

**ACES**The Association of Central Eurasian Students at Indiana University

The 27th Annual Association of Central Eurasian Students Conference

February 26-28, 2021

Online

Call for Papers

Submission Deadline: 20 November 2020

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), 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 apply.

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Conference will be held virtually on Zoom on the weekend of 26-28 February, 2021. We welcome submissions from any part of the globe, so long as presenters are able to participate online. 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).

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Manduhai Buyandelger as our keynote speaker at this year's conference. Dr. Buyandelger is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her prize-winning first book, *Tragic Spirits: Shamanism, Gender, and Memory in Contemporary Mongolia* (University of Chicago Press, 2013), looks at the revival of shamanism in Mongolia as a response to the collapse of the socialist state. More recently, her research has focused on gender and politics in postsocialist Mongolia.

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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, nationalism and identity, philology, politics, socio-economic issues, religious studies.
- Preferred date/s for presenting – Friday, February 26, Saturday, February 27, or Sunday, February 28. If you do not have a preference, please state this in your submission; *
- 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. Accepted applicants will be notified by early December.

Accepted panelists should be prepared to provide their panel's discussant with a draft of their paper no later than February 12, 2021.

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