

# **CALL FOR PANEL PROPOSALS**

## **International Association for Literary Journalism Studies**

**“Literary Journalism and a Sense of Place”**  
**The Seventeenth International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies (IALJS-17)**

**University of Gdańsk**  
**Institute of Media, Journalism and Social Communication**  
**Faculty of Social Science**  
**Gdańsk, Poland**

**18-20 May 2023**



The International Association for Literary Journalism Studies invites submissions of proposals for panels on Literary Journalism for the IALJS annual convention on 18-20 May 2023. The conference will be held at the University of Gdańsk, Poland.

The IALJS hopes the conference to be a forum for scholarly work of both breadth and depth in the field of literary journalism, and all research methodologies are welcome, as is research on all aspects of literary journalism and/or literary reportage. For the purpose of scholarly delineation, our definition of literary journalism is “journalism as literature” rather than “journalism about literature.” The Association especially hopes to receive papers related to the general conference theme, “Literary Journalism and a Sense of Place,” but all submissions will be considered.

The International Association for Literary Journalism Studies is a multi-disciplinary learned society whose essential purpose is the encouragement and improvement of scholarly research and education in Literary Journalism. As an association in a relatively recently defined field of academic study, it is our agreed intent to be both explicitly inclusive and warmly supportive of a variety of scholarly approaches.

Although the Conference Planning Committee intends to hold IALJS-17 in person, deviations from this plan may become necessary due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19. We encourage submissions regardless of possible funding and/or travel limitations; every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of presenters with successful submissions.

## GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS FOR PANELS

- (a) **Submission by e-mail attachment in MS Word is required.** No other format or faxes or postal mail submissions will be accepted.
- (b) Panel proposals should contain the panel title, possible participants and their affiliation and e-mail addresses, and a description of the panel's subject. The description should be approximately 250 words in length. A "Panel Proposal Template" and "Sample Proposal" are available at <https://ialjs.org/conference-information/>
- (c) Panels are encouraged on any topic related to the study, teaching, or practice of literary journalism. See [http://www.ialjs.org/?page\\_id=21](http://www.ialjs.org/?page_id=21).

Details of the programs of previous annual meetings can be found at:

<http://ialjs.org/past-ialjs-conferences/>

## EVALUATION CRITERIA, DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

All panel proposals will be evaluated on the degree to which they contribute to the study of literary journalism, clarity of purpose, and the research timeliness of the topic. Submissions from students as well as faculty are encouraged. Examples of past panel topics include "Literary Journalism and War," "Women's Reportage and Public Memory," "The Ethics and Politics of the Profile," and "Reading True Stories: Undergraduate Experiences with Literary Journalism."

### **Please submit proposals for panels to:**

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## **Deadline for all submissions: No later than 1 December 2022**

Important note: Please be advised that it is a matter of IALJS policy that conference participants will be limited to presenting in no more than two conference sessions.

**For more information regarding the conference or the association, please go to <http://www.ialjs.org> or contact:**

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**NOTE: Submissions from students are encouraged, and a competitive Student Travel Fund has been established to assist in funding student travel. Applications will be available upon acceptance of submission.**