



Call for Papers – ICSA International Conference

Coercive Control and the Psychology of Influence across Comparative Contexts – Implications for Policy, Practice and the Criminal Justice Process

**University of Salford,
Greater Manchester, UK**

July 4 – 6, 2019

The International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) is conducting its 2019 Annual International Conference jointly with [Info-Secte/Info-Cult of Montreal](#) and the Directorate of Psychology and Public Health and the Criminal Justice Hub and Connected Lives Diverse Realities Research Group at the University of Salford, UK, from July 4 – 6, 2019 (preconference workshops on Wednesday July 3, 2019).

The conference theme is coercive control and the psychology of influence across comparative contexts and the implications for policy, practice (across psychology, counselling, social work, public health, law and other professions) and for the criminal justice process (across jurisdictions). Papers and panels will focus on subjects such as coercive control, abuse and persuasion in domestic and familial settings, human trafficking, and gangs, and in radicalization, extremist groups, and cults/sects. The conference will also focus on community-based solutions to prevent and reduce extremism, violence, and oppression and will examine contemporary practice developments in the prevention of and exit and recovery from coercion, abuse, and extremism across a range of cultural contexts.

The conference committee is especially interested in proposals related to the conference theme. However, the committee will consider proposals on all aspects of the phenomenon of coercive control and cultic influence, including victims' perspectives, psychological and social manipulation, religious fanaticism, domestic abuse, trafficking, radicalization, terrorism, law enforcement, treatment, prevention, and legal, social, and public-policy aspects of manipulation and victimization. The conference will address the needs and interests of ICSA's four main constituencies: former group members, families, helping professionals, and researchers

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Attendees and speakers at past conferences have been diverse, including academicians, researchers, helping professionals, former and current group members, families, clergy, educators, and others. Individual presenters at ICSA's annual conference will have up to 45 minutes for paper delivery and audience discussion. Panel organizers have 90 minutes for the panel and audience discussion. It is recommended that no more than three people will normally speak on a panel.

If you wish to submit a proposal for a paper or panel, complete and submit the Call for Papers form. Go here and look left for a link to the submission form: www.icsahome.com/events/callforpapers

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2018.

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