

# 2013 AAS Conference: Call for Papers

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**The Call for Papers for our 2013 conference will be available on the AAS website—[www.asian-studies.org](http://www.asian-studies.org)—in June.**

**The deadline for submission of proposals is AUGUST 2, 2012.**

We are currently installing new proposal management software which will include enhanced functionality and result in a more user-friendly proposal submission process. Some of the new features of this software include: the ability to login and revise submitted proposals before the deadline date, the ability to add co-author information, automated confirmation of submissions via email, and much more. We are excited about this new proposal system as AAS conference participants will see a more interactive version of conference panel information, beginning with the new proposal submission process. This new software system is currently under construction and we will activate and post the Call for Papers as soon as it is available. We are confident all organizers and panel participants will be happy with this new system.

**In the meantime, listed below is general information to consider as you begin to formulate your 2013 proposed panel submissions.**

The committee considers the annual conference to be primarily a panel-based conference and Organized Panels (paper panels, roundtables, workshops) will be given preference in the review process over Individual Paper proposal submissions. Organized paper presentation panels should consist of a minimum/maximum of 4–5 papers presenters; preferably also with a chair and discussant. Proposals should include panel/paper titles and 250-word abstracts describing both the overall panel and each paper. Roundtable proposals should have a maximum of 6 participants and should include a detailed abstract of the roundtable discussion. The program will also include a workshop panel category that is suitable for various groups and subjects dealing with technical, pedagogical, or career development issues, etc. Two-part panel proposals may be submitted on related subjects, but each proposal will be reviewed on its own merits; acceptance and/or sequential scheduling cannot be guaranteed. Multi-disciplinary and/or multi-institutional representation is strongly encouraged for all proposals.

We plan to continue the “Border-Crossing” & “Directions in Social Sciences” initiatives. The “Border-Crossing” panel category encourages new perspectives on scholarship about Asia in mixing disciplines and fields of study. Also, to encourage the presentation of new scholarship in social science disciplines underrepresented at the AAS meetings (e.g. Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Psychology, Law, etc.) the board created the “Directions in Social Sciences” initiative. Select panels in these categories will be highlighted in the final program.

As the conference program and group participation continues to grow each year, space constraints have become more and more of an issue. We will attempt to maximize the formal program by adjusting the overall schedule where appropriate but space constraints may still apply. **Consequently, institutions, organizations and affiliated groups are encouraged to submit panel and roundtable proposals for the formal program rather than as meetings-in-conjunction panels.** We will no longer offer space to independent meetings-in-conjunction panels; this space will be reserved for affiliate business meetings and receptions only.

**Full details on the above initiatives and categories, submission guidelines, online proposal forms, audio/visual policy, travel subsidies, etc. will be available soon on the AAS website.** Please use the information above as a starting point for recruiting your panel members.

**All proposals including organized panels, roundtables, workshops, individual papers, sponsored and designated panels must be submitted by the August 2, 2012 DEADLINE.** Proposals will be reviewed and applicants notified by the end of September.

### **The F. Hilary Conroy Panel Prize — \$1,000**

This panel prize honors Prof. F. Hilary Conroy, outstanding scholar of Japan, Northeast Asia and Asian American history at the University of Pennsylvania from 1951 to 1990.

From his original study of Japanese immigrants in nineteenth century Hawaii, Prof. Conroy has written, taught, and lectured widely on political and cultural relations in East Asia and across the Pacific.

Prof. Conroy has also been active in the practical work of building mutual understanding and reconciliation in Northeast Asia through his long time involvement with the American Friends Service Committee and other organizations.

**The Prize is intended to encourage proposals to the Association for Asian Studies that advance Prof. Conroy’s transnational pursuits i.e., panel topics that are grounded in Northeast Asia but that are genuinely transnational, that is, that extend beyond one nation and, perhaps, beyond the region.**

The F. Hilary Conroy Panel Prize will be awarded to an outstanding panel on a transnational topic that highlights developments across national boundaries and offers coverage of at least one East Asian nation (China, Japan, Taiwan and/or Korea). The panel should include at least one non-US, non-Canadian citizen working outside of North America. The prize carries a \$1,000 award, which will be given directly to the panel organizer to help defray costs for the foreign scholar(s).

The selected panel of the Conroy Prize will be highlighted in the final conference program and recognized at the 2013 Awards Ceremony.

**There is no separate application required to be considered for this award. The program committee will review all incoming proposal submissions to determine the panel selected to receive the Conroy Prize.**

More information will be included in the full Call for Papers instructions available on the AAS website in June.