

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organizations for the Advancement of Studies of Inner Eurasian Societies

at Columbia University, New York University, and Yale University are pleased to announce the Third Annual OASIES Student Conference

“POWER AND MOVEMENT ACROSS EURASIA”

which will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Columbia University in New York City.

With the rise of the empire of Chinggis Khan in the thirteenth century, political power radiated out from the heart of the Eurasian continent in all directions. The Mongols moved so quickly that within a few generations an empire had been created that has been unrivaled in size ever since. Over the following centuries, empires and polities pushed towards the center of the continent from all sides while states based in Central Asia sought to expand outwards. By the end of the nineteenth century, Central Asia and Tibet had become points of convergence for encroaching imperial competition and expansion. Meanwhile, pathways across the continent made possible the expansion of religious communities, long-distance trade, technological exchange, and interactions among all kinds of polities. Eventually states sought to solidify their borders and identify their territory in opposition to the space of others, yet even this has not stopped the flow of everything from pilgrims and soldiers to commodities and rivers which continue to move across this same Eurasian space.

Our conference seeks to bring together scholars who deal with different regions and epochs of Eurasian history and culture. We hope to examine the relationship between power, in all its forms, and movement, within and across the Eurasian steppe and its neighboring regions, from a variety of disciplinary and methodological perspectives. We particularly encourage submissions from graduate students and other scholars who work in Central Asian, Mongolian, Russian, Middle Eastern, Chinese or South Asian fields.

Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Nomadism
- Trade and commerce
- The role of the environment
- Rivers, roads, and railroads
- Mongolia of the Khans
- Imperialism and colonization
- Literature of empire
- Religious pilgrimage
- The Silk Road
- Transregional or transnational networks and organizations
- Imperial diplomacy and negotiation
- Ethnicity and pluralism
- Nationality and political movements
- Stateless people
- Border crossing
- Missionaries and conversion
- Industrialization
- Transmission of knowledge or cultural practices
- The steppe
- Migrations, resettlements and expulsions
- European expeditions
- Travel and ethnographic writing
- Tibetans, exile, and statehood

Siberian regionalism
Siberian exile
The Great Game

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission deadline: March 1, 2010

Please include the following information with all submissions:

- 1) Name of presenter
- 2) Academic position and institutional affiliation
- 3) Title of the paper
- 4) Abstract of no more than 300 words
- 5) Audio-visual equipment needs
- 6) Contact information (please include e-mail address and telephone number)

Submissions sent by email to oasies2010@gmail.com as an attachment (pdf or doc) by March 1, 2010, will receive a response within a week.

Presentations must be no more than 15 minutes in length.

Unfortunately we will not be able to provide any financial aid to participants.

For current information regarding the event visit www.oasies.org