CALL FOR PAPERS
The 21st Annual Harvard East Asia Society Conference:

(De)Constructing Boundaries
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

The Harvard East Asia Society (HEAS) invites currently enrolled graduate students working across all disciplines to submit abstracts for its annual conference. In its twenty-first year, the HEAS Conference is an annual forum for graduate students to exchange ideas and discuss their research related to Asia. It is an opportunity for young scholars to present their research to their peers and to faculty members of Harvard University’s department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations. The conference also helps participants to meet others doing similar research and to forge new professional relationships.

This year’s theme critically assesses boundaries: physical, national, cultural, spatial, temporal, and disciplinary. As the concept of “Asia” continues to evolve, the construction and deconstruction of boundaries informs definitions and redefinitions of collective identity - within “Asia”, our disciplinary fields, and/or spatial-temporal areas of study.

This year’s conference invites all participants to consider their research from this perspective. We welcome papers that examine Asia from various perspectives and disciplines, including but not limited to history, philosophy, religion, literature, art history, sociology, anthropology, archaeology, economics, political science, gender studies, environmental studies, and law. Preference will be given to work that speaks to multiple fields or engages critically with those categories and boundaries that define past and present research on Asia.

The 2018 HEAS conference will be held from February 9-10, 2018.
Participants should plan to arrive on or before February 9, 2018.

Interested parties may apply via the online application form: https://goo.gl/XTy4xT.

The application requires basic contact and background information as well as a 250-word abstract. The application deadline is November 12, 2017. Decisions will be
emailed out in mid-December. Applicants whose papers are accepted will be required to submit their final drafts by January 6, 2018. The HEAS Conference Committee regrets that it is unable to provide travel stipends for participants and encourages participants to seek funding from their own departments. Housing will be available only on an extremely limited basis; participants are encouraged to arrange their own accommodation in advance. Travel and lodging information will be available at a later date on the conference website.

Eligibility and Application Guidelines:
1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a program of graduate study.
2. Papers must be related to East Asia, Inner Asia or Southeast Asia.
3. Abstracts must be no longer than 250 words.
4. Deadline for abstract submission: **NOVEMBER 12, 2017.**

More information can be found on our website: [http://projects.iq.harvard.edu/heasconference](http://projects.iq.harvard.edu/heasconference).
Questions or concerns can be directed to heasconference@gmail.com.

We would also greatly appreciate your assistance in circulating this message—please forward it to any groups or individuals that might be interested!

Sincerely,

The HEAS Conference Committee