

## Call for Papers

# New Opportunities and New Challenges in the Greater Eurasia

East China Normal University,

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The Center for Russian Studies (CRS) and School of Advanced International and Area Studies (SAIAS) at East China Normal University will co-host the 7<sup>th</sup> East Asian Conference on Slavic-Eurasian Studies on September 24-25, 2016.

### Conference Theme

Since the 1990s, the world has witnessed dramatic changes of the relations within the Greater Eurasian space. It starts from the collapse of the Soviet Union and radical changes of Eastern Europe, but has gained greater momentum since the new century. All demonstrate profound changes in the geopolitical and geo-economic landscape of the Greater Eurasia. It includes not only the eastward expansion of both the EU and NATO, the emergence of the EEU, a series of proposals and arrangements regarding regional economic cooperation and competition entitled “the Silk Road”, but also the Ukraine Crisis which broke out since late 2013 and still has not come to an end so far. Constructing differently conceived space beyond nation-state boundaries and traditional sub-regions continues to be put onto the agenda by regional powers and beyond.

With the reconstruction of this space, the challenges of globalization and regionalization in time have brought about strong cross-border energies. On the one hand, the free flow of manufacturing factors, the marketization of economy and trade, the mutual references of system transition and rapid transmission of social experiences, they all have profound impacts on the traditional Eurasian region. On the other hand, the gains and progress achieved by trans-national cooperation, intertwined with the concept of cultural diversity and local experiences in maintaining stability, progress and development, become multi-dimensional dynamics in shaping the future Eurasia.

The above changes in both time and space indicate that all ideas, concepts, proposals, strategies and even concrete actions, regarding Eurasian issues, have become an extremely significant aspect of current global political and economic life. Even to a considerable extent, they affect the future global trends. For the future greater Eurasia,

whether it will become a cohesive and more cooperative region, or whether it will become a stalemate of international disputes and plunged into more chaos, or whether it will turn a mixture of these two trends, these are the questions that tax the knowledge and wisdom of politicians and academics, especially those from various fields.

Against this backdrop, the topics of this conference will include, but not limited to the following:

1. To explore the modern interpretations of concepts, such as the power and interest structure of great powers within and outside Eurasia, the pattern of co-opetition of regional community, hegemony and spheres of influences; as well as differences in perceptions of the prospects of this region;
2. To have an overall or respective review, summary and analysis for the development and stagnation of Eurasia in the economic field; political progress and challenges; cooperation and challenges in security; gains and conflicts during cultural exchanges.
3. To discuss influences of major conflicts within the Greater Eurasia, such as the Ukraine crisis, on regional and international affairs and their prospects as well;
4. To analyze and compare current proposals and strategies of each country regarding the development and cooperation of the Greater Eurasia. To discuss the new regional configuration with these initiatives intertwined and interacted;
5. To analyze and reveal the features and historical, cultural and social backgrounds of the Eurasian regional contemporary evolution from a multi-disciplinary perspective. In addition to the papers of political science, economics, sociology and history, contributions from literature, philosophy, anthropology, psychology and geography will also be presented.
6. In-depth exchanges of academic experiences, concepts and planning among institutes and academic teams within East Asia are highly welcome.

Papers from all humanities, including language and literature, and especially social sciences disciplines are welcome and encouraged.

### **Publication Opportunities**

Outstanding conference papers will have the opportunity to be published in edited volumes in English as well as to be considered for publication in Chinese in the *Journal for Russian Studies*, a CSSCI journal.

### **Abstract/Paper Submission Procedures**

For a long time, our scholarly community has been developing in relative isolation from each other. In this context, cohesive and theme-related panels or roundtable proposals consisting of 3 presenters, a chair, and a discussant from no less than two countries will receive priority consideration. For panel/roundtable submissions, please provide the panel/roundtable title and abstract along with the full name, CV, contact information, paper title and abstract (150-300 words) for each panel/roundtable participant.

Please send all materials to [Asianslavic2016@163.com](mailto:Asianslavic2016@163.com) no later than the deadline **Friday, July 1, 2016**.

If any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the e-mail address mentioned above.

### **Book Presentations**

In addition to the traditional papers, panels and roundtable proposals, we are soliciting proposals for book presentations.

In these panels, authors introduce their books and respond to questions or criticisms related. The books to be presented should be relatively new. There is no restriction on languages of the book. On the contrary, the organizing committee welcomes those written in neither English nor Russian. The presentation at a book panel does not contradict any other role in other panels and roundtables, but one person may organize no more than one book panel.

Please provide the book title with the full name of the author(s), CV, contact information, publisher, year and place of publication, in addition to purpose of the panel (150-300 words).

The deadline for proposal submission is also **Friday, July 1, 2016**.

We request the authors, who wish to have their publications discussed, to submit the above-mentioned info to [Asianslavic2016@163.com](mailto:Asianslavic2016@163.com).

### **Conference languages**

English, Russian

### **Visa support**

The Organizing Committee will issue letters of invitation to assist in the visa application processes.

### **Travel and Accommodation:**

All participants' international travel expenses and local accommodation shall be borne by each participant himself/herself. However, the organizing committee will provide a list of recommended hotels at relatively lower prices.

### **Volunteering**

We welcome expressions of interest from conference attendees willing to serve as chairs and discussants.

### **Registration fee**

No. During the conference, the organizing committee will provide packed dishes according to the beforehand registration but related expenses shall be borne by each participant himself/herself.

### **Beyond the Call: Graduate Student Workshops**

The Graduate Student Workshops intend to offer graduate students the opportunity to benefit from feedback from local or international scholars interested in their areas of research. Workshops can also provide students with accesses to various research and publication opportunities. Each workshop features a distinguished senior scholar to serve as the workshop discussant. The discussant's task is to provide feedback on graduate student research and help facilitate group discussion.

All graduate students are expected to share their papers with the workshop discussant and panelists two weeks before the conference, that is, by **September 10, 2016**. This will allow the discussant and participants sufficient time to prepare. Workshop sessions are open for public attendance.

If you are interested in having your paper considered for one of these sessions, please send the mail entitled "For Graduate Student Workshop" when submitting your paper title and abstract along with the full name, CV, contact information to [Asianslavic2016@163.com](mailto:Asianslavic2016@163.com).