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# Call For Papers

## Board Game Studies Colloquium XX: Models, Metaphors, Meanings

at

**The University of Copenhagen, Denmark**

**17-20 May, 2017**

The Board Game Studies Colloquium is an annual event which gathers a wide range of scholars, curators, inventors, collectors, and enthusiasts from around the world to present and discuss new research in the burgeoning field of game studies. It has traditionally focused on historical board, card, and dice games, but later years have begun to feel the impact from the current explosion in non-digital gaming. This year, too, we would like to welcome speakers from both sides of the game board, so to speak, in an attempt to further our collective understanding of the origins and development of contemporary games.

The subtitle of the colloquium - "Models, Metaphors, Meanings" - indicates a wish to put special emphasis on the various meanings that games convey to the people and cultures that design, adopt, and play them. The question is not limited to *what* games mean, but also to *why* and *how*. You can read more about the theme on the colloquium website: <http://bgs20.tors.ku.dk>.

While papers engaging with the theme are encouraged, the colloquium is more than happy to receive proposals on any subject related to non-digital gaming. The colloquium has always prided itself on its inclusivity of approach, and will continue to do so.



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Proposals should aim at a 20-minute presentation in English. They should include the following:

- Title
- Abstract (max. 200 words)
- Author's brief bio, recent publications, institutional affiliations, and academic or other relevant credentials

They should be sent as an email attachment in odt, doc, docx, or pdf format to [bgs20@hum.ku.dk](mailto:bgs20@hum.ku.dk) before February 1, 2017.

You will be notified of whether your proposal is accepted by mid-February, and will then have until mid-March to write a formal abstract of 200-500 words.

Please note that the colloquium organizers are currently trying to secure funding for young promising scholars without institutional backing. An announcement will be made if and when we are successful. Potential applicants are encouraged to make themselves known to us as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to write to [bgs20@hum.ku.dk](mailto:bgs20@hum.ku.dk).

We look forward to receiving your proposals.

Kind regards,  
Jacob Schmidt-Madsen

PS: For further information about the colloquium, please visit the colloquium website: <http://bgs20.tors.ku.dk>.