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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CESS 2019

Central Eurasian Studies Society 20th Annual Conference, October 10-13, 2019 and Pre-Conference Workshops, October 9-10, 2019

George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

About the Annual Conference

See also: <https://www.centraeurasia.org/conferences/annual/>

CESS Annual Conferences have been held at universities around North America since 2000, currently offering up to 70 panels and attracting around 300 participants from all over the world.

For CESS 2019, we invite submissions relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship. The geographic domain of Central Eurasia encompasses Central Asia, the Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan, Tibet, Mongolia, Siberia, Inner Asia, the Black Sea region, the Volga region, and East and Central Europe. Practitioners and scholars in all fields with an interest in this region are encouraged to participate.

In addition, we invite proposals from CESS members to design and facilitate pre-conference workshops. The pre-conference workshops will be held on October 9-10 ahead of the Annual Conference.

CESS 2019 will be hosted by George Washington University, Washington, DC.

[New!] Book-in-Progress Panel

We invite proposals for special panels dedicated to works-in-progress. Similar to Author-Critic Forums on already published book manuscripts, the format of the Book-in-Progress panel invites authors with book drafts to discuss their pre-published book with a group of peers (up to 4 panelists and 1-2 authors). This panel is open to recent PhD graduates who want to convert their dissertations into books, potential edited volumes in-progress and anyone interested in discussing their book projects with peer reviewers face-to-face. This format will follow a strict rule of no disclosure without author's consent.

How to Submit a Proposal

See also: <https://www.centraeurasia.org/conferences/annual/#CFP>

We invite the following types of proposal for the Annual Conference: individual paper, pre-organized panel, author-critic forum, book-in-progress panel, roundtable, workshop and pre-conference workshop (see below). Our website provides more [information about the requirements of each proposal type](#).

Please read the [conference rules and language policy](#) before submitting a proposal.

Submissions to the Annual Conference are made online at
<https://www.centraeurasia.org/conferences/annual/#CFP>

Submissions for pre-conference workshops are made separately, as explained below.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **Wednesday, March 21, 2019 (11.59pm Eastern Standard Time)**.

We expect to notify applicants of the outcomes of their submission in May 2019.

Pre-Conference Workshops

See also: <https://www.centraleurasia.org/conferences/workshops/>

Pre-conference workshops will be offered again at the CESS 2019 Annual Conference, following their successful introduction at the CESS 2018 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. Intended to provide additional opportunities for scholarly engagement and training, the half-day workshops will be held on October 9 (afternoon) and October 10 (morning), 2019.

We invite CESS members to design and propose either a half-day workshop or a workshop that runs over two half days. Possible workshop topics include: ethics and safety in field research, guidance for doctoral students preparing for fieldwork, methods workshops (best practices in archival research, qualitative data analysis, interview best practices, participatory approaches), publishing/preparing research for submission, teaching about the region and workshoping syllabi, conducting public scholarship, and grant proposal writing. We are open to other proposals, such as informative field trips in Washington, DC, a symposium on a particular research topic, or some other practical learning activity not envisioned here.

To submit an application to run a pre-conference workshop, please complete the form at <http://tiny.cc/CESS2019-workshops> by Wednesday, March 21, 2019 (11.59pm Eastern Standard Time).

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

CESS was founded in 1999 and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 2001 and is the first North American-based scholarly society dedicated to the study of Central Eurasia.

The mission of CESS is to facilitate communication and interaction among scholars of the Central Eurasia region, to promote high standards of scholarship about the Central Eurasia region, to promote cooperation among those concerned with the scholarly study of Central Eurasia, and to promote general knowledge of and public interest in Central Eurasia.

George Washington University

This year's conference will be hosted by the [Central Asia Program](#), at the [Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies](#) (IERES), George Washington University's [Elliott School of International Affairs](#). The Elliott School prepares nearly 3,000 students each year for meaningful careers in international affairs. The School's faculty conducts research, produces scholarship and contributes to the public debate on global issues to advance understanding and to help foster solutions. The School is located just steps from some of the most influential U.S., international and nongovernmental organizations in the world. This singular position in the heart of the District of Columbia enriches the School teaching and research by giving students and faculty unparalleled opportunities to engage with the international leaders who walk through our doors on a regular basis.

Launched in 2012, George Washington University's Central Asia Program (CAP) promotes state of the art academic research on contemporary Central Asia and is an interface for the policy, academic, diplomatic, and business communities working on and in the region. CAP stimulates a multidisciplinary approach by combining the fields of political science, history, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, economics, globalization studies, development studies, and security studies. It concentrates on the five post-Soviet states (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan), as well as Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Xinjiang, and Mongolia.

Questions?

For inquiries regarding the conference, contact CESS at: info@centraleurasia.org.

If you have any questions about the pre-conference workshops, please email the Pre-Conference Workshop Sub-Committee Chair, Amanda Wooden, amanda.wooden@bucknell.edu.

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

Diana T. Kudaibergenova, Conference Committee Chair, and Marlene Laruelle, CESS 2019 host and CESS President Elect, on behalf of the CESS 2019 Conference Committee