CESS 2018: October 24-28, 2018 at the University of Pittsburgh

CESS' 19th Annual Conference (CESS 2018) will run from **October 25-28, 2018**, with our first ever pre-conference workshops being held on the preceding days of **October 24 and 25**. The University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) is our 2018 conference host.

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Our 2018 Host: the University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh is home to a rapidly expanding collection of library materials related to Central Asia, including 230 recent acquisitions of Soviet-era, low-print run primary source editions and Uzbek historical documents. Pitt's Central Asian Film collection is robust and boasts the largest collection of Turkmen films in North America or Europe.

The University of Pittsburgh Press, a co-sponsor of the conference, offers Central Eurasia in Context, a leading Central Asian monograph series in North America. The series includes fourteen monographs, three of which have won prestigious awards.

Please see the Pittsburgh conference website for information about applying for a visa invitation letter, accommodation, travelling to and around the University of Pittsburgh, and other local information.

Registration [closed]

CESS requires that all presenters at the Annual Conference (including co-authors and persons included on a proposal that was submitted by a convener) be a member of CESS by the time the conference begins and that s/he register for the conference by **September 15 (11:59 pm EST)**. Any presenters not registered by this time will be removed from the program. Those not presenting may register up until the day of the Annual Conference. Conference registration fees (and CESS membership fees) are dependent upon your annual income. Students and faculty based and the host institution (University of Pittsburgh) receive a special rate.
view the Annual Conference registration fees and register

Program

This year, we are delighted to offer delegates an interactive and searchable online program:

view the online program

To see a summary of what's happening when:

view the program grid by day/time and location
The online program link will take you to a full list of themes, but you can choose different views by selecting from the tabs on this page. This allows you to view the program organized by **theme**, **panel**, **chair/discussant** (the Convenor tab), **author** as well as by **day and time** (Chronological tab). In the Authors and Convenors tabs, you can search by name if you want to look for a particular author, Chair or Discussant. In the Panels tab, click on the arrow next to the panel name to see which papers are in that panel and to read the abstracts.
Presenters may make minor changes to their paper name/abstract (e.g. if you notice a spelling mistake) by logging in to Cocoa and clicking on the paper title. Changes that alter the nature or direction of the paper are not permitted.

Pre-Conference Workshops [Registration closed]

We are pleased to announce that a number of pre-conference workshops will be offered **for the first time at the 2018 CESS Annual Conference**. Intended to provide additional opportunities for scholarly engagement and training, these half-day and full-day workshops will be held from **1-5pm on Wednesday, October 24** and **9am-1pm on Thursday, October 25**.
There is no charge to participate in the workshops as they are generously supported by a grant from Open Society Foundations and financial support from the journal, Central Asian Survey. Each half-day workshop includes one meal and one coffee break. All workshops will be held at the conference site, the University of Pittsburgh.
view descriptions of the workshops

Travel Grants [closed]

CESS is delighted to offer travel grants which encourage and enable scholars from the Central Eurasia region to participate in global academic networks and the CESS scholarly community. Applicants are based in: Central Asia, the Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan, Tibet, Mongolia, Siberia, Inner Asia, the Black Sea region, the Volga Region, Eastern and Central Europe.
The window to submit applications for 2018 Annual Conference travel grants closed on March 28. Outcomes were emailed to all applicants in early June.

learn more about CESS travel grants, eligibility, and how to apply

Call for Proposals [closed]

The window to submit proposals for both the 2018 Annual Conference and the Pre-Conference Workshops closed on March 28. Proposal outcomes were emailed in May.

learn more about CESS' Conference Rules & Guidelines (including submission guidelines)

Key Dates and Deadlines

Call for proposals opens	February 2
Deadline for proposal submissions, travel grant applications, and pre-conference workshop submissions	**March 28** 11:59 (23:59) PM EST
Proposal outcomes communicated	May 1
Pre-conference workshop proposal outcomes communicated	end of May
Travel grant outcomes communicated	June 1
Conference registration opens	June
Preliminary conference program published	end of June
Application deadline for pre-conference workshops	**August 3** 11:59 (23:59) PM EST
Early bird registration deadline; from September 1 forward, regular registration rates apply	**August 31** 11:59 (23:59) PM EST
Registration deadline for presenters; presenters who have not registered for the conference by this deadline will be removed from the program	**September 15** 11:59 (23:59) PM EST
Deadline to send your paper to all members of your panel	**October 12** 11:59 (23:59) PM EST
Final conference program is published	mid-October

Conference Rules & Guidelines

Before submitting a proposal, please view CESS' conference rules and guidelines.

The working language of the CESS Annual Conference is English. However, we will consider proposals for panels (not individual papers) in languages other than English. Please see our Conference Language Policy for details.