



CALL FOR PAPERS

The 23rd Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference:

Life on the Edge: Borders and Boundaries in East Asia

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

The Harvard East Asia Society (HEAS) invites currently enrolled graduate students working across all disciplines to submit abstracts for its annual conference. Now in its twenty-third year, the HEAS Conference is an annual forum for graduate students to exchange ideas and discuss their research related to Asia, both with their peers and with faculty members across Harvard University. The conference lets participants meet others doing similar research and forge new professional relationships.

This year's theme explores borders and boundaries in East Asia. Physical borders and their geographies bear witness to the interactions between nation states; less tangible boundaries govern how groups define themselves in relation to others. In literature, film and art, authors and directors negotiate dividing lines as much as politicians and peoples. For our own research, the spaces where different sides meet clarify individual areas of study while encouraging us to look beyond them.

This year's conference welcomes papers that examine Asia from various perspectives and disciplines, including (but not limited to) history, philosophy, religion, literature, art history, sociology, anthropology, archaeology, economics, political science, gender studies, environmental studies, and law. As our theme suggests, we will give preference to work that speaks to multiple fields or engages critically with the academic delineations that shape our approaches to boundaries in East Asia.

The 2020 HEAS conference will be held from February 8-9, 2020.

Participants should plan to arrive on or before February 8, 2020.

Interested parties may apply via the online application form:

[HEAS 2020 Abstract Submission](#).

The application requires basic contact and background information as well as a 250-word abstract. The application deadline is November 13, 2019. Decisions will be emailed out in mid-December. Applicants whose papers are accepted will be required to

submit their final drafts by January 5, 2020. ***Note: January 5th, 2020 by 11:59pm (Eastern Time) will be a hard deadline so that the committee has adequate time to organize the panels and clarify any miscommunication.***

The HEAS Conference Committee regrets that it is unable to provide travel stipends for participants and encourages participants to seek funding from their own departments. Housing will be available only on a limited basis and participants are encouraged to arrange their own accommodation in advance. Cambridge and Boston area travel and lodging information will be available at a later date on the conference website.

Eligibility and Application Guidelines:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a program of graduate study.
2. Papers must be related to East Asia, Inner Asia or Southeast Asia.
3. Abstracts must be no longer than 250 words.
4. Deadline for abstract submission: **NOVEMBER 13, 2019 by 11:59pm.**

More information can be found on our website:
<http://projects.iq.harvard.edu/heasconference>.

Questions or concerns can be directed to heasconference@gmail.com.

We would also greatly appreciate your assistance in circulating this message—please forward it to any groups or individuals that might be interested!

Sincerely,

The HEAS Conference Committee