

Call for Papers
ISUS 2020 (Utility and Politics)

The 16th conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago, 30 July-1 August 2020 (Thursday-Saturday)

In a time when the regimes of democratic representation and scientific/administrative expertise that the classical utilitarians did so much to promote are under serious strain across the globe, ISUS 2020 will meet to assess the past, present, and future achievements and failures of utilitarian ethics, law, policy, and political economy. Although we invite paper and panel proposals on all subjects related to the study of utilitarianism, proposals that speak to the conference theme Utility and Politics are especially welcome.

The following individuals have generously agreed to give keynote lectures:

Frances Ferguson, Department of English, The University of Chicago

Bart Schultz, Department of Philosophy, The University of Chicago

Sharon Street, Department of Philosophy, New York University

Special events include a Saturday lunchtime student debate in partnership with the Winning Words program of the Civic Knowledge Project of the University of Chicago, as well as pre- and post-conference architecture tours at the Stateville prison panopticon (limited space only) and on the Chicago River.

The International Society for Utilitarian Studies is an association for the study of utilitarianism and the utilitarian tradition broadly conceived. Scholars representing all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences are encouraged to submit proposals for papers and panels on utilitarianism and its historical development, and on its contemporary relevance in various fields of thought and practice. Past conferences have included faculty and graduate students in philosophy, law, political science, economics, history, literature, and art.

To submit a c. 400-word paper or panel proposal, please watch for instructions on isus2020.uchicago.edu (website under construction). The proposal deadline is **15 February**, with responses given by mid-April.