

CALL FOR PAPERS

“THE WAGES OF NATIONHOOD: CONFLICTS, COMPROMISES, AND COSTS”

17TH ANNUAL ASN WORLD CONVENTION

19-21 April 2012 International Affairs Building,
Columbia University, NY < www.nationalities.org >
Sponsored by the Harriman Institute
Proposal deadline: 2 November 2011

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panels

Over 140 panels on the Balkans, Central Europe and the Baltics, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Central Asia and Eurasia, the Caucasus, Turkey, China, and Nationalism Studies

sections

Special Sections on: • History, Politics, and Memory • Ethnicity and Violence • Religion and Multiculturalism

themes

Thematic Panels on Islam and Politics, Genocide and Mass Killing, Language Politics, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Autonomy, Gender and Identity, EU Integration, Migration, Borders and Diasporas, War Crimes and International Tribunals, Political Economy, Nation-Building, and many more...

Screening of New Documentaries

films

Special **Roundtables** on New Books

books

Awards for Best Doctoral Student Papers, the ASN Harriman Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies, the ASN Audience Award for Best Documentary

prizes

Special Events for the ASN 40th Anniversary and sponsored by the ASN Journal *Nationalities Papers*

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he ASN Convention, the most attended international and inter-disciplinary scholarly gathering of its kind, welcomes proposals on a wide range of topics related to nationalism, ethnicity, ethnic conflict and national identity in Central Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, and Central Eurasia (including Central Asia, the Caucasus, Turkey, China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq).

Prospective applicants can get a sense of the large thematic scope of ASN Convention papers by looking at the 2011 Final Program, which can be accessed at <http://nationalities.org/convention/pdfs/ASN-2011-final-program-April.pdf>

The Convention also invites proposals devoted to comparative perspectives on nationalism-related issues in other regions of the world, as well as theoretical approaches that need not be grounded in any particular geographic region. Disciplines represented include political science, history, anthropology, sociology, international studies, security studies, geopolitics, area studies, economics, geography, sociolinguistics, literature, psychology, and related fields. Papers presented at the Convention will be made available for \$10 on a CD to Convention attendees, but will neither be posted on the ASN website, nor be sold to Convention non-attendees.

The Convention is also inviting paper, panel, roundtable, or special presentation proposals related to three special thematic sidebars:

- **HISTORY, POLITICS AND MEMORY**, on the construction and contestation of the memory of historical events in sites, political discourse and historical research;
- **ETHNICITY AND VIOLENCE**, on the conditions, mechanism, construction, implications and global perspective of violence perpetrated against “ethnic” or culturally-defined groups;
- **RELIGION AND MULTICULTURALISM**, on the social and political challenges related to the integration of religious-defined “old” and immigrant communities in modern societies.

Nationalities Papers, the ASN flagship journal, will hold the first *Nationalities Debate*, a high profile discussion on the state of the art, as well as a new edition of the roundtable “How To Get Your Article Published”, one of the most attended panels in the past two conventions. *Nationalities Papers* will also sponsor the opening reception.

For several years, the ASN Convention has acknowledged excellence in graduate studies research by offering Awards for Best Doctoral Student Papers. The winners at the 2011 Convention were Ljubica Spaskovska (U of Exeter, History, UK) for the Balkans, Christina Zuber (U of Köln, Political Science, Germany) for Central Europe, Kitty Lam (Michigan State U, History, US) for Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus, Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular (Columbia U, History, US) for Central Eurasia/Turkey, and Sarah Jenkins (U of Aberystwyth, International Politics, UK), for Nationalism Studies. Doctoral student applicants whose proposals are accepted for the 2012 Convention, who will not have defended their dissertation by 1 November 2011, and whose papers are delivered by the deadline, will automatically be considered for the awards.

The ASN Convention inaugurated in 2010 an annual ASN Harriman Book Prize—the *Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies*. The winner at the 2011 Convention was Carter Vaughn Findley for his monograph *Turkey, Islam, Nationalism, and Modernity* (Yale University Press, 2011). For information on how to have a book considered for the 2012 Book Prize, please contact Dmitry Gorenburg at asnbook-prize@gmail.com, or go to <http://www.nationalities.org/convention/rothschild.asp>.

The 2012 Convention is also inviting submissions for documentaries made within the past few years and available in DVD format (either NTSC or PAL). The documentaries selected for the Convention will be screened during regular panel slots and, in several cases, will be followed by a discussion moderated by an academic expert. Films on the 2011 Program included *AGHET—EIN VÖLKERMORD* (Germany, 2010), *FACING GENOCIDE: KHIEU SAMPHAN AND POL POT* (Sweden, 2010), *THE GREEN WAVE* (Germany, 2010), *THREE STORIES OF GALICIA* (US, 2010), and *VLAST* (US, 2010). The full 2011 film lineup can be accessed at <http://nationalities.org/convention/pdfs/ASN-2011-Film-LineUp.pdf> The Convention will also inaugurate an *ASN Audience Award for Best Documentary*. More details will be available later.

