Tenth Representative Bureaucracy Mini-Conference and Workshop

Call for Papers and Workshop

Midwest Political Science Association 2026

We would like to invite scholars to participate in the 2026 Annual Representative Bureaucracy Mini-Conference and Workshop held in conjunction with the Midwest Political Science Association meetings in Chicago, Illinois (USA) April 23rd-26th, 2025. As has been common in years past, we are interested in papers that address any question related to Representative Bureaucracy. Specifically, we are interested in papers that shed new theoretical insights into bureaucratic representation. This can include manuscripts which extend the theory to new contexts, propose new dimensions of the representation process, challenge existing assumptions, and explore any novel, clever, or innovative way to advance the literature not already mentioned. Moreover, we would like to expand the workshop to include proposals on research designs, methodological approaches, and measurement techniques. Those interested are also welcome to submit papers which “failed”, as these manuscripts are often just as illuminating to theory building as are the successes. To participate, please submit a proposal to the workshop cochairs:

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The deadline for paper submissions is October 7th, 2025, but please do not feel compelled to wait until then. **If you are interested in participating, you only need to submit your proposal to Danyao and Austin. No submission to the official MPSA portal is needed.**

Please include the following information:

Name, affiliation, and emails for all authors

Title of paper

Abstract

Please forward this email to any scholars that you think might be interested in participating.

Thank you.