

Call for Proposals: Social Transformation Speaker & Workshop Series

The Office of the ADR is launching a new **Social Transformation Speaker & Workshop Series** to deepen our College's shared understanding of what Social Transformation means (and what it can mean) across our diverse disciplines. The call for proposals is happening now, but the workshop series will run through the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters.

"Social Transformation" is central to the identity of HEST, yet it means different things to different people. Rather than settling on a single definition, we want to explore that richness. This series is an invitation for faculty and staff to share their perspectives, frameworks, and experiences (through talks, workshops, or other interactive formats) that illuminate what Social Transformation is, how it is enacted in research and practice, and why it matters.

Series Goals

This series aims to:

- Build a richer, more shared vocabulary around Social Transformation across HEST.
- Showcase the breadth of ways faculty and staff engage with Social Transformation in their work.
- Spark cross-disciplinary dialogue about the concept and its applications.
- Create a record of perspectives (through recorded sessions and shared materials) that can inform the College's research and teaching identity going forward.

What we're Looking For

We welcome proposals that engage with Social Transformation from any disciplinary angle represented in HEST. Topics might include, but are not limited to:

- How you define Social Transformation in your own research or practice
- Theoretical or conceptual frameworks for understanding Social Transformation
- Case studies or empirical examples of Social Transformation in action
- Methodological approaches for studying or measuring Social Transformation
- Critiques, tensions, or debates within the concept
- Interdisciplinary or community-engaged approaches to Social Transformation

Proposals from any discipline within HEST are encouraged. We are especially interested in perspectives that will complement and contrast with each other, building a multifaceted picture of the concept across the series.



Format Requirements

- **Hybrid format:** Delivered in-person and via Zoom, with recording enabled for asynchronous viewing.
- **Duration:** 60–90 minutes (including Q&A). Shorter or longer formats may be considered with justification.
- **Audience:** Faculty, research staff, graduate students and undergraduates across HEST.
- **Materials:** Presenters agree to share session materials (e.g., slides, readings, handouts) for hosting on the ADR website.
- **Format flexibility:** We welcome traditional talks with Q&A, interactive workshops, or other creative formats.

Honorarium

Selected presenters will receive **\$500 in Professional Development funds** upon completion of their session and submission of materials. Funds will be placed in a faculty member's unrestricted index (where possible) or in the account of the presenter's home department.

Selection Process

The ADR anticipates selecting **up to 6 proposals** for the series. Evaluation will be conducted on a rolling basis (at the end of each month) until all slots are filled. Each applicant will receive a decision indicating one of four outcomes:

1. Your proposal is accepted.
2. Your proposal is declined.
3. Your proposal is promising but requires revision.
4. Your proposal is being held for consideration in a following month.

The fourth outcome will be used to help balance topics across the series, ensuring diversity of perspectives and approaches.

Proposal Submission

To submit a proposal, please email ADR Hout (mhout@nmsu.edu) with the following. Please send no more than two PDFs: the first including items 1–5, and the second including item 6.

- Session title and abstract (150–400 words) describing the topic, your perspective or framing, and why it matters for HEST.
- Intended learning outcomes or takeaways for participants (2–3 bullet points).
- Proposed format (talk, workshop, panel, etc.) and any logistical requirements.
- Short presenter bio (100–250 words) highlighting relevant expertise or engagement with the topic.
- Preferred presentation date(s). Sessions will likely run from Fall 2026 through Spring 2027.
- An up-to-date CV or resume.

Questions?

Contact ADR Hout for more information (mhout@nmsu.edu)



Selection Criteria

Criteria	Description	Points
1. Relevance & Clarity of Perspective	Proposal presents a clear and meaningful perspective on Social Transformation that adds genuine value to the College's understanding of the concept.	0 = No clear perspective offered 1 = Perspective vague or underdeveloped 2 = Reasonably clear perspective with some depth 3 = Compelling, well-articulated perspective with clear relevance to HEST
2. Intellectual Breadth & Appeal	Topic or framing is likely to resonate with a broad audience across HEST disciplines.	0 = Very narrow appeal 1 = Relevant to some but not most of the College 2 = Broadly relevant with moderate cross-disciplinary appeal 3 = Highly accessible and engaging to diverse HEST audiences
3. Presenter Expertise & Credibility	Presenter has demonstrated knowledge, experience, or scholarly engagement with the proposed topic.	0 = No relevant background evident 1 = Limited or tangential expertise 2 = Solid relevant expertise or track record 3 = Extensive expertise and a strong record of engagement with the topic
4. Format & Engagement	Proposed format (talk, workshop, etc.) is appropriate and likely to engage participants.	0 = Format unclear or poorly suited to topic 1 = Format adequate but limited engagement potential 2 = Appropriate format with good engagement potential 3 = Highly engaging format well-matched to content and audience
5. Contribution to Series Diversity	Proposal contributes a distinct angle, discipline, or framing of Social Transformation that complements other proposals (i.e., ones that have already been selected or presented).	0 = Substantially overlaps with other proposals 1 = Adds minor novelty 2 = Meaningfully distinct from other proposals 3 = Fills a unique gap or offers a strikingly fresh perspective

We look forward to your proposals and to building a richer, more shared understanding of Social Transformation across the College of HEST!