

**The International Society for Travel Writing invites you to join its
Seventh Biennial Conference at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
from March 30th - April 1st 2012.**

The conference has a special, but not exclusive, focus on “The Politics of Travel.” Papers on this theme might address (but are not limited to) the following topics:

- * Travel as political action
- * Travel as dissent
- * Travelers’ political agendas
- * National politics and transnational identities in travel writing
- * Political borders and border crossings in travel writing
- * Travel, geopolitics, and globalization
- * Aesthetics and the politics of travel writing
- * The politics of empire in travel writing
- * Gender or sexual politics and travel writing
- * Travel writing and the politics of race

Submissions of critical papers; organizations of panels, roundtable discussions, or seminars; and readings of original travel writing, either published or in composition relating to this special theme or to travel writing in general are welcome.

NB: Papers should focus on travel writing, though they may make comparison with other forms and genres.

Paper abstracts should be limited to 250 words. Proposals for panels, roundtable discussions, seminars, or readings should not exceed one page.

All submissions and inquiries should be made by email to admin@istw-travel.org with the subject line ‘ISTW Conference.’

Abstracts and proposals should be received by the deadline of 1 October 2011. Early submission is advisable as places may be limited.