

## Theory Construction & Research Methodology (TCRM) Workshop

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The Theory Construction and Research Methodology (TCRM) Workshop offers a unique opportunity for scholars to discuss working papers on family theory and research methodology. The TCRM Workshop will be held immediately preceding the 2018 NCFR Annual Conference (Nov. 6-7, 2018, San Diego).

TCRM sessions follow a distinctive format. Authors submit their papers several months before TCRM and leaders in the field serve as discussants, writing reviews of the paper. Authors' papers are made available prior to TCRM so attendees can come to the session already having read the paper. Each session begins with a brief summary of the papers followed by discussant comments, author responses, and audience conversation providing invaluable feedback to the authors and stimulating the thinking of authors, discussants, and attendees alike.

Rather than focusing on empirical findings, TCRM papers should advance family theories or research methodologies. TCRM is co-sponsored by the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* (JFTR) and many papers presented at TCRM have eventually been published in JFTR. TCRM 2018 will accept proposals for two types of sessions:

- **Working papers:** Special topics in theory and methodology. Paper proposals are submitted individually.
- **Methodology workshops:** Open format sessions focusing on specific methodological techniques or data sources.

When submitting a paper proposal to TCRM, proposals should include

1. **the full paper or workshop title**
2. **a running page header** appropriate to your topic
3. **a short abstract** (maximum 100 words, for publicity purposes)
4. **a long proposal**, no more than 1,500 words (excluding tables, figures, and references) for peer review
5. **2-3 suggestions for discussants** for working papers

All documents should be sent in PDF format. Proposals should

- provide a brief background and context for the paper
- explain the significance of the topic and what gaps in knowledge the paper seeks to fill
- underscore how the proposed work will advance either family theory or research methodology
- describe how the project takes up innovative aims or employs novel concepts, approaches, or methods.

Showing evidence of work already underway is highly encouraged.

The **deadline** for TCRM submissions is **March 15, 2018, 11:59 p.m. PST**. Authors of accepted papers will be required to submit a full version of the paper, up to 30 pages, **by Aug. 15, 2018**.

TCRM submitters should fill out the TCRM application form and attach the proposal in PDF format. **Email** to the TCRM co-chairs, **Silvia Bartolic and Justin Dyer**, at the following email address: **2018TCRM@gmail.com**.

Note that TCRM proposals are not submitted through the usual NCFR online submission portal.

Please feel free to contact **Silvia or Justin** with any questions regarding TCRM, the proposal process, or being a paper discussant. We are looking forward to seeing you all in 2018!

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