Proposal Information

The 2012 Convention invites proposals for **INDIVIDUAL PAPERS** or **PANELS**. A panel includes a chair, three or four presentations based on written papers, and a discussant. The Convention is also welcoming offers to serve as **DISCUSSANT** on a panel to be created by the Program Committee from individual paper proposals. The application to be considered as discussant can be self-standing, or accompanied by an individual paper proposal.

There is no application form to fill out in order to send proposals to the Convention, but the three mandatory items indicated below (contact information, abstract, biographical statement) must be included in a single Word document (PDF documents will be accepted only if they are single-spaced). In addition, a **FACT SHEET – DOWNLOADED FROM www.nationalities.org** – is required.

A FORMAL APPLICATION EMAIL MUST THUS INCLUDE THE ATTACHED WORD DOCUMENT DETAILED ABOVE (contact info, abstract, bio), **AS WELL AS THE FACT SHEET** (or multiple Fact Sheets in the case of panel proposals, i.e., one per panel member). *Incomplete applications may not be processed. Applications for papers and for panels should be submitted in a single message. With the extremely high volume of correspondence, the Convention cannot process applications contained in several fragmentary messages.*

INDIVIDUAL PAPER PROPOSALS must include four items:

- Contact information: the name, email, postal address and academic affiliation of the applicant
- A 300- to 500-word abstract (shorter abstracts will not be considered) with the title of the paper
- A 100-word biographical statement, *in narrative form* (one paragraph). *CVs will be rejected.*

Individual proposals featuring more than one author (joint proposal) must include the contact information and biographical statement of all authors and specify whether all co-authors intend to attend the Convention.

- A Fact Sheet, to be downloaded at www.nationalities.org. (In the case of co-authors, only those intending to attend the Convention must send a Fact Sheet).

PANEL PROPOSALS must include four items:

- Contact information (see above) of all proposed panelists.
- The title of the panel and a 200- to 300-word abstract of each paper.
- A 100-word biographical statement (see above) for each proposed panelist. *CVs will be rejected*
- A Fact Sheet for each panelist.

Proposals can also be sent for roundtables (with presentations not based on written papers) and book panels. The same four elements apply.

PROPOSALS FOR DOCUMENTARIES must include four items:

- Contact information (see above)
- A 300- to 500-word abstract of the documentary
- A 100-word biographical statement (see above). *CVs will be rejected.*
- A Fact Sheet

Proposals for a roundtable following the screening of a film are most welcome. In these cases, the requirements of a panel proposal apply, in addition to the 300- to 500-word abstract of the film.

PROPOSALS TO SERVE AS A DISCUSSANT must include four items:

- Contact information (see above)
- A 100-word statement about your areas of expertise
- A 100-word biographical statement (see above). *CVs will be rejected.*
- A Fact Sheet (see above)

Proposals for applicants already included in an individual paper or panel proposal need only include the 100-word statement on areas of expertise.

IMPORTANT: As indicated above, all proposals must be sent in a *single* email message, with an attached proposal (contact info, abstract, bio statement) and an attached Fact Sheet (or multiple Fact Sheets, in the case of co-authors and/or panel proposals). Proposals including contact information, the abstract and the bio statement in separate attachments will not be considered. ***THE PROPOSALS MUST BE SENT TO darel@uottawa.ca AND darelasn2012@gmail.com.***

The receipt of all proposals will be promptly acknowledged electronically, with some delay during deadline week, due to the high volume of proposals.

Participants are responsible for covering all travel and accommodation costs. ***UNFORTUNATELY, ASN HAS NO FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PANELISTS.***

An international Program Committee will be entrusted with the selection of proposals. Applicants will be notified by January 2012. Information regarding registration costs and other logistical questions will be communicated afterwards.

The full list of panels from *last year's convention* can be accessed at <http://nationalities.org/convention/pdfs/ASN-2011-final-program-April.pdf>

The programs from past conventions, going back to 2001, are also online at <http://nationalities.org/convention/past.asp>

Several dozen publishers and companies have had exhibits and/or advertised in the Convention Program in past years. Due to considerations of space, advertisers and exhibitors are encouraged to place their order early. For information, please contact Convention Executive Director Gordon N. Bardos (gnb12@columbia.edu).

The ASN Facebook page will post regular updates on the ASN 2011 Convention. To become a follower of ASN on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Association-for-the-Study-of-Nationalities/116040015082264?ref=ts> and click on the "Like" option.

ASN has also inaugurated the popular ASN Nationalities Blog in 2010. The blog can be accessed at <http://nationalities.wordpress.com/> and blog updates are posted on Facebook.

We very much look forward to hearing from you and receiving your proposal!

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