

Call for Papers

**“Charting the Nation between State and Society”  
16th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)**

International Affairs Building,  
Columbia University, NY  
Sponsored by the Harriman Institute  
14–16 April 2011  
[www.nationalities.org](http://www.nationalities.org)

Proposal deadline: 3 November 2010

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proposals must be submitted to:

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140 PANELS on the Balkans, Central Europe and the Baltics, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Turkey, Afghanistan, China, and Nationalism Studies

SPECIAL SECTIONS on

History, Politics, and Memory Ethnicity and Violence Debating Self-Determination after Kosovo

THEMATIC Panels on

Islam and Politics, Genocide and Mass Killing, Religion, Language Politics, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Autonomy, Gender and Identity, EU Integration, Migration, Borders and Diasporas, War Crimes and International Tribunals, Political Economy and the Nation, History and Nation-Building, and many more?

SCREENING of New Documentaries

SPECIAL ROUNDTABLES on New 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

SPECIAL EVENTS sponsored by the ASN Journal Nationalities Papers

The 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, the Caucasus, the Turkic world, and Central Eurasia. Prospective applicants can get a sense of the large thematic scope of ASN Convention papers by looking at the 2010 Final Program, which can be accessed at [http://nationalities.org/convention/pdfs/ASN\\_2010\\_Final\\_program-April.pdf](http://nationalities.org/convention/pdfs/ASN_2010_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, area studies, economics, geography and geopolitics,

sociolinguistics, literature, psychology, and related fields. Papers presented at the Convention will be made available on CDs to participants, but not be posted on the ASN website.

Moreover, the Convention is 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” groups, in Osh and elsewhere;
- Debating Self-Determination after Kosovo?, in the wake of the recent Advisory Opinion by the International Court of Justice.

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 at the ASN 2010 Convention. The roundtable will include Ethnopolitics, the other ASN journal and the ASN publishing house Taylor & Francis. 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 2010 Convention were Marlene Spoerri (U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) for the Balkans, Cristian Cercel (Durham U, UK) for Central Europe, Nicole Eaton (UC Berkeley, US) and Michal Simecka (U of Oxford, UK) for Russia/Ukraine/Caucasus, and Mateusz Laszczkowski (Max Planck Institute, Germany) for Central Eurasia/Turkey. More details are available at <http://nationalities.org/convention/prize.asp>. Doctoral student applicants whose proposals are accepted for the 2011 Convention, who will not have defended their dissertation by 1 November 2010, and whose papers are delivered by the deadline, will automatically be considered for the awards.

The ASN Convention proudly inaugurated in 2010 the first annual ASN Harriman Book Prize—the Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies. The winner was Holly Case (Cornell U, US) for her monograph *Between States: The Transylvanian Question and the European Idea during World War II* (Stanford University Press, 2009). For information on how to have a book considered for the 2011 Book Prize, please contact Dmitry Gorenburg at [asnbookprize@gmail.com](mailto:asnbookprize@gmail.com).

The 2011 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 2009 Program included *Russian Lessons* (Norway/Russia, Georgia, 2009), *Absence of Will* (Georgia, 2009), *La Shoah par balles* (France, 2008), *Komi-Permyak Autumn* (Estonia, 2009) and *Questions nationales* (Canada, 2009). The full 2010 film lineup can be accessed at [http://nationalities.org/convention/films\\_2010.asp](http://nationalities.org/convention/films_2010.asp). The Convention will also launch its first ASN Audience Award for Best Documentary. More details will be available later.

### **Proposal Information**

The 2011 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 2010 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 a fact sheet is required. The Fact Sheet can be downloaded at [www.nationalities.org](http://www.nationalities.org).

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 (a paragraph). CVs will be rejected.

An example of biographical statement is at [www.nationalities.org](http://www.nationalities.org). 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](http://www.nationalities.org).

Panel proposals must include four items:

- \*Contact information (see above) of all proposed panelists.
- \*The title of the panel and of all papers (abstracts of the papers are not required).
- \*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 for 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:** All proposals must be sent in a single email message, with a maximum of two attachments?the proposal itself (contact info, abstract, bio statement) and the Fact Sheet. Proposals with more than two attachments will not be considered. The proposals must be sent to [darel@uottawa.ca](mailto:darel@uottawa.ca) AND [darelasn2011@gmail.com](mailto:darelasn2011@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 2011. 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\\_2010\\_Final\\_program-April.pdf](http://nationalities.org/convention/pdfs/ASN_2010_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](mailto: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 this past June that already featured several entries on the Kyrgyzstan ethnic violence, the Kosovo self-determination ruling, the citizenship law in Hungary, language politics in Ukraine, secessionism in Belgium, Poland, Macedonia, and sports and nationalism. 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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