The 28th Annual Association of Central Eurasian Students Conference
February 11-13, 2022
Online

Call for Papers
Submission Deadline: **22 November 2021**

The Association of Central Eurasian Students (ACES) at Indiana University is requesting submissions for our annual conference on Central Eurasian studies. We are accepting abstracts for 15-20 minute presentations on topics related to Central Eurasia. We welcome proposals from all disciplinary backgrounds, as well as from any regional or historical focus. Presentations may include, but are not limited to, topics in Iranian (Afghan, Persian, Tajik), Mongolic, Tibetan, Tungusic, Turkic, and Uralic (Balto-Finnic, Hungarian, etc.) studies.

Our mission at ACES is to bring together emerging scholars in the field of Central Eurasian studies to exchange ideas and refine their research with feedback from their peers. Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars are all invited to submit.

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Conference will be tentatively held in a hybrid format, both in-person in Bloomington, Indiana and virtually via Zoom, on the weekend of 11-13 February 2022. We welcome submissions from any part of the globe, so long as presenters are able to participate online. Those who wish to present in-person will be responsible for their own travel arrangements. Accepted panelists should be prepared to give their presentation during normal business hours (9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.) in U.S. Eastern Standard Time (UTC -5:00). All presentations will be given in English.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Daniel Prior as our keynote speaker at this year’s conference. Dr. Prior (CEUS Ph.D. 2002) is Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the History Department at Miami University. He is currently working on two studies in Inner Asian comparative mythology and a digital humanities project in association with the Manuscript Archives of the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic. His translation, *The Memorial Feast for Kökötöy Khan: A Kirghiz Epic Poem in the Manas Tradition* by Saghimbay Orozbaq uulu, is forthcoming from Penguin Classics.
Submission Instructions

Applicants are welcome to submit individual proposals or panel proposals of no more than three presenters. Individual submissions will be assigned to a thematically appropriate panel by the Conference Committee. Please include the following information for all submissions:

- Names of all authors (note the name of the person presenting);
- Institutional affiliation and title/position;
- Contact information, including e-mail address and telephone number;
- Curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages);
- Presentation title;
- An abstract of no more than 300 words;
- (For individual submissions) Geographic region of focus and thematic panel preference. Preferences may include, but are not limited to: anthropology, archaeology, economics, environmental issues, ethnography, history (classical, medieval, modern), linguistics, literature, nationalism and identity, philology, politics, socio-economic issues, and religious studies.
- Preferred date/s for presenting – Friday, February 11, Saturday, February 12, or Sunday, February 13. If you do not have a preference, please state this in your submission; *
- Preferred method of presentation – online or in-person;
- Two preferred time slots from the following (in U.S. EST [UTC -5:00]) – 9-10:30 AM, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, 1-2:30 PM, 3:00-4:30 PM EST *

* While we will do our best to accommodate accepted panelists’ preferences, all presenters should be prepared to present at any time during normal business hours in U.S. EST.

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Please submit the requested information in a single PDF file to aces@indiana.edu. Submissions will be anonymously reviewed by a committee of the same regional or disciplinary background. Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of interest, originality, relevance, methodology, and clarity. Invitations to present will be sent out in early December.

Accepted panelists should be prepared to provide their panel’s discussant with a draft of their paper no later than January 28, 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at aces@indiana.edu with any questions regarding the Conference. We look forward to reviewing your submissions!