



DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH



**Sego Graduate Student
Language and Culture
Conference**

Department of World
Languages and Cultures,
University of Utah

CALL FOR PAPERS

Community in the Wilderness: Approaching Academia Today

March 27th, 2026

The graduate students at the University of Utah's Department of World Languages and Cultures invite submissions for the 2025 Sego Conference on the theme *Community in the Wilderness: Approaching Academia Today*. As academic spaces continue to evolve and expand, questions of belonging, connection, and support have become central. This conference asks how we build and reimagine community within an academic landscape that can feel lonely, uncertain, and wild. We welcome proposals from any discipline that explore how scholars navigate their path within contemporary academia. Papers may approach cross-cultural perspectives through pedagogical, cultural, literary, and interdisciplinary lenses. The Sego Conference welcomes ideas that dialogue, discuss, and engage with these intersections.

Abstracts in English of no more than 300 words should be sent to sego@utah.edu by Friday, January 30th, 2026. Participants will be notified by Friday, February 13th, 2026.

Papers might address:

- Interdisciplinary or intercultural approaches to academic life
- Identity and representation in the university
- Community-building in academic environments
- Approaching and rethinking the future of academia