

**CALL FOR PAPERS: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations**

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Marshall, CA 94940**

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**“Revolutions” in the Late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21s Century**

During the last three decades after the fall of the Soviet Union, the world witnessed a significant number of revolutions. Most of these were not predicted.

Nevertheless, after the fall of the Berlin Wall many activists attempted to create non-violent revolutions in Europe and the Middle East. Some of these succeeded while others resulted in chaos, superfluous violence and even the return to repressive regimes.

Given this background, what can these late modern revolutions tell us about the conditions that led to success or failure? How do these revolutions compare with earlier examples such as the American, French, Russian or Iranian revolutions? What roles have *religion, law, ethnicity, science and technology played in these episodes?* What *social-cultural and economic* conditions have been associated with the success (or failure) of various intentional and intellectually orchestrated revolutions? Not least of all, how does *civilizational analysis* impinge upon or illuminate this range of phenomena?

**Thematic Sessions**

- \* Eastern Europe and the Velvet/Orange Revolutions
- \* New Perspectives on Middle Eastern Revolts and the Arab Spring
- \* Twenty/Twenty-First Century Revolts and Revolutions vs. Earlier Constructs
- \* Civilian Uprisings and Non-Violent Struggles in Asia and the West
- \* Revolutionary Thought, Historic Shifts and Long-term Outcomes

Papers are invited on the above topics and any others with civilizational relevance. Send Abstracts of **300 words** describing your proposed paper by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to the Program Chair Laina Farhat-Holzman [Lfarhat102@aol.com](mailto:Lfarhat102@aol.com)

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