online cover letter that your submission is intended for the Special Issue on Forecasting in the Social Sciences for National Security (J17-1).

Due Dates

Submission of papers: March 30, 2018
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