

**2nd Annual
Boston University Conference on East Asia:**

Evolving East Asia
February 13th – February 14th, 2009
at
Boston University



The *BU Conference on East Asia* aims to provide an interactive and open forum for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels from various institutions and diverse disciplines to share ideas and to discuss their works in progress with peers.

The *BU Conference on East Asia* is intended for students at all levels of their undergraduate and graduate careers. The conference aims to provide a positive and constructive interdisciplinary setting in which students can discuss their research with their peers as well as those members of Boston University faculty who share expertise in various East Asian Studies.

The mandate of the *BU Conference on East Asia* is to create a nurturing setting for exploration of all disciplines within the humanities and social sciences. The *BUCEA* provides a rigorous, intensive, and academically honest opportunity for students of various subject matters and at varied levels of academic progress to engage in debate with professors and fellow students alike while increasing their cultural knowledge and experiences over a two day period.

The theme for the *2008/2009 BUCEA* is *Evolving East Asia*. Subjects for submission and discussion should engage with the conference's theme of regional change, growth, adaptation, and cultural integration over the past 160 years.

As an interdisciplinary conference, the *BU Conference on East Asia* includes topics focusing on East Asian history, international history as pertains to the evolution of the East Asian region. In addition, topics for presentation and discussion will include the current East Asian political, socio-economic, and cultural climates.

An introductory panel discussion by Boston University faculty will be held on Friday, February 13th, beginning at 3pm (welcoming reception to follow).

Student discussion panels, lead by BU faculty, will be held on Saturday, February 14th, beginning at 9am.

Please email questions or participation inquiries to the organizers at: asiabu@gmail.com

Given the constraints of the location for the conference, participation for non-presenters will be open on a first-come, first-served basis with no bias or preference to a participant's academic concentration or specific topic of study. The *BU Conference on East Asia* welcomes all participants with an interest in East Asia.

Requirements for Participation:

Graduate-level participants:

Graduate students with an academic focus on or significant interest in the East Asian region are invited to participate in the form of papers for publication and panel discussion.

Acceptable papers must conform to the following guidelines:

- Geographic region of focus must be within Northeast or Southeast Asia
- Subject matter must have a historical placement between 1848 and the present
- Final work must be focused in one of the following academic fields:
 - International Relations and Political Science (including Security Studies)
 - Economics (regional or international)
 - Modern Sociology
 - Cultural or Ethnographic History
 - Anthropology
 - History

Abstract submissions will be accepted from January 2 through January 15, 2009. Submissions should include the participant's name, academic affiliation, area of study, and specific topic for research and discussion.

Inquiries or expressions of interest can be made immediately.

Abstract submissions will be accepted between January 2 and January 15, 2009 through:
www.scholarspen.com/bu/2009EastAsiaConference/grad

Undergraduate-level participants:

Undergraduates with an academic focus on East Asia are invited to participate in this year's conference in the form of poster presentations displayed throughout the entirety of the conference.

Posters acceptable for presentation must conform to the following guidelines:

- Geographic region of focus must be within Northeast or Southeast Asia
- Subject matter must have a historical placement between 1848 and the present
- Final work must be focused in one of the following academic fields:
 - International Relations and Political Science (including Security Studies)
 - Economics (regional or international)
 - Modern Sociology
 - Cultural or Ethnographic History
 - Anthropology
 - History
- Visual presentation (poster) must be accompanied by written paper of no less than 2,000 words.

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