We are pleased to welcome you to the University of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study’s 2013 conference on, “Public Intellectualism in Comparative Context.”

This international conference, hosted in McKenna Hall at the University of Notre Dame, will focus on the roles played by public intellectuals—persons who exert a large influence in the contemporary society of their countries by virtue of their thought, writing, or speaking—in various countries around the world and in their different professional roles. Leading experts from multiple disciplines will come together to approach this elusive topic of public intellectualism from different perspectives.

The conference will include interdisciplinary discussion of ideas presented as well as less formal opportunities for scholarly discourse and interaction. Each session includes a 40-minute presentation, a 20-minute commentary from another scholar in the field, followed by 40 minutes of questions and discussion of the presentation. This engaging and interdisciplinary approach differs from conferences in some disciplines, offering a unique opportunity to engage other scholars in ways that transcend disciplinary boundaries and providing participants new perspectives and ideas.

**Conference Registration**
Registration for the conference is online and available on the Notre Dame Conference Center website. There are two types of registration. The first type is Full Registration, with Meals and includes admission to all conference sessions, lunches, dinners, refreshments, snacks, and conference materials. The second is General Registration and this type includes admission to conference sessions, refreshments, snacks, and conference materials only (no meals).

**Northwestern Indiana’s Time Zone**
The University of Notre Dame is on Eastern Standard Time and is one hour ahead of Chicago. Click here to go to additional time zone information.

**Air Travel**
South Bend Regional Airport is served by Delta, Continental and United Airlines with daily flights from most metropolitan cities to South Bend (airport code is SBN). The South Bend Regional Airport website includes information on airlines, arrivals and departures, and ground transportation.

The University of Notre Dame is approximately 100 miles from Chicago Midway Airport and 120 miles from Chicago O’Hare Airport.

**Ground Transportation from South Bend Airport to the University of Notre Dame**
The South Bend Regional Airport is approximately 15 minutes by car from the Notre Dame campus.
Taxis are available immediately outside of South Bend Airport’s arrival terminal and are available whenever the airport, train station, or bus terminal are in operation. Taxi fares from the South Bend Airport to the University of Notre Dame are approximately $15-20.

If you elect to drive a rental car from South Bend Regional Airport to the University, take “Lincolnway West” towards the east (a left turn out of the airport) to downtown South Bend. Turn left on Indiana 933 (Michigan Street). Stay on Indiana 933 to Angela Boulevard which is the second stop light north of the St. Joseph River. Turn right onto Angela Boulevard then left at the first stop light onto Notre Dame Avenue. If your hotel accommodations will be at the Morris Inn, proceed north on Notre Dame Avenue to the Morris Inn, the hotel located on campus, which will be on your left, just prior to the circle next to the Law School and in the fore area of the Main Building.

**Train Transportation from Chicago Airports to South Bend**
If you plan to travel to South Bend from one of the two Chicago area airports (Chicago O’Hare Airport or Chicago Midway Airport) by train, you will need to get to Millennium Station, the train station in Chicago.

**From Chicago O’Hare to Millennium Station**
Follow the signs in the airport for trains to the city. In the station, follow the flashing yellow light to find the train that is loading passengers. Take the Blue Line to the Washington station. From that stop, walk one block north on Dearborn Street and three blocks east on Randolph Street to find the Millennium station, where you can board the South Shore Line to South Bend. For ground transportation from the South Bend Regional Airport, see Ground Transportation from South Bend Airport to the University of Notre Dame (above).

**From Chicago Midway to Millennium Station**
Follow the signs in the airport for trains to the city. Board the Orange Line and take it to the Randolph/Wabash station. Walk 1 block east on Randolph Street to arrive at Millennium Station, where you can board the South Shore Line to South Bend. For ground transportation from the South Bend Regional Airport, see Ground Transportation from South Bend Airport to the University of Notre Dame (above).

**From Chicago’s Millennium Station to the South Bend Regional Airport on the South Shore Line**
The South Shore Line commuter train travels directly from downtown Chicago (from the Chicago Loop at the corner of Michigan and Randolph) to South Bend Regional Airport in South Bend. It is approximately a two hour trip to the South Bend Regional Airport. One way fare is $10.95. Additional trip and schedule information is available online at the South Shore Line website or by calling (800) 356-2079.

**Bus Transportation from Chicago Airports to the University of Notre Dame**
Travel directly to the University of Notre Dame from either of the two Chicago area airports (Chicago O’Hare Airport or Chicago Midway Airport) can be easiest and most comfortable by bus. The Coach USA bus company provides regular service from both airports and at a standard fare. Coach USA posts its schedules and fare information on their website. The Coach USA bus stop is located on campus, next to the Eck Visitor Center and Hammes Bookstore. From their bus stop, it is a short walk north on Notre Dame Avenue to the Morris Inn, the hotel located on campus.
**Bus Transportation Directly to South Bend / South Bend Regional Airport**
From cities across the United States, you may wish to consider Greyhound Bus, which operates service from many different cities to South Bend Regional Airport. Schedules and stations are available online at the Greyhound Bus website.

Low bus fares from other Midwestern cities or other cities in the United States may be available from Megabus, which offers several stops in Chicago. However, because Megabus does not offer a stop in South Bend, this option will require you to take the train or another bus from Chicago to South Bend. Schedules and bus station information are available online at the Megabus website.

**Transportation by Automobile from Chicago O’Hare Airport to the University of Notre Dame**
The University is approximately two hours by car from Chicago O’Hare Airport and a bit less from Chicago Midway Airport.

Take Route 190 east out of O'Hare Airport to Route 90 east (also known as the Kennedy Expressway) toward downtown Chicago where it merges with Route 94 south (also known as the Dan Ryan Expressway).

Take the Skyway exit off the Dan Ryan Expressway and remain on Route 90 to the Indiana Toll Road which will merge with Route 80. Continue on the Indiana Toll Road (Route 80/90) and exit from the Toll Road at Exit 77 (this will be noted as the exit for South Bend and the University of Notre Dame).

After you exit the Toll Road and pay the applicable toll, turn right onto Indiana 933 (Michigan Street). Stay on Indiana 933 past Douglas Road to Angela Boulevard. Turn left onto Angela Boulevard then left at the first stop light onto Notre Dame Avenue. Proceed north on Notre Dame Avenue to the Morris Inn (the hotel located on campus). The Morris Inn is located to your left almost at the end of Notre Dame Avenue.

**Hotels Near the Notre Dame Conference Center at McKenna Hall**
A number of hotels provide accommodations to our conference participants including the Fairfield Inn and Suites, The Inn at Saint Mary’s and the Hilton Garden Inn. Additional hotel options are available on the South Bend Mishawaka Visitors’ website.

**Local Restaurants**
For those conference participants who elect to add conference meals (lunch and dinner) to their registration, all conference meals will be served at the Morris Inn.

Information and menus for eateries and restaurants on the campus of the University of Notre Dame are available online. The restaurants at Eddy Street Commons feature a range of cuisine, ambiance, and prices. More restaurant options in and around the University are available online at the South Bend Mishawaka website.

**Additional Traveler Resources**
Directions to Campus and Campus Map
Local Weather