

ASIA INTERTWINED: THE 16TH ANNUAL HARVARD EAST ASIA CONFERENCE – FAQ

APPLYING TO THE HEAS CONFERENCE:

What is the scope of the HEAS conference? Will my paper topic be appropriate for submission?

The HEAS Graduate Student Conference welcomes papers from graduate students in all disciplines pertaining to **East or Inner Asia, including the interactions of these regions with the wider world** – so while we do restrict submissions by geographical scope in that sense, we do not restrict them to any specific subject. We have deliberately adopted an inclusive theme in order to gather the best possible papers from all fields, and encourage an inter-disciplinary exchange of ideas. We encourage and accept all papers that take subjects pertaining to these regions their *primary focus*.

East Asian studies specifically include the following regions, and their peoples, languages, and culture: Northeast Asia (including China, Japan, and Korea), *and* Southeast Asia (including Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore and the Philippines).

Inner Asian and Altaic Studies deal with the history and cultures of the peoples in the steppe, mountain, forest, and oasis areas between China, Russia, western Iran, and Pakistan. This geographic area comprises Central Asia (namely former Soviet Central Asia, Xinjiang, eastern Iran, and Afghanistan), Kazakhstan, the northern regions of Pakistan, Tibet (including Qinghai and eastern Sichuan, Gansu, and northwestern Yunnan), Mongolia, and Manchuria. The Altaic languages include the Turkic, Mongolian, and Tungusic group.

We also welcome papers that take as their main focus the **interactions** of these regions with the wider world – for example studies of the international cultural, political or social impact of East or Inner Asian countries on other regions; or diaspora studies, etc.

These lists are not exhaustive; if you are unsure if a particular paper topic would be appropriate for submission, please write to heasconference@gmail.com with any queries!

In response to the many enquiries on this subject, we regret that papers focusing on South Asia are outside the scope of our conference and cannot be accepted.

I am not a graduate student. Am I still eligible to submit an abstract/apply to be a conference presenter?

Unfortunately, our conference is only accepting papers from current graduate students (“post-graduate” in the British degree classification). Unless you are currently enrolled in a graduate studies program, we regret that we are unable to accept your application to present a paper at the conference.

However, we would still love to see you at the conference, and undergraduates are very welcome to attend as observers. We will be sending out invitations for the conference nearer the date, so look out for that! If you would like to be put on our mailing list to be notified of the conference details for general participants, please drop us a message at heasconference@gmail.com.

What is the application procedure to present a paper at the conference?

1. Download and complete the Individual Abstract Submission form (available on the HEAS Conference website).
ALL fields must be completed for the application to be considered.
2. Submit the completed form, via email, to heas.abstracts@gmail.com by NOVEMBER 18, 2012. Any abstracts **MUST** be submitted via the Individual Abstract Submission form. Late entries, entries submitted to our enquiries email account, and incomplete entries will be disqualified. We will send you an email confirming receipt of your abstract within 3 days of submission.

3. If your application to present at the HEAS conference is accepted, you will be notified of the committee's decision by December 11, 2012.
4. The deadline to accept/decline the invitation to present at the conference is December 25, 2012. If you miss this latter deadline, it will be assumed that you have declined the invitation.
5. All participants are required to submit a 20-25 page paper by **January 15, 2013**, so that the panel discussant to which you are assigned will be able to read it in advance and offer his/her comments. Failure to submit the paper before the deadline may lead to disqualification from the conference.

After submitting an abstract, when and by what means will I be notified if my application was successful?

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Deadline for submission of abstracts: NOVEMBER 18, 2012**
 - o Abstracts must be submitted by
- **Notification date for acceptance/rejection of application to present: December 11, 2012**
 - o Applicants will be notified via email on the success of their application to present at the HEAS Conference 2013. If you have not received an acceptance/rejection email by this date, please contact us at heasconference@gmail.com.
- **Deadline for acceptance/rejection of invitation to present: DECEMBER 25, 2012**
- **Deadline for final paper submission: JANUARY 15, 2013**

Must papers be written by a single author, or may I apply to present a paper jointly with a colleague?

Joint submissions are welcome. Please complete two Individual Abstract Submission Forms and submit them **in the same email**, clearly indicating that you are presenting a paper together.

Must my abstract/paper be written in English?

Yes, applicants (and selected presenters) are required to submit all conference materials in English.

ATTENDING THE HEAS CONFERENCE:

Will the HEAS conference offer funding/subsidy for travel or accommodation?

We regret that the HEAS Conference is unable to subsidize participants' transport costs or lodging. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Cambridge, as well as accommodation during the conference. We understand these costs can be prohibitive, so we suggest that you inquire about the possibility of receiving funding from the institution with which you are affiliated.

If your paper is selected for the conference, however, we do offer the option of a hosting program (with priority for non-US residents), who may request to stay with a Harvard student. While we cannot guarantee the availability of such accommodation, we will do our best to accommodate all such requests.

I would need a visa to enter the US if selected as a presenter. Would you be able to provide an official invitation letter?

If your application to present at the HEAS Conference 2013 is successful, we would be happy to furnish you with an official invitation letter for visa, funding, or other purposes.