



Central Eurasian Studies Society
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Call for Proposals

18th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

5-8 October 2017, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

About the Annual Conference

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 the CESS 18th Annual Conference, 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.

The CESS Awards Ceremony will be held at the Annual Conference, recognizing the best Book in History and Humanities, Graduate Student Paper, and Public Outreach Award. Details of how to apply to be considered for one of these awards will be made available at <http://www.centraleurasia.org/awards>.

Proposal Information

Information about the purpose of different panel types and the information needed to submit proposals can be found on our website:

Individual papers - <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#individual>

Panels - <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#panels>

Roundtables - <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#roundtables>

Author-critic forums - <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#author>

Workshops - <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#workshops>

We also encourage proposals for other innovative session formats that try new approaches.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the program of past CESS Annual Conferences to get a sense of the range of papers and panels presented in previous years:

<http://www.centraleurasia.org/past-conf>.

Call for Chairs and Discussants

CESS welcomes offers from those willing to serve as Chair and/or Discussant on a panel to be created by the Conference Committee. This is separate from the application process for one of the proposals types listed above. If you are interested, please email CESS on info@centraleurasia.org indicating 1) your preference to be a Chair or Discussant (or both) and 2) your areas of interest as they relate to the Annual Conference.

Information about what these roles entail can be found at <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#chairs> and <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#discussants>.

Language Policy

The working language of the CESS Annual Conference is English.

However, we will consider proposals for panels (not individual papers) in languages other than English. Please see <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#language> for details.

How to Submit

Before submitting, please read the four **CESS Conference Rules** at <http://www.centraleurasia.org/conf-guidelines#rules>. You will be asked to confirm that you have read and understood the Rules when you make your submission.

The deadline for proposal submissions is 28 February 2017.

Submissions can be made online through the CESS website at <http://www.centraleurasia.org/annual-conf>.

We expect to notify applicants in mid-April 2017.

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.

University of Washington, Seattle

Founded in 1861, the [University of Washington](http://www.washington.edu) is a major public university based in Seattle, the largest city in Washington State and the home to such global corporations as Boeing, Microsoft, and Starbucks Coffee. Locally known as UW, the University of Washington boasts over 54,000 graduate and undergraduate students studying in its 16 colleges and professional schools. [The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies](http://www.washington.edu/ellison) in UW's Jackson School of International Studies is the principal host of the 2017 CESS conference at the University of Washington.

Conference Accommodation

Hotel Deca – The Official CESS Conference Hotel

The University of Washington has designated Hotel Deca as the official conference hotel. Located within easy walking distance from the university campus and CESS conference venue, Hotel Deca also includes Post Alley Café and the District Lounge bar. The University of Washington has reserved a limited number of rooms at Hotel Deca for conference attendees at a special rate. CESS booking information for the Hotel Deca will be announced soon.

For a map featuring the Hotel Deca and other hotel options near the University of Washington, please click [here](#).

Additional Recommended Hotels

- Marriott Residence Inn (all-suite hotel, upper campus, good public transportation access to downtown)
- Watertown Hotel (mid-range accommodation, upper campus, good public transportation access to downtown)
- University Inn (mid-range accommodation, upper campus, good public transportation access to downtown)
- Silver Cloud Inn (mid-range accommodation located off lower campus, good access to the fashionable University Village Mall but a longer **uphill walk to conference venue**)
- Travelodge (basic accommodation located off lower campus, good access to the fashionable University Village Mall but a longer **uphill walk to conference venue**)
- The College Inn (budget accommodation with shared bath in upper campus, good public transportation access to downtown)

Other Accommodation Options

- Airbnb

Questions?

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

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

Tim Blauvelt, Conference Committee Chair, on behalf of the 2017 CESS Conference Committee