

## **CFP Working Group on Culture and War:**

Cultural Studies Association (CSA) 2022 Conference  
June 2-4, 2022, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois

The Working Group on Culture and War of the Cultural Studies Association invites submissions for the 20th Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association (U.S.), June 2-4, 2022, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois.

General Call: We invite interdisciplinary papers, panel proposals, and non-traditional forms of creative intervention that consider the cultural, economic and political landscape of conflict past and present. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- The militarization/securitization of daily life inside/outside conflict zones
- The political economy of conflict: “weaponizing” of financial institutions, neoliberalism and military privatization/subcontracting, drug wars, sanctions
- Race, gender and sexuality in military organization
- Veterans’ issues
- Construction of military/war imaginary in media representation, war gaming, and memorialization.

Reckoning Afghanistan: Consonant with this year’s conference theme, “Reckonings,” the Working Group also invites papers addressing the precipitous U.S. exit from Afghanistan, its consequences for peoples of Central Asia, as well as for domestic politics of the U.S. and NATO allies. Where is “reckoning” to be located here--required from whom, for whom, and to what end? Papers/panels could consider

- The historical context of the U.S./NATO mission, including 9/11, the Iraq War, and the global reordering which followed
- The contradictory construction of nation building, refugee politics, and/or women’s rights issues in policy and media representation over the course of occupation
- The final perplexity of U.S. foreign policy before social forces which continually eluded metrics focused on physical rather than ontological security
- The future of Afghanistan, and U.S.-Afghan relations, in a post-American Central Asia.

While the language of the conference must be English, submissions from outside the Anglophone world are especially welcome.

### **SUBMISSION PROCESS**

All proposals should be submitted through Easy Chair using the following link:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=csa2022>

Final Deadline for Submissions: Sunday, December 19, 2021

Please contact the Chair of the Culture and War Working Group, Howard Hastings, with any questions:

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