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About the Theme

Often shielded by constitutional rules and nurtured by political discourse, hate has a mercurial existence in the popular imagination. In the “arena of angry minds,” as Richard Hofstadter called American political life, political actors sometimes choose to condemn hatred, distance themselves from it, appeal to its existence, or foment it.

Even when subjugation, discrimination, or violence is not the goal, the politics of hate can pay off. Rather than seeking its total eradication, many democracies assume the permanence of hate and seek to minimize its excesses or to punish and prohibit specific expressions. Are such assumptions well founded, and such strategies wise?

Some of the social groups marked through the techniques of hatred have changed over time, as the political dividends for resorting to strategies of hate have shifted, while other groups seem to be consistent targets of hate. Technological advances offer new tools to combat hatemongering even as they can make demagogues more effective.

What are the structural conditions that allow hate to thrive or might permit its isolation? How might inroads be made in the law or politics of inclusion, especially in countries with strong commitments to rhetorical freedom and popular sovereignty?

Call for Submissions

The *Journal of Hate Studies* welcomes original papers treating the theme, “Hate and Political Discourse,” from a wide range of disciplines, including history, law, philosophy, political science, sociology, criminal justice, social psychology, economics, anthropology, geography, journalism, communications, rhetoric, literature, educational studies, and cultural studies.

We especially encourage original treatments of the following topics:

- Hate and popular sovereignty
- How hate can foster alternative communities and movements
- Cultural foundations of hate
- Historical changes in rhetorical strategies

- Political parties and hate
- Necessary political conditions for hate
- Empirical approaches to the problem of hate
- The role of hate in nation-building
- How literature, rhetoric, journalism or other forms of communication can fuel or discourage hate
- Geographical differences in how hatred is sustained or combated
- Comparative approaches and cross-cultural challenges
- New technologies in combating or fomenting hatred in the realm of political discourse

We anticipate hosting an invitational Symposium in Fall 2012, either at American University or Gonzaga University, in conjunction with the publication of this Volume. Authors published in this Volume would be invited to present their work at the Symposium.

About the Journal

The *Journal of Hate Studies* is a peer-reviewed publication of the Gonzaga University Institute for Hate Studies. The *Journal of Hate Studies* is an international scholarly journal promoting the sharing of interdisciplinary ideas and research relating to the study of what hate is, where it comes from, and how to combat it. It presents cutting-edge essays, theory, and research that deepen the understanding of the development and expression of hate.

About the Guest Editor

Robert L. Tsai is Professor of Law at American University's Washington College of Law. He is a prize-winning essayist on constitutional law and history. Tsai studied political science and history at the University of California, Los Angeles, and law at Yale University. Before entering the academy, he clerked for federal judges in New York and Boston, and practiced law in the public interest. Tsai brings to the study of hate expertise in popular movements, the development of grievances and rights, and the formation of alternative communities. Tsai is the author of *Eloquence and Reason: Creating a First Amendment Culture* (Yale University Press, 2008) and many articles on constitutionalism, democratic theory and culture, and civil rights. His latest book, on failed and stillborn American constitutions, will be published by Harvard University Press in 2012.

Guidelines for Submissions

Submissions are typically expected to be between 5,000 and 10,000 words. Submissions may be made in either of the following ways.

- As an attachment sent by email to hatestudies@gonzaga.edu
- Through the *Journal's* online site
(<http://journals.gonzaga.edu/index.php/johs/information/authors>)

Submissions should be made in MS Word format. Please do not submit PDFs.

Submissions should be presented in APA format, with endnotes rather than footnotes. However, legal scholarship may be presented in Bluebook or ALWD.

More information about submission guidelines, the *Journal of Hate Studies*, and the Gonzaga University Institute for Hate Studies can be found at <http://gonzaga.edu/hatestudies>

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